

of training schools. This aspect has also been stressed at various forums.

The Power Engineers Training Society under the Ministry of Energy, Department of Power with four regional institutes is functioning as a national training body and the regional Institutes are running regular and short-term programmes for training of engineers, supervisors, operators and technicians of power stations. Training on sophisticated simulator for 210 MW fossil fired unit is also now being imparted in one of the regional Institute. Facilities for training abroad under various aid programmes are also being made available.

Survey Regarding Print Medium

308. SHRI ARJUN SETHI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Print Medium still reaches more people in the country than Television ;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT) : (a) to (c) No specific study has been undertaken by the Government to determine the comparative reach of print medium and Doordarshan. However, the second Press Commission has broadly touched upon the subject in its Report and has observed that Doordarshan, owing to its being in early stage of development in the country, is not yet a competitor or alternative to the Press either in news coverage or in advertisement pull. However the T.V. coverage is expanding very fast.

Installation of Single Channel System at Swarghat in Bilaspur

310. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Public Call Office on V.H.F./U.H.F. at Swarghat in Bilaspur Distt. of Himachal Pradesh has since been installed by commissioning a single channel system ;

(b) if so, the date on which this has been done ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for this inordinate delay and the likely date by which the Public Call Office would be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) The P.C.O. at Swarghat in Bilaspur Distt. of Himachal Pradesh through a single channel VHF System is under commissioning. The System has been installed between Bilaspur and Swarghat and is under observation.

(b) Installation of System had been carried out during June'84.

(c) The P.C.O. at Swarghat will be commissioned on successful completion of observation on the System approximately by Sept., 1984.

Quota for Opening of new Branch Offices in Postal Circles

311. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the quota for the opening of New Branch Offices for various Postal Circles has been decided for the final year of the Sixth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the quota for each State/ Union Territory of the country ;

(c) the break up for each Postal Division in case of Himachal Pradesh (N.W. Circle) ; and