

**Criteria for Selection of Journalists to accompany V.I.Ps.**

\*262. SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being followed by Government in selecting the journalists to accompany VIPs during their foreign tours; and

(b) the number of occasions during the last one year on which the same journalists were selected more than once for the purpose giving reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Generally the choice of the Journalists accompanying the President/Prime Minister etc. on their tours abroad is left to such Newspapers who may wish to cover these tours. However, on occasions the Government also provide some additional facilities to language newspapers to cover such trips.

(b) No journalist accompanied the President/Prime Minister on their tours abroad more than once during the last one year.

**Rise in Prices of Products of Textile Mills**

\*263. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile mills in the country had jacked up their prices just before and after the announcement of the new textile policy in August; and

(b) if so, what are the details and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Enquiry into the Fire Incident at T.V. Station, Srinagar**

2384. SHRI ABDUL AHAD VAKIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the result of inquiry held to investigate into fire which destroyed Doordarshan Station at Srinagar in Kashmir;

(b) whether any body from the employees was involved; and

(c) steps Government have taken to construct new T.V. Station at Srinagar?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). Preliminary enquiry reports have been received from the investigating authorities. The position will become clear only after the final reports are received.

(c) Civil works for restoring the studio building are already in progress and are nearing completion. Action for recoupment of equipment destroyed in fire has also been initiated.

**Rope Trollies on Indus Zanskar, Nubra etc.**

2385. SHRIMATI PARVATI DEVI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps for installation of Rope-Trollies on rivers Indus, Zanskar, Nubra, Suroo etc. to link up scanty populated villages with the main road where bridges cannot be constructed due to heavy expenditure involved; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) and (b). The Central Government have no such scheme.