

(c) whether Government's policy is to review the said cases of regular artistes-employees with a view to making them permanent and regular;

(d) if so, main indication thereto; and

(e) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). There are no 'regular artistes' working in Door-darshan who are treated as casual artistes. However, there are casual artistes who are working in Door-darshan against regular vacancies of staff artistes.

(c) and (d). A number of casual artistes will become eligible for regularisation in terms of the liberalised formula adopted by Government. Particulars of such eligible persons are being collected for giving them regular contract, subject to availability of vacancies and their satisfying the requisite qualifications and age limits.

(e) Does not arise.

Meeting of National Development Council

2566. **PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the next meeting of the National Development Council is fixed;

(b) if so, when and for what purpose; and

(c) if not, why not?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). As the Hon'ble Member is aware, at the last meeting of the National Development Council held on March 18-19, 1978 it was resolved that a subsequent meeting of the Council will be held after discussions with States regarding the fiscal arrangements which would reflect the larger role to be played by the

State Governments in development planning and execution having due regard to the constitutional provisions and after taking into consideration the implications of the report of the Seventh Finance Commission. A Committee of the National Development Council was formed for this purpose. The report of the Seventh Finance Commission has just been received. The Committee of the National Development Council will now examine the main issues in the light of the Report. The National Development Council would meet thereafter; no date has yet been fixed for the meeting.

Countries visited by the Minister of I. & B. during the year 1978

2567. **PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited some countries during the year 1978;

(b) if so, facts thereof mentioning the purposes of all such visits;

(c) whether he travelled officially and on regular invitations;

(d) if so, broad nature thereof; and

(e) whether any agreements, etc. were arrived at between India and the foreign country concerned as a result of the said visits?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (d). During the year 1978, at the invitation of the host countries, the Minister for Information and Broadcasting paid official visits to German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Pakistan. He also visited France to attend the General Conference of UNESCO held at Paris in October-November, 1978. The broad details are as under:—

(i) **GDR/Hungary/Czechoslovakia.**

German Democratic Republic: At the invitation of the Chairman,

State Committee of Broadcasting of the Council of Ministers of GDR in the interest of better co-operation between All India Radio and GDR Radio in particular and better understanding between the peoples in the two countries in general.

Hungary: At the invitation of Secretary of State, President of the Government's Information Office of the Hungarian Peoples Republic for signing of an Agreement.

Czechoslovakia: At the invitation of the Deputy Prime Minister, Czechoslovakia Socialist Republic for getting acquainted with fields of media activity in that country.

These visits were undertaken in one trip.

(ii) **France:** To attend the 20th Session of General Conference of UNESCO.

(iii) **Pakistan:** At the invitation of their Minister of Information & Broadcasting, on his way back from Paris, the Minister visited Karachi to have discussions on matters of mutual interest relating to Media.

(e) Yes, Sir. An agreement was signed between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Hungarian Peoples Republic relating to Co-operation in the field of Information.

Bus route No. 320

2568. SHRI HALIMUDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to heavy load of passengers, route No. 320 of D.T.C. always runs crowded and it never stops on stops other than the terminal points;

(b) whether Government will conduct a survey of the route No. 320

and provide buses from Swarn Talkies; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) According to the information available with the D.T.C. there is some rush of passengers on this route during morning and evening peak hours but it is not a fact that the route is always over-crowded.

(b) Two trips at 08.00 hrs. and 09.25 hrs. have already been provided from Swarn Talkies on route 320 for Central Secretariat. A survey will be carried out to assess whether the services of the route are meeting the requirement of enroute passengers during peak hours.

(c) Does not arise.

राजस्थान में बिजली उत्पादन परियोजना

2569. श्री मोठा लाल पटेल : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजस्थान में दैवी आपदाओं के कारण हुई क्षति के कारण और अन्य राज्यों से अपर्याप्त मात्रा में बिजली सप्लाई के कारण, बिजली उत्पादन की गति बहुत धीमी है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो क्या राजस्थान में पर्याप्त मात्रा में बिजली उत्पादन के लिए सरकार का विचार राज्य में निकट भविष्य में कुछ केंद्रीय बिजली उत्पादन परियोजनायें प्रारम्भ करने का है और यदि हां, तो कब ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० रामचन्द्रन) : (क) प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण राजस्थान में उत्पादन संयंत्रों की कोई क्षति नहीं पहुंची है। तथा इस के कारण राजस्थान में बिद्युत उत्पादन पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा है।

(ख) राजस्थान में केन्द्रीय सैक्टर के अन्तर्गत नये बिद्युत उत्पादन संयंत्रों की प्रतिष्ठान का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। राजस्थान में राजस्थान परमाणु बिद्युत परियोजना की 220 मेगावाट की दूसरी परमाणु बिद्युत युनिट निर्माणाधीन है। यह परियोजना केन्द्रीय सैक्टर के अधीन है तथा 1979-80 के दौरान इस से लाभ प्राप्त होने की धारणा है।