

**Setting up of Low Power Transmitter in
Madhya Pradesh**

3480. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Datia in Madhya Pradesh is one of the locations selected for installation of low power T.V. transmitter ; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Strength of Staff in Sindhi and Arabic
Unit of External Service of Air**

3481. SHRI ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sanctioned posts of

translators-cum-announcers, Assistance and Typists in the Sindhi and Arabic unit of External Services of AIR ;

(b) whether there is scheme to effect to a steep increase in the duration of programmes of these two services ; and

(c) if so, whether the said two services have adequate staff to cope up with the increased amount of work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) A statement is given below.

(b) There is a proposal to increase the duration of Sindhi and Arabic Service by one hour each as per the recommendations of the Media Advisory Committee.

(c) As a first step, the existing vacancies will be filled up. AIR has initiated steps for the purpose. Proposals will also be formulated by AIR if additional staff in certain categories, over and above the present full sanctioned is found justified.

Statement

Staff position in Sindhi and Arabic Unit of External Services Division of AIR

Unit	Sanctioned Strength	Persons in Position
SINDHI :		
Translator-cum-Announcer	2	1
General Assistant	1	1
Announcer	1	1
Production Assistant	1	1
ARABIC :		
Translator-cum-Announcer	8	5
Language Assistant	1	1
Typist/Copyist	1	1