

सेठ गोविन्द दास : हिन्दी में इस के प्रकाशित होने में कितना रूपया खर्च होता है, क्या इस की कोई योजना बनाई गई है ?

श्री करमरकर : अभी होता ही नहीं है ।

सेठ गोविन्द दास : कितना खर्चा होगा ?

श्री करमरकर : इसके बारे में नोटिस चाहिये ।

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS,
A. I. R.**

*1683. **Shri C. N. P. Sinha:** Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for abolishing the post of the Director of Public Relations in the All India Radio, Delhi ;

(b) whether other radio stations still continue to have Public Relations Officers; and

(c) if so, where and the total expenditure on this account in the current year's budget?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) The post of Director of Public Relations at All India Radio headquarters was abolished in the interests of economy.

(b) and (c). The Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lucknow Stations have Public Relations Officers. Total expenditure on their Pay and Allowances during the current year is estimated to be Rs. 34,016.

Shri C. N. P. Sinha: May I know, Sir, whether the Government propose to appoint any active journalist in the post of Director of Public Relations?

Shri Karmarkar: The post has been retrenched.

Shri A. C. Guha: The hon. Minister has stated that the post has been retrenched in Delhi but these posts have been retained in three other stations. May I know whether the Government intend to retrench those three posts also?

Shri Karmarkar: It is not the intention of Government to retrench those posts because the Government feels that there is a necessity for such officers there and here the work would be integrated with the work of some other officers.

Shri T. N. Singh: What were the considerations which impelled the Government to retrench the post of Public Relations Officer here in Delhi and why those considerations should not apply elsewhere?

Mr. Speaker: I think the question is already replied, if the hon. Member has heard the reply.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, who is the officer now looking after the work which was done by this Director of Public Relations?

Shri Karmarkar: At the moment at Delhi headquarters the Editor of Indian Listener has been appointed to discharge the duties of the Director of Public Relations in addition to his own and that arrangement has been working quite satisfactorily.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, whether any extra remuneration is being given to this officer for the extra work?

Shri Karmarkar: I do not think so.

Shri A. C. Guha: May I know, Sir, if similar arrangement cannot be made at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras?

Shri Karmarkar: At the moment that cannot be done. That is the Government's view.

TRADE WITH AFGHANISTAN

*1684. **Shri B. N. Roy:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of cost of Indian goods exported to Afghanistan and that of the commodities imported into India from that country ;

(b) the names of Indian goods exported to Afghanistan and the names of those imported from that country into India ; and

(c) whether Indian exports to Afghanistan have decreased after the Partition of India?

The Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix VIII, annexure No. 10].