

Experimental Television System

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Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1295 on the 11th December, 1958 and state the progress made regarding setting up of an Experimental Television System in the Research Department of All India Radio at New Delhi?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): In addition to the equipment installed earlier, a microwave link for covering outdoor programmes has been received and was tested at the coverage of the Republic Day Procession and the Folk Dances Festival. Other tests are being carried out and arrangements made for a regular experimental Service

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: In reply to the previous questions, the hon Minister stated that this service would be introduced in the beginning of the next financial year. May I know whether this service has been introduced?

Dr. Keskar: It is not possible to state a definite date. Experiments are continuing, and certain minor equipment which has just arrived is being tested, but I have every hope that within a month or two we will be in a position to start this service

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know the nature of the steps taken so far to introduce this service?

Dr. Keskar: It is difficult to define all small engineering and technical tests that are taking place, but hon. Members have to remember that this is an entirely new type of programme which has never been tried in this country, and in the beginning we would not like to start something and have it fall often.

श्री भक्त दर्शन क्या यह सत्य है कि इस यन्त्र के साथ अभी तक जो परीक्षण किया गया है वह ४ या ५ मील के दायरे तक ही सफल हो सका है और क्या उसको और अधिक व्यापक बनाने के बारे में सोचा जा रहा है या परीक्षण किये जा रहे हैं ?

डा० केशकर यह कहना सही नहीं होगा कि यह ४, ५ मील तक ही सफल हुए हैं। यह दूरी तो किन्ही यन्त्र की शक्ति पर निर्भर है और मुमकिन है कि जो हमारे यहाँ एकपेरीमेंटल यूनिट लग रहे हैं वह १० या १५ मील की दूरी में अधिक न जाये। उस दायरे में जो स्कूल या स्कूल यूनिट्स होगी उनमें ही यह सर्विस हम जारी कर सकेंगे।

Shri Dasappa: May I know whether any firm has come forward to manufacture this television receiver sets?

Dr. Keskar: No, Sir

Shri Achar: May I know the cost that has been incurred to carry out this experiment?

Dr. Keskar: That has already been answered two or three times, but I might repeat that on equipment we have spent only Rs 2½ lakhs. All the other equipment has been received either on loan or as a gift

Shri D. C. Sharma: The hon Minister has stated that on the occasion of Republic Day and on the occasion of the folk dances, this was tried. May I know what was the nature of this trial and whether from the point of view of scientific criteria, it was successful or not?

Dr. Keskar: Both these functions were covered as a test to see whether the equipment is competent to do it. The coverage was quite successful