

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार का देलचौरी से जमनाखाल डाकघर तक टेलीफोन व्यवस्था का प्रसार करने का विचार है; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त (ख) भाग का उत्तर हां है, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री हेमवती नंदन बहुगुणा) :
(क) जी हां ।

(ख) तथा (ग). देलचौरी से जमलाखाल डाकघर तक टेलीफोन व्यवस्था का विस्तार करने का कोई प्रस्ताव इस समय विभाग के विचाराधीन नहीं है । इसकी कोई मांग भी नहीं की गई है । फिर भी अब इस प्रस्ताव की जांच की जाएगी और इस विषय पर विभाग की मौजूदा नीति के अनुसार कार्रवाई की जाएगी ।

Anti-National Activities of Naxalites

349. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Naxalites are still carrying on their anti-national and destructive activities in different parts of the country ;

(b) if so, what is the Government's assessment of the effectiveness of the steps taken so far to curb such activities of the Naxalites ; and

(c) the steps that are being taken by Government to deal with their activities in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (GRIH MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) and (b). The States and Union Territories mainly affected by the activities of the Naxalites and allied extremist groups are West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala, Assam, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura. Such activities have been kept under control in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Orissa and Tripura. In West Bengal and Bihar, however, the situation continues to cause concern,

(c) The Central Government has been maintaining close touch with the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations who are taking firm action under the law to counter the activities of the Naxalites and allied extremist groups. Central Government are also providing to the State Governments wherever necessary all reasonable assistance including additional armed police reinforcements, wireless and other equipment and pooling of intelligence.

A.I.R. Artistes' Demands

350. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether artistes of the All India Radio have made certain demands for better working conditions and emoluments ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether Government have considered those demands and taken any decision in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SOOCHANA AUR PRASARAN MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands relate to matters like security of service, revision of fee scales, promotional avenues, family pension and other retirement benefits, amenities for Staff Artistes at Stations, etc.

(c) These are under consideration and decisions with regard to some of them are expected to be taken shortly.

पशुचर्म का निर्यात

351. श्री हुकम चन्द कछबाब : क्या विदेश व्यापार मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्त वर्ष 1968-69 से 1970-71 तक कुल कितनी मात्रा में गाय तथा बछड़े के चमड़े का निर्यात किया गया तथा इससे सरकार को कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा की प्राप्ति हुई ; और

(ख) वित्त वर्ष 1971-72 के दौरान