

(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

(b) A preliminary enquiry conducted into the working of these Units revealed some irregularities and malpractices. No case of misuse of official transport for private purposes came to notice.

(c) As a result of the enquiry conducted, the following irregularities came to notice:—

- (i) Burning of some log sheets of Transport Units of Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.
- (ii) Submission of false reports with regard to the losses incurred by the Transport Unit.
- (iii) Short filling up of petrol in the vehicles.
- (iv) Improper maintenance of Overtime Allowance Register.

On the basis of the enquiry, five persons were put under suspension. However, suspension of four out of these five persons has since been revoked. Disciplinary proceedings against four more persons who were also involved in the matter, are still going on.

Stranding of Dock Workers in Mid-Stream on Board 'Vishwa Seva' and 'Vishwa Tarang'

2720. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether about 100 dock workers including head foreman, supervisor and tally clerks were stranded in mid-stream on board "Vishwa Seva" and "Vishwa Tarang" from the evening of June 9, 1977;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of days they remained in the ships;
- (d) whether some of them also died there; and
- (e) whether emergency help was not provided by the Ministry to save them?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes.

(b) The workers and staff were booked for stream work on the morning of 9th June, 1977 when the sea was calm. A storm developed after about 2 P.M. all of a sudden. Launches were sent immediately to bring back the stranded workers but the efforts failed as the launches could not remain near the ships due to stormy weather. The ships were docked in the port on 11-6-77 when the workers landed ashore.

(c) The workers and staff remained on board the ships for three days.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Bombay Port Trust sent out powerful tugs on 10-6-77 to bring the ships into the harbour, but the effort failed.

Revision of Advertisement Policy

2721. SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

SHRI P. RAJAGOPAL NAIDU:

SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to revise the present advertisement policy;
- (b) if so, the main features thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). The advertising policy is in operation till a