

पर विज्ञापन प्राप्त किये थे और यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान उसे कितने मूल्य के और कितने विज्ञापन दिये गये ;

(ख) ऐसे विज्ञापनों के हकदार बनने के लिए कितनी ग्राहक संख्या आवश्यक है और उनका मूल्य-कितना है और दो गई वितरण संख्या जांच करने के बाद कम पाये जाने पर सरकार द्वारा किस प्रकार की कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि इस समाचारपत्र के भालिक, उद्योगपतियों, सरकारी अधिकारियों, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ताओं और राजनैतिक नेताओं पर कीचड़ उछाल रहे हैं और यदि हां, तो उसके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) दैनिक "भवन्तिका" को विज्ञापन प्रचार की आवश्यकताओं के अनुसार जारी किए गए थे । जहाँ तक विज्ञापनों का मूल्य और उनकी संख्या का सम्बन्ध है, वैयक्तिक समाचारपत्रों को जारी किए जाने वाले विज्ञापनों की मात्रा प्रकट करना सरकार की नीति नहीं है ।

(ख) वर्तमान विज्ञापन नीति के अनुसार, समाचार पत्र नियतकालिक पत्र सरकारी विज्ञापनों के पात्र हैं यदि उनकी प्रति प्रकाशन दिवस न्यूनतम प्रसार संख्या 2,000 प्रतियां हों, सिवाय कुछ कतिपय विनिर्दिष्ट श्रेणियों के पत्रों के जिनके लिए कम प्रसार संख्या निर्धारित है । यदि किन्हीं समाचारपत्रों नियतकालिक पत्रों द्वारा बताई गई प्रसार संख्या गलत सिद्ध होती है तो उनको विज्ञापनों के लिए अपात्र समझा जाता है । इसके अतिरिक्त, उनके विरुद्ध ऐसी अन्य कार्रवाई भी की जा सकती है, जो सरकार उपयुक्त समझे ।

(ग) सरकार के पास इस प्रकार की जानकारी नहीं है ।

Salt Cess collected from Gujarat

*965. SHRI ANANT DAVE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rs. 8.50 crores have been collected from the Gujarat State as salt cess;

(b) the amount utilised during the last three years for development of this industry for roads, for water supply and for welfare of employees of this industry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) The amount accumulated on account of salt cess as on 31-3-1977 was Rs. 12.81 crores. Statewise figures of salt cess accumulations are not maintained.

(b) The amount utilised out of the salt cess proceeds on various development and labour welfare works and related items during the last three years was as follows:

1974-75	7,24,025
1975-76	5,85,332
1976-77	18,29,332

(c) Does not arise.

Medium for NDA and Combined Defence Services Examination

*966. SHRI BALAK RAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether medium for NDA and Combined Defence Services examination and interviews still continues to be English despite public pressure to switch over to Hindi or regional

language so as to provide opportunity to such candidates from agricultural, labour and other backward section of the society who cannot compete in English medium examination as fairly as candidates from English medium educational institutions;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to switch over to Hindi or regional language as medium of examination or reserve certain percentage of vacancies for such candidates from this year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) to (c). The National Defence Academy and Combined Defence Services Examination are at present conducted in English medium only. However, the Union Public Service Commission are already seized of the problem that selection should be conducted in such a manner that candidates from rural and backward areas and other groups are not placed at a disadvantage and with this end in view they have introduced suitable changes in the scheme of the National Defence Academy and Combined Defence Services Examination w.e.f. December 1977 and May 1978 respectively. The papers in all the subjects in the schemes of both the Examinations are of objective (multiple choice) type for which a candidate is required only to mark the correct answer out of 4 or 5 alternatives given against each question.

2. Interviews by SSB consist of psychological test, Group test and general interview. In the psychological test the candidates are required to write in English, but if they answer the questions in Hindi, they are not penalised. In the Group discussions, the candidates are free to express themselves in Hindi. Similarly, in the general interview, if a candidate desires to express in Hindi, he can do so.

3. The question of introducing regional languages as an alternative media in competitive examination conducted by the UPSC was considered by a Committee headed by Dr. D. S. Kothari, which was asked to go into the recruitment procedure and selection methods. Decision regarding the adoption or otherwise of Hindi or regional languages as medium of examination in case of NDA and other Combined Defence Services Examination will depend on the general decision of Government on the recommendations of the Kothari Committee report.

Rail-cum-road bridge at Shergarh Ghat

8850. **SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4061 on 20th July, 1977 regarding bridge on the Yamuna river at Shergarh Ghat and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding construction of Rail-cum-Road bridge on river Yamuna at Shergarh Ghat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether his Ministry will consider the suggestion and agree to share half of the cost of construction of the bridge; and

(d) if so, his reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The proposed bridge, when constructed, would fall on a State road. The Govt. of Uttar Pra-