

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Darbhanga Station of All India Radio was commissioned into service on 2-2-1976 for serving the population in North Bihar.

(b) The duration of time allotted for programmes in different languages is decided on the basis of population percentage, communication imperatives, need for cultural expression and availability of transmission time. Accordingly, the allotment of time to different languages at Darbhanga Station is indicated below.—

Name of Language	Duration			
	Spoken word etc.		News	Relayed
	Hrs.	Mts.	Hrs.	Mts.
Hindi.	33	05	29	57
Maithili	28	20	—	—
Urdu	20	09	07	—
English	17	27	13	45
Sanskrit	—	45	04	16

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal to instal a more powerful transmitter at Darbhanga as the existing transmitter (10 KW Medium Wave) together with linkages with Patna is considered adequate.

Construction of a Dam near Masani, Haryana on Sahibi River

5956. SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) is it fact that a huge dam is under construction near village Masani, Haryana, to control the flood caused by Sahibi River;

(b) whether the residents of villages in Rajasthan State likely to be affected by submergence have been served with notice for acquiring their residential and agricultural properties;

(c) if so, whether any interim compensation has been paid to them; and

(d) whether the residents whose properties are to be acquired have been paid compensation and if so, at what rate and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDEY). (a) The Government of Haryana have forwarded to the Central Water Commission for examination, a Project Report, for construction of a barrage on river Sahibi near Village Masani in Haryana at an estimated cost of Rs. 35.96 crores. The Project Report is yet to be accepted by the Planning Commission for implementation. In the meanwhile, the Haryana Government is proceeding with the construction of the Barrage since 1977-78.

(b) to (d) The Rajasthan Government has informed that so far no action has been initiated on acquisition of land and properties in Rajasthan.