

notice in the matter. In any case, the decision in this case as that of the West Bengal Electricity Board.

Electrification of Adivasi and Harijan Villages

*616. SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide electricity to the villages where the population is more than 1000;

(b) whether Government are aware that the population of Adivasi and Harijan villages generally remains between 500 and 600;

(c) if so, whether this policy of Government will not be of any benefit to the adivasis and harijans; and

(d) whether Government would reconsider its decision to give the benefit of electricity to adivasis and harijans who are very poor and backward?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government have not taken any such decision.

(b) to (d). In extending the coverage of rural electrification, Government attach importance to the electrification of villages inhabited by Harijans, Adivasis and the backward sections of the population.

Number of Posts of Producers' filled during Last Three Years

5603. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Producers filled on the basis of limited selection during the last three years;

(b) the nature of work in respect of each post of Producer and the names of the Centres where these posts existed;

(c) whether suitable persons could not be found out by the Union Public Service Commission for the posts of Programme executives to work against these posts;

(d) the rules governing the limited selection of producers and whether all the scholars and expert writers called for appointment against the posts of producers; and

(e) if so, whether all the known literates working on the various centres were called for the last selection for these posts?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) 22 posts of Producers had been filled in AIR on the basis of limited selection during the last 3 years.

(b) Statement is laid on the Table of the House showing the names of Producers, their date of appointment, station where posted, and category of programme for which selection was made.

(c) Posts of Producers are in the Staff Artist category and recruitment to this category is not made through the Union Public Service Commission. As such UPSC was not requested to make selection for the posts of Producer.

(d) Under the existing recruitment rules, Producers are appointed 100 per cent by limited selection open to all categories of Staff Artists, failing which by direct recruitment. All Staff Artists, who have the required qualifications, get an opportunity for limited selection. Scholars and expert writers are also considered for appointment to the post of Producer if they apply and are found suitable for the post.

(e) Known literateurs, if any, working at various Stations of All India Radio as Staff Artists, who applied and were eligible, were considered for these posts.

Statement

Name of Producer	Date of appointment	Station where posted	Category of Programme
1	2	3	4
1. Smt. Vandana Mukhopadhyay	3-9-77	ESD	English Spokenword
2. Shri R. Sridharan	10-2-78	Coimbatore	Tamil Spokenword Programme.
3. Shri M. H. Siddiqui	1-12-77	ESD	W&C (Women and Children)
4. Shri Harish Tiwari	2-5-77	Indore	Industrial Programme
5. Shri Virendra Munshi	1-5-77	Indore	Spokenwords (Hindi)
6. Shri T. Y. Khosla	1-6-77	Karaseong	W&C
7. Km. Kalavati Thakur	23-3-77	Simla	Himachalji Programme
8. Shri Balbir Singh Kalsi	9-2-77	Jullundur	Folk/Tribal Programme
9. Shri G. H. Aladkatti	15-12-76	Bangalore	EB (Educational Broadcast)
10. Smt. Jyoti Purkayastha	1-12-76	Silchar	W&C
11. Smt. Dipali Basu Roy	19-11-76	Agartala	Folk Music
12. Shri M. K. Ramakrishnan	25-9-76	Calicut	Drama
13. Shri P. Krishnaswamy	14-6-76	Madras	EB
14. Shri Qamar Ahmed	25-5-76	Bikaner	EB
15. Smt. Jharna Das	7-4-76	Dumraipur	W&C
16. Shri Narinder Pandit	5-4-76	Indore	Yuv Vani
17. Shri H. M. Khan	6-3-76	Jaipur	Spokenword Programme
18. Shri Ram Das Mungeri	18-2-76	Bhopal	Hindustani Music
19. Shri G. N. Chaturvedi	27-1-76	Mathura	Spokenword
20. Shri Y. N. Kabisagar	4-10-76	Aurangabad	Classical Music
21. Shri B. Y. Bhatkar	1-10-75	Jalgaon	SW (Spokenword)
22. Smt. Ashima Bhattacharya	1-8-75	Ciacuttia	Light Music
23. Shri Vijay Bhushan Sharma	30-7-75	Visakhapatnam	SW
24. Shri P. S. P. Dixithulu	28-7-75	Vijayawada	SW
25. Shri Harbajan Singh	27-7-75	Jullundur	EB
26. Shri S. K. Upadhyaya	19-7-75	Ranchi	Drama
27. Shri G. N. Sreechatti	11-7-75	Gulbarga	SW
28. Shri Azhar Afsar	8-5-75	Hyderabad	Urdu Programme

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29. Shri S. N. Bahera	28-4-75	Sambalpur	SW
30. Shri Tashi Angdus	28-3-75	Leh	Ladakhi Music
31. Shri R. Bhardwaja	15-3-75	Hyderabad	SW
32. Shri Ganesh Jha	28-3-75	Bhagalpur	Spokenword

Heavy Water Plant at Talcher

5004. SHRI PABITRA MOHAN PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated expenditure to be incurred in completing the building of the Heavy Water Plant now under construction at Talcher in Orissa;

(b) the number of employees category-wise that will work there when in full production;

(c) the number of employees now engaged in the said Plant; and

(d) the approximate time (month and year) when the Factory will go for production?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI):

(a) Rs. 46.10 Crores	
(b) Scientific	37
Technical	174
Administration/Accounts, Auxiliary	180
(c) Scientific	36
Technical	95
Administration/Accounts/ Auxiliary.	139

(d) March 1979 subject to availability of feed materials.

News Item captioned "Coal Shortage hits Surat Factories"

5005. SHRI RAJKESAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards news item captioned "coal shortage hits Surat factories" published in the National Herald dated 5th March, 1978; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to allocate sufficient quantity of coal to industries in Surat?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the latest available information the supplies of coal to the industries in Surat during January, February and March, 1978 were considerably higher than these during the same months of last year. Adequate stocks of coal are available with the coal companies to meet the requirements of consumers in Surat.

Import of Video Sets

5006. SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN: SHRI VAYALAR RAVI

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of video T.V. sets imported by paying duty during the last one year;

(b) the names of the persons who imported them; and