

A roll call of freedom fighters inscribed on metal plaques has also been put up in the jail.

Strike Notice by Bombay Stevedores and Dock Labourers

2716. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay Stevedores and Dock labourers had given a notice of strike any time after June 24, 1977;

(b) if so, what are their demands;

(c) whether their demands have been considered; and

(d) what are the points of dispute?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) The Bombay Stevedores and Dock Labourers' Union served a notice on Bombay Port Trust and Bombay Dock Labour Board of its intention to organise a strike on any day after 24-6-1977.

(b) to (d). The demands mentioned in the strike notice fall under two categories, viz., local and general. Local demands have been discussed with the Union by the Port Trust and Dock Labour Board and further action, where necessary, is being taken accordingly. The general demands relate to extra additional benefits over and above those recommended by the Wage Revision Committee.

The Report of the Wage Revision Committee was discussed by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Labour with the four All India Federations of port and dock workers from 26th to 29th June, 1977. The Labour Minister offered substantial improvements over the Committee's recommendations. While the Indian National Port and Dock Workers Federation and two other Federations agreed to consult their affiliates before indicating their final reaction, the All India Port and Dock Workers Federation rejected the offer. The

Labour Minister offered to have another meeting with the Federations on or about 14th July, 1977.

The question of ex-gratia payment in lieu of bonus will have to be decided in the light of the future policy about bonus.

Power Shortage in the Country

2717. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether power shortage in the country is affecting the economy to a large extent; and

(b) when power shortage is likely to be overcome?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) It is not possible to quantify the effect of power shortage on the economy of the country as a number of other inter-related factors also affect the economy. However, power shortage does hamper economic growth.

(b) Efforts are being made to commission additional hydro and thermal power stations to meet the rising load demand in the country. While planning for additional generating capacity, the anticipated peak demand and energy requirements by 1983-84 are being kept in view.

Irregularities in Appointment of Station Directors, Assistant Station Directors and Producers in A.I.R. and T.V. during Emergency

2718. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons appointed both on direct basis and on promotional basis in the category of Station Directors, Assistant Station Directors, Chief Producers, Deputy Chief Producers, Producers, Programme Executives in All India Radio and Television during the course of Emergency;

(b) whether most of the appointment/selections³ had been from among those who had been the favourites of officials/politicians then in power;

(c) whether Government propose to enquire into the irregularities with regard to these appointments and promotions; and

(d) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) (a) The number of persons appointed during the period of Emergency, are as follows:

Category of post	No. of persons appointed
(1) Station Directors . . .	82
(2) Assistant Station Directors	69
(3) Chief Producer . . .	1
(4) Deputy Chief Producers . . .	2
(5) Producers	82
(6) Programme Executives . . .	160

(b) to (d). No, Sir, but wherever any irregularity in the matter of appointments is pointed out, it is enquired into, and remedial action taken.

Working of Transport Units of A.I.R. and Doordarshan Kendra of Delhi, Amritsar and Base Production Unit.

2719. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on Transport Units of News Services Division of All India Radio and the Doordarshan Kendra of Delhi, Amritsar and Base Production Unit during the last three years;

(b) whether an enquiry conducted into the working of these Units have revealed number of irregularities, corruption and misuse of official transport for private purpose; and

(c) if so, the details of such irregularities and the number of persons put under suspension as a result of enquiry?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The total expenditure incurred on Transport Units of News Services Division of All India Radio and the Doordarshan Kendra of Delhi, Amritsar and Base Production Unit during the last three years is as follows:—

EXPENDITURE

Year	News Services Division, All India Radio	Doordarshan Kendra of Delhi, Amritsar and Base Production Unit	Total Expenditure
1	2	3	4
1974-75	Rs. 3,97,600 (including the cost of 2 cars amounting to Rs. 51,784.81)	Rs. 5,57,522	Rs. 9,55,122
1975-76	Rs. 4,98,000 (including the cost of 4 Matador Station Wagons amounting to Rs. 1,84,060)	Rs. 8,59,281	Rs. 13,57,281
1976-77	Rs. 3,17,300 (including the cost of one Matador Station Wagon amounting to Rs. 43,591.81)	Rs. 8,14,725	Rs. 11,32,025