

(c) The present system of feeding the programmes from Trivandrum to Trichur is not entirely satisfactory, but is expected to improve considerably with the installation of a 20 KW shortwave transmitter at Trivandrum and a Receiving Centre at Trichur during the Third Five Year Plan.

**Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** In spite of the fact that the present system is not working so well, and when heavy expenses are incurred, may I know why the Trichur centre has not been set up?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This question has been under the examination of All India Radio authorities. We consulted the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs and they have also given thought to this problem. I think when the 20 KW shortwave transmitter is established at Trivandrum things will improve.

**Shrimati Sarojini Mahishi:** May I know whether there are other such centres in the whole of India which are fed from other stations?

**Shri Sham Nath:** There are so many transmitter centres that are fed from the main station. Under the current development programme for expansion of All India Radio's internal services, the general policy is not to open new radio stations but to provide a number of relayed transmissions for broadcasting the programmes originating in the existing All India Radio stations.

**Shri M. K. Kumaran:** Some six months ago, the then Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Dr. Keskar, stated that this new transmitter will be installed at Trivandrum before July, 1962. May I know how long it will take for the Government to start the work of installation?

**Shri Sham Nath:** The installation of this 20 KW shortwave transmitter will take about three to four months more.

**Shri Warrior:** May I know which is the most advantageous proposition—whether the relaying from Trivandrum and Calicut or consolidating the Trichur station itself? Why should you depend upon this transmission from Trivandrum and Calicut when there is a station at Trichur itself?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This is a suggestion that will be examined. I have no idea about the practicability of having transmission from Calicut.

**Shri Warrior:** The question itself...

**Mr. Speaker:** He is arguing.

**Shri Warrior:** The question is why it should not be constituted at Trichur itself. This question must have been examined earlier.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. The promise that this question will be examined should be enough for the hon. Member.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** The hon. Minister has stated that the transmitter at Trivandrum will be working after three or four months. May I know whether this will help the people outside Kerala also to get at the programme, or only inside Kerala as it is at present?

**Shri Sham Nath:** This is a shortwave transmitter. It will be helpful to other areas also.

#### A.I.R. Broadcasts to Latin American Countries to Counteract Anti-Indian Broadcasts by China

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\*1628. { **Shri Ravindra Varma:**  
          { **Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**

Will the Minister of **Information and Broadcasting** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the People's Republic of China is carrying on intensive Anti-Indian propaganda in its broadcasts beamed to the different countries of Latin America;

(b) whether All India Radio has any broadcasts directed to Latin America; and

(c) what steps All India Radio is taking to counteract the misrepresentation in the broadcasts of China beamed to Latin America to acquaint listeners in these areas with the Indian point of view?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath):** (a) Yes, Sir. This is the impression created by the reports and articles appearing in various newspapers and magazines, but Government have no other authentic information in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For various technical reasons it has not been possible to broadcast programmes for Latin America. However, external broadcasts are only one means of spreading the views of the Government of India on various matters. The External Publicity Division of the Ministry of External Affairs issues news bulletins and arranges other publicity in foreign countries for acquainting the people in those countries with the Indian point of view.

**Shri Ravindra Varma:** In view of the dimensions that the question has now acquired and the urgent need to see that India's case does not go by default, has the Government explored the possibility of renting radio time on commercial networks either in south or central America?

**Shri Sham Nath:** There is some technical difficulty, because it is impossible to direct a transmission from New Delhi to be heard clearly in Latin America. Therefore, a relay point midway would be necessary. It is not possible to make arrangements for such relays without giving reciprocal facilities.

**Shri Hem Barua:** May I know if it is not a fact that the distorted version of the official teams' report, the slander of lie against India and

the intrusion by India into the so-called territorial China—all these are regularly introduced into these broadcasts and if so, may I know whether Government have examined the nature of these broadcasts and come to any conclusion?

**Shri Sham Nath:** There is no doubt about this that very intensive and abusive anti-Indian propaganda is carried on by the Peking Radio. But we have not been able to do anything in regard to Latin America. As regards other countries like Europe, West Asia, etc., we have regular arrangements for counteracting Chinese propaganda. AIR has arrangements for monitoring broadcasts in English, German, Chinese, Burmese, Urdu and Hindi. But there is no such arrangement for broadcasts that are made in Spanish language directed to Latin American countries.

**Shri Tyagi:** May I know whether the Chinese section of broadcasts has been assigned to a few Chinese citizens who have been recommended to us for service by the present Chou En-lai regime in China?

**Shri Sham Nath:** I have no information about that.

**Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Arising out of the Deputy Minister's answer to the supplementary of Shri Hem Barua, may I know the frequency, the number of hours per week and the languages in which AIR beams broadcasts to South-East Asian countries, West Asian countries and European countries?

**Shri Sham Nath:** As regards the question by the hon. Member, I have no information, but I can only say this that as regards Europe, West Asia, and South Asian countries, we have regular arrangements for counteracting the Chinese broadcasts.

**Mr. Speaker:** He wanted to know about the frequency, time, languages etc.

**Shri Sham Nath:** I require notice, Sir.

**Shri M. K. Kumaran:** The hon. Deputy Minister gave a list of languages used in international broadcasts. May I know whether Government propose to use Spanish and Russian, which are very important international languages for external broadcasts?

**Shri Sham Nath:** It is a suggestion for action, Sir.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state if the broadcast in Chinese is done by Chinamen or by Indians employed to carry out these broadcasts?

**Shri Sham Nath:** I shall collect this information if the hon. Member gives notice.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** Is it not a fact that the South American countries are now taking a new stride towards freedom and are keen on acquainting themselves with the experiments that are going on in democratic countries of which the leading country is India, and if so, may I know why the Government is reluctant to give them correct information, thereby serve the cause of freedom and at the same time weaning them away from the countries which are trying to ridicule India in the world's eye.....

**Mr. Speaker:** That is not a question; it is a regular speech.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** The Minister has said.....

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, order. No argument can be given, because he has made a speech and not put a question.

**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:** I will put the question. In view of the fact that some interested countries are trying to ridicule India in the world's eye, do the Government think it now advisable to take prompt measures for giving correct information to the South American countries?

**The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs and Minister of**

**Atomic Energy (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** The question, Sir, if I may say so, is like the question: "Has the Government given up beating its grandmother every morning". It starts with the presumption that Government has decided or it thinks that it is not necessary to give information to South-American countries which is absurd, if I may say so. We attach the greatest importance to Latin American countries, and if our approach to it has been somewhat limited it is due to our technical difficulties and other matters. Recently we have had Ambassadors in most of them. Even now we do not cover all of them. These are the difficulties and not any lack of will on our part. The whole question is that a change of policy is needed. We lacked the will to approach them, and now we should approach them.

### फिल्म सेंसर बोर्ड द्वारा हिन्दी में प्रमाणपत्रों का दिया जाना

\*१६२६. श्री भक्त वर्शन : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अखिल भारतीय राष्ट्र भाषा प्रचार सम्मेलन ने अपनी हाल ही की बर्धा में हुई बैठक में एक प्रस्ताव द्वारा उनके मंत्रालय से तथा फिल्म सेंसर बोर्ड से अनुरोध किया है कि हिन्दी फिल्मों को केवल हिन्दी में ही प्रमाणपत्र दिये जायें; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस अपील पर क्या निर्णय किया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री शाम नाथ) : (क) सरकार के पास कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) सवाल नहीं उठता।

श्री प्रकाश वीर शास्त्री : सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्री श्री गोपाल रेड्डी को क्या कोई इस प्रकार का शिष्टमंडल मिला था और उन्होंने उसको इस प्रकार का