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(ग) एक्सचेंज खोलने के लिए मीरेना तक 50 किलोमीटर लम्बी लग्इन लगानी पड़ेगी। ए॰ सी॰ एस॰ भ्रार॰ तार की बेहद कमी है भीर घन भी सीमित मात्रा में उपलब्ध है। इस लिए यह कहना बरत कठिन है कि प्रस्ताव किस समय तक परा हो जाएगा ।

Confirmation of A.I.R. and T.V. Staff

7731. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of staff in the All India Radio and T.V. (Broadcasting Department):
- (b) the number out of them who are temporary and the number who have been declared permanent, Gardewise, and the reasons for not making the temporary employees permanent; and
- (c) the steps being taken to change temporary posts into permanent ones and to convert 80 per cent of the temporary posts into permanent posts, which have been in existence for more than three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Conversion of temporary posts into permanent ones is reviewed annually and 80% of temporary posts that have been in existence for more than three years and are required on a long term basis are declared permanent. Such orders as a result of the last review were issued in July, 1970. The next review in relation to the staff strength as on 1-3-1971 is being made.

Union for Employees of Broadcasting Department

7732. SHRI S. P. BHATTACHARYYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether the employees of the Broadcasting Department are allowed to form their Union and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY): Under the existing orders, Government's permission is not necessary for forming employees' Unions.

Foreign Exchange earned by Export of Fish

7733. SHRIMATI BIBHA GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the total foreign exchange earned by exporting fish during the years from 1968 to 1970?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE): The total exports of fish and fish preparations during the years 1968-69 and 1969-70 were as follows:

Year	Value			
1968-69	Rs	22 17	crores	
1969- 70	Rs.	30.83	crores	

Meeting of Engineering Export Promotion Council

SHRI K. MALLANNA: 7734. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: SHRI M. M. HASHIM:

Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a meeting of the Engineering Export Promotion Council was held on the 19th July, 1971; and
- (b) if so, the decisions arrived at in the meeting?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHR) A. C. GEORGE): (a) and (b). A meeting of the Engineering Export Promotion Council and the representatives of the Ministries of Steel and Mines and Foreign Trade was held on the 19th July, 1971 decision was taken in the meeting. However, the problem of steel shortage affecting export production and other procedural matters relating to its supplies were discussed.

Paid Members on Censor Board

SHRI K. GOPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to