

up the Fifth Atomic Power Plant in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Centre in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

**Excessive Telephone Billing in Delhi**

2276. SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA:  
SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of excessive Telephone billing in the Capital have gone up during the last one year; and

(b) if so, the causes for the same and the measures taken to check such cases?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The number of complaints of excessive billing in the Capital have come down in 1972 as compared to 1971. The number of such cases in 1972 was only 7979 as compared to 8715 complaints received in 1971.

(b) Does not arise.

**Report of Expert Committee on Newspaper Industry**

2277. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:  
SHRI K. MALLANNA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee on the financial structure and allied aspects of the newspaper industry has

since submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the recommendations made therein; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) The Fact Finding Committee set up to enquire into the economics of the newspaper industry has not yet submitted its report.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

**Opening of Post Offices in the Fifth Five Year Plan**

2278. SHRI C. K. JAFFERSHARIFF:  
SHRI DHAN SHAH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: . . . . .

(a) whether Government propose to open 31,000 new post offices, during the Fifth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the break-up thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) It has been tentatively proposed to open 31,000 new post offices during the Fifth Five Year Plan. Out of these about 29,000 post offices are proposed to be opened in villages at the headquarters of Gram Panchayats which are at a distance of more than two miles from existing post offices.

(b) The targets for opening of Post Offices in the various States will be decided after the Plan proposals are finalised.

**उत्तर प्रदेश-बिहार सीमा विवाद**

2279. श्री एम० एस० नुरती : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या हाल ही में उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार के राजस्व मंत्रियों की बैठक हुई थी,

जिसमें सीमा विवाद के प्रश्नों का जिक्र आया था; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में किये गए निर्णयों की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एफ० एच० मोहसिन) : (क) और (ख). उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि दो राज्यों के बीच पक्की सीमा निश्चित करने के परिणाम-स्वरूप उत्तर प्रदेश से बिहार को तथा बिहार से उत्तर प्रदेश को स्थानान्तरित किए गये क्षेत्रों से उत्पन्न सभी मामलों पर उत्तर प्रदेश तथा बिहार के राजस्व मंत्रियों की 28 जनवरी 1973 को वाराणसी में हुई बैठक में विचार विमर्श किया गया था। यह स्वीकार किया गया कि प्रत्येक राज्य को रबी की कटाई के दौरान अपने क्षेत्र में विधि तथा व्यवस्था बनाए रखने के लिए पर्याप्त उपाय करने चाहिए और समस्याओं का पता लगाने तथा आपसी सहयोग से उनका समाधान करने के लिए समय समय पर वाराणसी तथा पटना डिवीजनों के आयुक्तों को संयुक्त बैठकें करनी चाहिए। उक्त बैठकों की सम्मत कार्यवाही को अभी अंतिम रूप दिया जाना है।

#### Science Congress held in Chandigarh

2280. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Science Congress was held in Chandigarh recently; and

(b) if so, the points discussed and decisions taken by the Government there on?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The 60th (Diamond Jubilee) Session of the Indian Science Congress was held in Chandigarh from January 3 to Janu-

ary 9, 1973 under the auspices of the Punjab University.

(b) It is understood that a number of symposia and discussions were held and papers presented at the different Sections of the Science Congress. Also a discussion on "Science and Technology Plan" was held during the Session under the auspices of the Committee on Science and Economic Development of the Science Congress Association on January 4, 1973. But the Government of India have received no formal recommendations from the Indian Science Congress Association and as such, the question of decision by the Government thereon does not arise.

#### A.I.R. Scheme to Make Carnatic Music Richer and More Popular

2281. SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio proposes to consider a scheme for organising a national seminar on Carnatic music and devise other methods to make it richer and more popular;

(b) whether it is also proposed to send a Carnatic musicians' team to U.K., U.S.A. and other countries; and

(c) what other steps are proposed to offer incentive and encouragement to the musicians who excel in this art?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). There is no proposal under consideration at present.

(c) Air offers incentive and encouragement to exponents of Carnatic Music by featuring them in the National Programme of Music and by arranging broadcasts of Carnatic Music from Stations in regions of the country where Hindustani Music is normally popular.