

Yojana Weekly

2865. Shri S. C. Jha: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) how far the weekly Yojna both English and Hindi are dependent on their own earning in the shape of advertisements and sale; and

(b) how far they are dependent on subsidy?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). The present print order for the English edition of Yojana is 14,050 and that of the Hindi edition 6,300. The total expenditure on the two journals, including cost of production and establishment and the total revenue derived from sales, subscriptions and advertisements during 1966-67 were as follows:

	Total Expenditure Rs.	Total Revenue Rs.
English Edition	2,70,866	6,948
Hindi Edition	1,70,984	17,132

Advertisement and sales revenue are steadily increasing but still there is a wide gap between revenue and expenditure. This is mainly due to the fact that a large number of copies are distributed free according to a carefully drawn up schedule, in order to secure the maximum possible awareness of planned economic development, and to stimulate informed discussion thereon, in the rural areas, schools, colleges, universities, etc.

Dutch Government's offer for Hydraulic Research

2866. Shri K. P. Singh Deo: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dutch Government have offered aid to help hydraulic research in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that aid for two other projects has also been offered by the Dutch Government;

(c) if so, details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have accepted the offer?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (d). The Government of the Netherlands have offered assistance to India in improving agricultural production in Bihar by increasing the amount of water available for irrigation. It is proposed to earmark a sum of one million Dutch guilders for this purpose which will be utilised in carrying out a survey of sub-soil water in a selected area in Bihar State, by geological and geophysical methods, supplemented by actual drilling of a few wells.

A second project which the Government of the Netherlands propose to undertake will be designed to improve the nutritional value of the common diet of the people by the addition of lysine in order to upgrade the protein content of food. The offer is being examined by the Government of India.

Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu

2867. Shri Nanja Gowder: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Union, Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu have submitted a memorandum to Government in April, 1967 containing a list of their demands; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) No, Sir. There is no Union by the name of Employees Union, Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu. There is however a Union known as the Cordite Factory Labour Union. No memorandum has been received from this Union also.

(b) Does not arise.