

have made any efforts jointly in this direction?

Shrimati Lakshmi Menon: They have made these efforts singly and jointly according to the Resolution.

Shri D. C. Sharma: If the South African Government refuses to discuss this matter with the Governments of India and Pakistan, will any alternative method of solving this question be explored?

Mr. Deputy-Speaker: That is hypothetical.

Experimental Television System in the A.I.R.

*126. { **Shri Ram Krishan:**
Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Wodeyar:
Shri Shivananjappa:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an experimental Television system has been set up in the New Delhi Research Department of the All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total cost incurred thereon; and

(d) whether the results have been found encouraging?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri A. C. Joshi): (a) to (d). In view of the large number of questions and enquiries received regarding experimental television unit here, a detailed statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 114].

Shri Ram Krishan: In view of the fact that the experiment at Delhi was very successful, may I know whether Government propose to set up such units in other parts of the country?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): Much as we would like to have such units all over the country, the hon. Member will find from the statement itself that this unit is being set up because we are able to get help, and a part of the machinery which we have has been bought at a very concessional price. The monetary question and the difficulties that we have today are such that it will not be possible for us to think of any other unit for some time to come.

Shri Ram Krishan: What is the nature of the equipment so far received from UNESCO?

Dr. Keskar: We have not yet received any equipment, UNESCO have agreed to give a partial sum this year and they propose to give another bigger sum next year for the experimental unit here. The sum will not be in the shape of equipment alone; there will be some technical help also.

Shri D. C. Sharma: It is mentioned in the statement that this experimental unit will be used for community and educational purposes and the shows might not be many or for long duration. May I know if it has already been used for community and educational purposes, how many shows of this kind have been given and what has been the reception?

Dr. Keskar: The question of carrying on this community television broadcast will come when the unit begins to function. At present, we have not even got all the equipment. We have only got partial equipment which is being tested. A very vital component of the unit has still to come, and, as I have indicated in the statement, we are trying to get it on loan. Only when it comes there will be the full technical unit to carry on full scale experiment.

Shri Prabhat Kar: What is the foreign exchange component of the amount which has already been spent?

Dr. Keskar: At no stage has any foreign exchange been involved. In fact, the idea of the unit began with the buying at a very concessional price of the unit which Messrs. Phillips had brought here for the Industrial Exhibition, and we have not bought any equipment from outside. Even the equipment that we now propose to have will be got on loan.

Shri Negi Reddy: But loan also involves foreign exchange.

Shri Supakar: May I know the total cost that we shall ultimately have to pay and what will be the range in mileage of this television system?

Dr. Keskar: The cost of the equipment that we should have in order to have a full unit comes to about Rs 2 lakhs. and the loan that we are envisaging is one which can be returned; the equipment can be returned, if later we do not want it.

Shri Tangamani: From the statement, we find that Phillips' equipment was purchased as early as 1955. May I know how long it will be before the regular unit is set up in Bombay?

Dr. Keskar: The Phillips unit was bought and at that time we were on the point of having very quickly the other parts; but due to difficulties of foreign exchange, this has been delayed. We hope to get the other equipment soon, and we also hope that during this financial year we will be able to have the experimental unit working in the villages around Delhi.

Shri P. K. Deo: What would be the range of visibility of this television system?

Dr. Keskar: We expect it will cover a radius of 20—25 miles from Delhi.

Immigration to U.K.

*121. { **Shri Vajpayee:**
Shri U. L. Patil:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been sudden rise in the immigration of Indians to the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government has received any representation from the U.K. Government in this connection; and

(d) the steps, if any, Government propose to take or has so far taken in the matter?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs (Shri Sadath Ali Khan): (a) to (d). The Government of United Kingdom recently brought to the notice of Government that there was a large influx to the U.K. of Indians arriving in that country by air to seek employment. The number of such persons reported to have reached that country during the years 1955, 1956 and 1957 is 5,100; 5,600; and 6,600 respectively. These figures, however, do not tally with the figures of passports granted by Government to Indians, who are presumed to have gone there for settlement. These figures for the three years are 1,456; 2,007 and 1,501 respectively. It has also come to the notice of Government that some Indians have managed to go to U.K. on forged passports. Necessary action is being taken wherever possible to apprehend the culprits and to take necessary legal action against them. Action has also been taken to tighten up control at the Check Posts in India.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if it is a fact that certain private agencies are encouraging this immigration for their monetary gain?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal