

**Programme "Press Comments" in Tamil  
External Broadcast to South East Asia**

230. SHRI C. PALANIAPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the programme "Press Comments" put out in the Tamil External Broadcast to South East Asia in the early morning, no language paper finds place;

(b) if so, the reasons; and

(c) whether Government propose including comments from the language papers of the region in future so as to make the broadcasts more meaningful to the Tamilian Listeners?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). In the External Services of AIR, a programme entitled "Review of the Indian Press" is broadcast in Tamil and in other languages. This programme is designed to project the national perspective in its entirety and is based on the views expressed in the National Press.

However, regional news of sufficient importance also finds a place in this programme. Moreover, AIR regularly consults the language news papers to project the latest developments in the socio-cultural, economic and literary fields in the programmes broadcast.

**Bonded Labour System in brick kiln  
Industry and stone quarries**

231. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:  
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV:  
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bonded Labour System is still in existence in brick kiln industry and stone quarries in various parts of the country and if so, what are the names of such States where bonded labour

system is still in existence in the said industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Inter-Departmental Working Group headed by Labour Secretary recommended to the State Governments to make a pilot study of conditions in brick-kilns industry and stone quarries in their respective States to determine whether conditions of bondage existed there; and

(c) whether reports from all the State Governments have since been received and if so, the details thereof?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHA-  
BILITATION (SHRI DHARMAVIR):**

(a) Attention of the Government has been drawn to news-paper reports alleging prevalence of Bonded Labour System in brick kilns and stone quarries in different States particularly in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Tripura.

(b) Yes, Sir. Recently the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Tripura, Punjab and Haryana have been requested to conduct Pilot studies in brick kilns and stone quarries in their respective States and take urgent steps to rehabilitate the bonded labourers wherever identified.

(c) Replies have not yet been received from any of the State Governments.

**Recommendations of National Tripartite  
Labour Conference**

232. SHRI J. S. PATIL:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:  
SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN;  
SHRI UTTAM BHAI H. PATEL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) recommendations of the National Tripartite Labour Conference held in New Delhi in September last and action being