

Part-Time Correspondents of A.I.R.

7743. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Government are considering to increase the salary of the part-time Correspondents of the All India Radio from Rs. 100 and give them facilities of phone and other benefits ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : No Sir, there is no such proposal under consideration at present. However, the salary of some of the part-time Correspondents of A.I.R. has been fixed at Rs. 125/- p m.

Difficulty for criminals in rehabilitating themselves after coming out of Jails

7744. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government are aware that criminals who, by their good conduct have remission of jail sentence, are finding it difficult to rehabilitate themselves after coming out of Jails and whether there is any specific policy of Government in regard to the rehabilitation of such persons ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHSIN) : The subject of 'Prisons and Prisoners' falls in the State field. However, the problem of rehabilitation of prisoners after their release has been considered in various committees/seminars and in accordance with their recommendations States have been advised to have a proper aftercare service by adequately strengthening the State Jail Department.

Telex Service between Bhubaneswar and New Delhi

7745. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government are considering to have 'Telex-Service' between Bhubaneswar and New Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : Yes. Sir. A 50—line telex exchange has been planned at Bhubaneswar and is expected to be commissioned by middle of 1972.

Thereafter, telex service will be available from Bhubaneswar to all telex centres in the country including New Delhi.

Teleprinter Service in Orissa Post Offices

7746. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of Post Offices in Orissa which are having teleprinter service ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : Three. Besides, four more Post Offices will be working on Teleprinters very shortly.

Government quarters for Rourkela P & T staff

7747. SHRI S. S. MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government are considering to have quarters for the Posts and Telegraphs staff of Rourkela ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : Yes, Sir. 75 units of quarters stand sanctioned for construction.

Export of spices

7748. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to increase the export of spices ;

(b) whether as a result of these steps there has been any increase in the export of spices during the last two years ;

(c) if so, the extent of increase registered ;

(d) the total amount of foreign exchange earned through export of spices in the last two years ; and

(e) what is the trend of export in the current year ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) There is an Export Promotion Council for spices which also has an office in Brussels for exploring Western European Markets. For Cardamom,