

nal Electrical Grid is thus in the process of gradual evolution through inter-connection of states and regional power systems.

Advisory Committee for Port Blair Station of A.I.R.

973. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since last three years there is no Advisory Committee for All India Radio, Port Blair Station; if so, state the reasons for doing so; and

(b) whether Government are now considering to constitute the Advisory Committee for A.I.R. Port Blair station; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The term of the Programme Advisory Committee for A.I.R., Port Blair, expired in December, 1976.

(b) The Programme Advisory Committee for A.I.R., Port Blair, will be reconstituted soon.

Showing of Marathi Loknatya on Television

974. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive that Marathi Loknatya (Tamasha) should not be shown on Bombay and Poona television; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No Sir. In fact, Doordarshan Kendra Bombay has been

telecasting programmes by well known Tamasha Parties from time to time.

(b) Does not arise.

Advertisements issued by D.A.V.P. to certain Dailies

975. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of advertisements released by DAVP to Poona Herald, 'Sakal', 'Kesari', 'Tarun Bharat', 'Prabhat', 'Vishal Sahyadri' 'Sandhya' all dailies from Poona—during the years from 1974-75 to 1978-79; and

(b) what are the reasons for the increase of advertisements to 'Tarun Bharat', during 1977-78 and 1978-79?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The English daily, Poona Herald and the Marathi dailies 'Sakal', 'Kesari', 'Tarun Bharat', 'Vishal Sahyadri', and 'Sandhya' were on the DAVP list for release of advertisements during the period 1974-75 to 1978-79 except that the 'Tarun Bharat' was not used from May, 1976 to March 27, 1977. The 'Prabhat' was empanelled on application during 1977-78 and has been on DAVP's panel thereafter. The details of advertisement space booked in individual newspapers and their value are however treated as confidential.

(b) It is not correct that the 'Tarun Bharat' was given any special increase in advertisements. During the period May 26, 1976 to March 23, 1977, the 'Tarun Bharat' was not on the media list. Subsequently, it came on the media list, but advertisements given were not disproportionate to its circulation during the period.