

Broadcast of news in Nepali language from AIR, Dehra Dun

1387. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Nepali speaking people of Dehra Dun and also from cultural and social organisations urging Government to introduce broadcasting of news in Nepali language also in the news programmes of A.I.R., Dehra Dun; and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered their representations and decided to introduce broadcasting of news in Nepali language from the above A.I.R. station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). No, Sir. There is no A.I.R. Station at Dehra Dun.

Newspapers Printed and Published from Varanasi, U.P.

1388. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the daily newspapers printed and published from Varanasi in U.P.

(b) the daily circulation of these papers for the last three years upto 31-12-82;

(c) the amount of Government advertisements issued to these papers during this period, yearly; and

(d) the quantity of newsprint allotted to them, alongwith the quota fixed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Details regarding the names of the daily newspapers published from Varanasi in U.P., their circulation figures for 1979, 1980 and 1981—the circulation figures for 1982 are not readily available—and the quantity of newsprint allocated to them during 1980-81, 1981-82 and 1982-83 are given in the attached statement. The newsprint entitlement of the newspapers and the quantity actually allocated to them are the same. As regards advertisements, the quantum of advertisements released to individual papers is treated as confidential.

Statement

DAILY NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED FROM VARANASI (U.P.)

S.No.	Name of the Daily	Circulation			Quantity of newsprint Allotted (in tonnes)		
		1979	1980	1981	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
I. Hindi							
1	Aj	77,900	63,688	60,124	1,817.86	1,373.32	1,336.19
2	Gandiva	7,055	8,381	8,094	95.07	107.65	58.00
3	Janvarta	11,393	13,973	14,758	184.19	204.15	185.60
4	Senmarg	8,476	10,245	10,256	Not supplied	86.86	96.98
5	Chauraha	Circulation figures not supplied			No Newsprint allotted		
6	Jai Desh						
7	Vaicharik Vikalp						
II. Urdu							
8	Qaumi Morcha	5,766	9,682	10,924	49.49	77.62	90.00