

proposals are expected shortly. Govt. expects to take a decision as soon as the report is received.

Journals published by A.I.R.

*129. Shri J. B. S. Bist: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have under consideration a proposal to transfer the journals published by A.I.R. to private parties under an agreement;

(b) if so, when it is likely to materialise; and

(c) the extent to which it will result in cutting down the present losses in these papers?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The various aspects of the proposal are still under consideration. It is, therefore, not possible to say at this stage when it is likely to materialise and to what extent it will cut down the present losses in All India Radio journals.

Air and Cease-fire Violations committed by Pakistan

*130. Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bagri:
Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia:
Shri J. B. S. Bist:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air and cease-fire violations committed by Pakistan in the Indian territory during the period from 8th September to 30th October, 1966; and

(b) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri A. M. Thomas):

(a) According to information received upto 1st November 1966, from 8th September onwards Pakistan committed 236 cease-fire violations in J.&K. including 3 air violations. In addition, Pakistan committed 2 violations of Indian air space across the international border.

(b) In the case of all cease fire violations in J. & K., complaints have been lodged with U.N. Observers. In the case of an attempted intrusion by Pakistani forces across the international border in the Ranbirsinghpura area, our security forces foiled the Pakistani attempt. Since the Pakistanis continued to fire, Sector Commanders' meetings were arranged, as a result of which a cease-fire came into effect on 11th October 1966. Protests have been lodged with the Government of Pakistan in respect of the air violations across the international border.

High Powered Transmitters for Border Areas

*131. Shri R. S. Pandey:
Shri Firodia:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Surendra Paj Singh:
Shri Liladhar Kotoki:
Shri N. B. Laskar:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri Daljit Singh:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 308 on the 8th August, 1966 and state the further progress so far achieved towards the installation of high powered transmitters on the Indo-Chinese borders to counter the Chinese anti-Indian propaganda?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): Action is being taken to instal the