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Vijayawada Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh

*768. **Shrimati Vimla Devi:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to upgrade the power capacity of Vijayawada Radio Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, when and what are the details of the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not considered necessary to increase further the powers of the Vijayawada Radio transmitter because during the III Plan the power of the radio transmitter at Hyderabad is being raised from 5 kw to 20 kw medium-wave and because two powerful transmitters are being newly installed during the same period in Andhra Pradesh namely, a 20kw, mediumwave transmitter at Cuddapah and a 10kw mediumwave transmitter at Visakhapatnam. Vijayawada and Hyderabad transmitters are linked by a 24-hour trunk telephone connection.

Riots in Malda

*769. { Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Sham Lal Saraf:
Shri D. N. Tiwary:
Shri C. K. Bhattacharyya:
Shri M. K. Kumaran:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by East Pakistan Governor in his talks to newsmen at Dacca on 24th April, 1962 with regard to disturbance in Malda in West Bengal; and

(b) what steps have been taken to contradict these statements, and to

place real facts before the people of East Pakistan?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati Lakshmi Menon): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is difficult for us to place real facts about such matters before the people of Pakistan whether in the Eastern Wing or the Western Wing. The Press in Pakistan is controlled and not in a position to publish anything not in line with the policies of the Pakistan Government. Recently when one newspaper in East Pakistan did publish an account of one of its own correspondents about conditions in Murshidabad District, the newspaper was asked to disown the correspondent's account because this account happened to be at variance with the official view in Pakistan.

Within these limitations, our missions, in Karachi and Dacca make every possible effort to place the real facts about such matters before the people of Pakistan. They did so in this case also through conversation, and through the bulletins issued by them. People in Pakistan read Indian newspapers and listen to the All India Radio, and, we hope, get to know the truth that way also.

Aerodrome near Mangla Dam

*770. { Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Maheswar Naik:
Shri E. Madhusudan Rao:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has undertaken to construct a huge aerodrome near Mangla Dam in Pakistan-held Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs (Shrimati