

**Time given to Coverage of Political Parties  
in Television and Akashvani  
News Bulletins**

3065. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER :  
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the time of coverage in Doordarshan and Akashvani news bulletins given to political parties in opposition namely, Telugu Desam ; Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India, Anna D.M.K. Janata Party, Lok Dal and Bhartiya Janata Party during the period 1 January, 1986 to 25 October, 1986 ; and

(b) the criteria adopted for fixing the time of coverage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND  
BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) :

(a) The Stations in the network of AIR put out nearly 180 news bulletins in different languages and dialects everyday in the Home service. Similarly, Doordarshan Kendras telecast news bulletins in the concerned regional languages. The time devoted in these news bulletins to different political parties is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

However, the information regarding coverages put out by AIR in its three major central English bulletins at 0810 hrs., 1400 hrs. and 2100 hrs. during September and October, 1986 is given below :

Parties	Coverages	
	Septem-ber'86	Octo-ber'86
1. Telugu Desam	58 lines	39 lines
2. Communist Party of India (M)	118 ,,	76 ,,
3. Communist Party of India	15 ,,	40 ,,
4. Anna D.M.K.	37 ,,	82 ,,
5. Janata Party	106 ,,	100 ,,
6. Lok Dal	15 ,,	15 ,,
7. B.J.P.	47 ,,	129 ,,

(Normally 12 to 13 lines are read in a minute)

As regards Doordarshan, the coverage given to such political parties in the national news telecast from Delhi from January to October, 1986 is as below :

Parties	Duration (in minutes approx.)
1. Telugu Desam	26.00
2. Communist Party of India (M)	51.00
3. Communist Party of India	48.00
4. Anna D.M.K.	15.00
5. Janata Party	66.00
6. Lok Dal	31.30
7. Bhartiya Janata Party	81.00

(b) There is no rigid allocation of time in the news bulletins for coverage of different political parties. The view point of the ruling party as well as of the opposition are reported in the news with regard to their news value. Both AIR and Doordarshan strictly adhere to the news policy and guidelines laid down by the Media Advisory Committee on the Official Media.

[English]

**Revamping Personnel Policies of ICAR**

3066. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to revamp the personnel policies of Indian Council of Agricultural Research ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b). The personnel policies of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research are constantly under review and improvements are affected wherever necessary after these are considered by the Governing Body of the Council or as approved by the Government. At present a proposal to have the working of the ICAR reviewed by an expert committee is under consideration. Its details are yet to be finalised.