

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHAUDHURY :

(a) Government have appointed a Committee, on Power headed by Shri V.G. Rajadhyaksha, former Member, Planning Commission, to go into the all aspects of power supply industry. The Committee is examining the various aspects of tariff policy besides other issues. The report of the Committee is yet to be received.

(b) and (c) In view of the above, does not arise.

News-Bulletin from A.I.R. Calcutta Regarding Firing on Adivasis

1537. SHRI SHIBU SOREN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of a news bulletin broadcast by the Calcutta Centre of the All India Radio on 5/6th February, 1980, reporting police firing on the Adivasis at Nurtia Police Station of Purulia District, West Bengal ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the news broadcast hide the main fact that one Adivasi, Shri Raghav Museum was killed in the police firing, giving a false impression of the incident ;

(c) whether it is a fact that A.I.R. Calcutta, did not correct its earlier broadcast even after being pointed out of the same by a Member of Parliament in writing ; and

(d) if so, reason thereof and steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. No such news item was put out from AIR Calcutta on February 5th or 6th, 1980. However, an item in this regard was broadcast on February 8, 1980 in the Santhali bulletin at 6 10 p.m. and in the rural bulletin at 6 35 p.m. The news item did mention, quoting police sources, that one Adivasi was grievously injured in the police firing and he succumbed to his injuries in the hospital.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.

Advertisement issued by D.A.V.P. to Newspapers in Foreign Countries

1538. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether D.A.V.P. issue any advertisements to newspapers/magazines published in foreign countries ; and

(b) if so, the main features of the policy followed by Government in D.A.V.P. in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) and (b) Advertisements are not being regularly released to newspapers/magazines published in foreign countries. However, on special occasions like Republic Day and Independence Day a few advertisements have been released to foreign newspapers and journals at the instance of the Ministry of External Affairs or the Indian Mission concerned.

Since there is no provision in the Advertising Policy of November 1977 for release of advertisements to newspapers and journals abroad, the question of laying down a procedure for release of advertisements to such newspapers and journals, especially those published by Indians living abroad, is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Loss of Energy due to Defective load Management techniques

1539. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY : Will the Minister of ENERGY AND IRRIGATION AND COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 per cent of the electrical energy generated in the country is lost due to defective load management techniques as has been noted in the 18th Indian Standards Convention held recently in Patna and