

आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों के लिए पेंशन

4235. श्री रामायण राय : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार का आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्ट संवर्ग के कर्मचारियों को पेंशन देने का विचार है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसकी घोषणा कब तक कर दी जायेगी ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार के सम्मुख क्या अड़चन आ रही है ; और

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों के सभी संघों ने पेंशन के लिए मांग की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : (क) से (घ). आकाशवाणी के स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों के विभिन्न संघों/संस्थाओं ने पेंशन देने की मांग की है ? आकाशवाणी/दूरदर्शन के उन स्टाफ आर्टिस्टों को, संविदा कर्मचारी हैं। पेंशन देने का एक प्रस्ताव नियमित सरकारी कर्मचारियों पर लागू केन्द्रीय सिविल सेवाएं (पेंशन) नियम, 1972 के उपबन्धों के आधार पर तैयार किया गया है और उसको वित्त मंत्रालय तथा कामिक और प्रशासनिक सुधार विभाग को उनकी सहमति के लिए भेजा गया है।

Broadcasts Manned by Employees of Gauhati and Dibrugarh A.I.R. Station

4236. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the employes of A.I.R. belonging to Gauhati and Dibrugarh Stations under terrible strain and facing continuous picketting at their doors had kept up broadcasts from these two stations uninterruptedly;

(b) whether Government propose to acknowledge the services of such employes in a suitable manner; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government have conveyed their appreciation to the em-

ployees concerned. Commendation letters have been issued to them, and copies of the same have also been placed on their personal files.

Per capita installed capacity, availability and consumption of electricity

4237. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest per capita installed capacity, availability and consumption of electricity for the country as a whole, for the whole of Bihar, for North Bihar and the rest of Bihar respectively and what steps are being taken to end the abnormal imbalance; and

(b) whether Barahkshetra and other dams over river Koshi can alone generate 7000 megawatts of hydel power making Bihar self sufficient in abundant and cheap power supply for generations to come, if so, reasons for not undertaking the execution of the project soon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) The latest per capita figures for installed capacity, availability and consumption of electricity for the country as a whole and for the Bihar are enclosed in the statement. The imbalances in the per capita consumption of electricity are due to variations in the installed capacity and/or the level of capacity utilisation. However, in certain cases like Karnataka, where power availability is less than requirements and in case of Bihar, lower capacity utilisation, are causes for lower per capita consumption. Lower per capita consumption for electricity is also attributed to combined factors of industrial backwardness of the state and the higher population density in the State.

(b) The Government is aware of the importance of constructing multi-purpose high dams such as Barahkshetra (Kosi High Dam) and a scheme consisting of 7 stages is now under consideration in consultation with the Royal Government of Nepal. While the Kosi