

(c) when it will submit its report;

(d) whether any representation has been received regarding the delay in submitting the report; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee was appointed in October, 1965.

(c) It has already submitted its report.

(d) Yes, Sir, it was received before the report was submitted.

(e) The representationists were informed that the Committee had submitted its report which is now being examined.

Mechanics in A.I.R.

710. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior and junior mechanics in All-India Radio who are drawing maximum of the pay;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of qualified and experienced mechanics have left All-India Radio due to less scope of promotions;

(c) whether there is a proposal to raise the ceiling of their pay scale;

(d) if so, the time likely to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e). The whole question whether the scales of pay of various categories of Class III Technical staff including Mechanics and Senior Mechanics in All India Radio need any revision, is under examination. It is likely to take some time before a final decision is taken in the matter.

Work-Charged Staff in A.I.R.

711. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of work-charged staff in the All-India Radio who have put in more than three years of service;

(b) how many of them have been absorbed in the regular establishment;

(c) the number of cases pending;

(d) the steps taken to regularise the staff amongst the work-charged; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) 20.

(b) None.

(c) 20.

(d) and (e). Action is being taken to create some regular posts to absorb them.

Activities of Pak Criminals in Rajasthan

712. Shri P. M. Sayeed:
Shri Lhadhar Kotaki:
Shri Shri Gopal Sahoo:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 16th April, 1967, four armed Pakistani criminals on camel backs entered the border village of Gulwali in Pugal, District Bikaner and looted the villagers;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) the steps taken to check such activities of Pakistanis in the border areas; and

(d) whether any protest was lodged with the Pakistan Government?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) and (b). No, Sir. No such incident occurred on