

Amendment to the Working Journalist and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service and MISC. Provisions) Act, 1975

263. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Journalist Association has made any demand to amend the Working Journalist and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service and Misc. Provisions) Act, 1975 and to abolish the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and to provide constitutional guarantee to the freedom of press; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) The Government has not received any written request, in the recent past, from the Indian Journalistic in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Investment Subsidy Scheme for Small Scale Industries

264. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme for Small Scale Industries has since commenced as per the declared policy; and

(b) if not, the reasons for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b). The proposed Scheme of Central Investment Subsidy for

Small Scale units Rural Areas and Backward Regions is under examination in consultation with the concerned Ministries. However, there is no budget provision during 1990-91.

[English]

Telecast of Marathi Programmes in Goa

265. PROF. GOPALRAO MAYEKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not telecasting Marathi programmes of Goan artists from Panaji T.V. Centre although Marathi is also equally used for official purpose in Goa; and

(b) the remedial measures proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRISUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Due to very limited facility for recording and telecasting of programmes, Doordarshan Kendra, Panaji is telecasting a 30 minutes Konkani programme five days a week. This apart, the Kendra relays programmes mainly in Marathi from Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay from 5.30 PM to 7.00 PM and 7.30 PM to 8.40 PM daily. The services of Marathi talents available in Goa are recorded as far as possible at Doordarshan Kendra, Panaji and sent to Bombay Kendra for telecast and then relayed to Panaji from Bombay. With the present constraints in facilities for recording, Doordarshan finds it difficult to originate Marathi programmes from Panaji Kendra at this stage.

Recruitment Camps for Para-Military Forces and Delhi Police in H.P.

266. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: