

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed you to ask a question. I have not allowed you to make a speech.

SHRI K. P. REDDAIAH YADAV: May I know whether the Government would initiate a Committee to find out as to how the public sector undertakings are running in loss.

MR. SPEAKER: You take your seat.

SHRI P. K. THUNSON: Sir, we are very much concerned about the loss-making units and the particular unit which the hon. Member has mentioned.

MR. SPEAKER: It is not a particular unit. You take any one of them.

SHRI P. K. THUNSON: He was trying to mention one particular unit. (*Interruptions*) Whatever feeling the hon. Member has expressed, we will certainly consider; we are also of the same view.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government has any scheme based on Gandhian economy to provide protection to the small scale industries like Hosiery industry alongwith the large scale industries or the small scale industries would be left to their own fate?

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: No, no.

SHRI P. K. THUNSON : These will be protected.

Extension of Bombay Second Channel to Pune

*229. **SHRI RAM KAPSE:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend the coverage of second channel of Bombay Doordarshan to areas around Pune;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The separate Local Service commonly known as Second Channel TV service was introduced in Bombay primarily to meet the local requirements of population in and around the city.

SHRI RAM KAPSE: From Bombay, generally the programmes are not relayed in Marathi on the first and second channels; they are relayed in many other languages. Bombay is a multi-lingual city. The local population of Pune mainly speak Marathi. Will the Government review the decision about starting Second Channel from Pune?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): This was primarily set up for the purpose of the people residing in a metropolitan city like Bombay. The hon. Member has rightly said that the people of various communities live in Bombay. Being a metropolitan city, therefore, the local programme was envisaged for catering the needs of the people speaking various languages coming from all over India to Bombay. So far as Pune is concerned, they have got their own transmitter from where they are getting programmes in Marathi. If any further augmentation is required, I will certainly discuss with the hon.

Member, who can write a letter to me giving the reasons. I will consider it.

SHRI RAM KAPSE : Pune is the cultural and educational Capital of India. The city is having numerous well-known artistes and educationists. All the facilities for Doordarshan like studios, film institutes and so on are in abundance in Pune. Will the Government make a special case for Pune?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: As I have already answered, if there is a case for special consideration, the hon. Member may write to me giving the reasons, I will get it examined.

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK : At the moment, there are several major cities.

MR. SPEAKER: This is about the Pune city.

SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: It is related to the main question.

MR. SPEAKER: If you ask about Pune, I will allow you. Otherwise, he has to collect the information.

SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the hon. Minister think of starting a new channel from Pune? Will they think of relaying the programme on the second channel from Bombay for Pune?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : I think I have already answered it. There is already a TV transmitter in Pune. It is a 10 KW high powered TV transmitter functioning now on the top of Sinhagarh hills. If there is a necessity for a particular language, that is Marathi...

SHRI ANNA JOSHI : I am talking about the second channel.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : That is what I am saying.

SHRI ANNA JOSHI: There is a need for it.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: The second channel is primarily for the need of the Metropolitan cities. But if there is a necessity, you give me the ground and we will certainly consider it.

SHRI RAM NAIK: This question belongs to Bombay as well as Pune. Taking into consideration that Bombay is a multi-lingual city, proper attention and importance is not being given to Marathi language with regard to programmes relating to women. Will the Government ensure that proper importance is given to Marathi so that all Marathi knowing people throughout Maharashtra can receive the programmes and understand them properly?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA : In the existing arrangement there are primary, local and also national networks. In the primary channel, the local language especially the language spoken by the majority of the people like Marathi is covered. At the present moment, our Audience Research has not given any feed-back that any further extension of the programmes in Marathi is necessary. If the Hon. Member gives me the reasons as to why, that it is necessary, we will certainly go into it.

Prices of Domestic Newsprint

*230. **SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to regulate the prices of domestic newsprint;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to fix production targets and to augment the capacity of mills manufacturing newsprint or to set up new mills in view of the decline in imports; and