

For Backward and underdeveloped Areas, loan assistance is made available at very liberal terms and conditions. For drawing lines for transmission of electricity to a village, the Corporation does not levy any charge on the intending consumers. As regards the projects financed by the Electricity Boards, each one adopts its own norms.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) Several measures are taken by the Government for ensuring electrification of all the villages in the country. These include setting up of new power projects, stepping up of the generation from the existing units, drawing up more transmission and distribution lines, solving problems relating to construction material etc. and also increasing the allocation for rural electrification from time to time. According to the present estimate, all villages in the country are likely to be electrified by 1994-95.

More time for Marathi Broadcast on A.I.R.

5684. SHRI R.K. MHALGI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a representation dated 23rd February, 1981 suggesting more time for Marathi Broadcasting on All India Radio, Portblair (Andaman and Nicobar); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken or proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI).

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

According to the 1971 Census, the number of Marathi speaking people was only 115 as against the total population of 1,15,133 in the islands. There is, therefore, no justification for allotting more time to Marathi broadcasts from the Port Blair Station.

लघु सभाचारपत्रों को और अधिक विज्ञापन

5685. श्री सुन्दर शर्मा : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार लघु और मझोले समाचार पत्रों को और अधिक विज्ञापन देने के कुछ नए प्रस्तावों पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां तो उसकी रूपरेखा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी कुमुद बेन एम० जोशी) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Division of LPG Agencies

5686. SHRI D. P. YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any appeals were made by the LPG Distributors for bifurcation and trifurcation of their agencies; and

(b) if so, the action being taken thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P.C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.