

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-
UDBEN M. JOSHI):** (a) and (b). The Radio Station at Silchar is equipped with a medium power medium wave transmitter which provides day time primary grade service to the whole of Cachar district as well as the bordering areas viz. southern parts of North Cachar Hills district in Assam, eastern parts of Jowai in Meghalaya, northern parts of Mizoram and western parts of Manipur. There is no proposal at present to upgrade the power of the transmitter.

**Audition for Artistes for Silchar
A.I.R. Drama Section**

1199. **SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although the audition for Artistes for Silchar AIR Drama Section (Bengali Drama) was held long before the recruitment of artistes for the said section has not yet been finalised; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by his Ministry to start the Drama Section without further delay?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-
UDBEN M. JOSHI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Station Director, Silchar has been instructed in September, 1980 to review the available resources, and undertake production of plays to the extent possible.

Transmitter for Darbhanga Station

1200. **SHRI BHOGENDR A JHA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply given to Starred Question No. 26 answered on 7th January, 1976 and state:

(a) whether it had been stated that steps for increasing the capacity

of the transmitter for Darbhanga Station of the All India Radio would be considered after the availability of resources;

(b) if so, whether in pursuance of the fulfilment of that assurance, capacity of the transmitter is going to be increased to 100 Kws; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUM-
UDBEN M. JOSHI):** (a) to (c). During the course of supplementaries of the said Lok Sabha Question, it was stated that the power of the Darbhanga transmitter was 10 KW and that when more resources become available, the question of raising the power of the transmitter might be considered. However, due to continued constraint on resources, there is no proposal for raising the power of Darbhanga transmitter for the present.

12 hrs.

RE. ADJOURNED MOTION ETC.

SOME HON. MEMBERS rose—

MP. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please take your seats. As we do in the Question Hour, Members may get up one by one. I shall definitely permit each two or three minutes.

श्री जगप्रकाश सिंह (ः रिद्धार) : उपाध्यक्ष महोदय, सारंगपुर जिले में मुंगलूर में वहां की पुलिस ने 5 औरतों को पांच दिन तक बंद रखा और उन के साथ सामूहिक बलात्कार किया गया है। उन के एक बच्चे को पुलिस ने ही अपने बदमाशों से उठवा लिया है और आज तक वापस नहीं किया है। वे औरतें और आदमी यहां पर बोट क्लब पर धरना दिए हुए हैं। बड़ा ही गंभीर मामला है। पुलिस ने ही एक नौजवान को गोली मरवाई और घरों को आग लगवाई है। पेशेवर गुंडों के द्वारा। इतना गंभीर मामला है इस के लिये कृपया कालिग अटेंशन स्वीकार करें।