

- (iv) Commissioning of Multi link Operator Dialling at important switching centres for automatic switching of transit calls avoiding delays on manual switching. Plans are also on hand for :
- (i) Commissioning adequate number of channels on coaxial/Microwave/UHF systems linking all important cities and towns in the country.
- (ii) Extension of subscriber Trunk Dialling to more routes
- (iii) Extension of 'on demand' working on routes where the necessary trunk circuits and positions are available.
- (iv) Commissioning of more Trunk Automatic Exchanges and Multi link Operator Dialling Centres for reducing delay on setting up transit calls.
- (v) Introducing 4-wire switching equipments for improving the quality of speech on long-distance calls built up on several links.

Allocation of discretionary funds to Municipal Councillors in Delhi

4072 SHRI B. K. DAECHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Administration has reviewed or propose to review the practice of allocating discretionary funds to Municipal Councillors for improving civic amenities in their wards ; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof and the reasons for the same.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b). The Morarka Commission in its report (Vol. VI) on the Finances of the Delhi Municipal Corporation has observed as follows :—

"The practice of "Constituency Funds" should be discontinued. Instead, the Municipal Councillors should draw up proposals for improvement and new works in their respective constituencies in advance within a specified financial

limit. These should be examined by the Zonal Committees alongwith the recommendations of the departments concerned and cleared for inclusion in the budget estimates under the respective heads to which those works relate."

Action on this recommendation is under consideration of the Delhi Administration and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Scheme for appointment of producers in A I R.

4073 SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a new scheme for the appointment of Producers in All India Radio ; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

Programme Executives of A I R

4074. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state .

(a) the total number of Programme Executives in All India Radio and how many of them are permanent or regular , and

(b) the number of temporary posts indicating since how long they are temporary and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) 337. Of these, 166 are permanent, 20 are temporary (regular) and 151 are *ad hoc* appointees.

(b) 78 as per table below :—

2	from 1963
1	from 1964
8	from 1965
11	from 1966
6	from 1967
9	from 1968
7	from 1969
20	from 1970
10	from 1971
4	from 1972

80% of the temporary posts which are existence for more than three years and are required on a long-term basis are ordinary converted into permanent ones. Sanction for last such conversion was issued on 10. 7. 70. The next review for 80% conversion will be taken up after the revised strength of Programme Executives on the basis of the norms laid down by the Staff Inspection Unit has been fixed.

Telephone calls booked at Kishanganj Thakur ganj and Purnea, (Bihar)

4075. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) number of Telephone Calls booked for various parts of the country from Kishanganj, Thakur Ganj and Purnea (Bihar) from 1st April, 1971 to 31st March, 1972 and in how many days each of the calls materialised; and

(b) if there was delay in materialising the calls, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA) : The information is tabulated as below :

Name of Exchange	Total calls booked	Effective calls. (Materialized the same day)	Ineffective calls	
			Subscriber's request	Departmental reasons
1	2	3	4	5
1. Purnea	46666	30991	5592	10083
2. Kishanganj	24529	13772	2956	7801
3. Thakurganj	4462	2154	256	2052

(b) Trunk circuits are subjected to frequent interruptions due to copper wire thefts which increases the percentage of ineffective calls. Steps are being taken to replace copper wire by copper weld wire to prevent thefts and consequent delay.

Programme Executives with A. I. R. on ad hoc Basis

4076. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Programme Executives working on an *ad hoc* basis for more than three years in All India Radio;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to make them regular; and

(c) since how long recruitment has not been made in the Cadre of Programme Executives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) 69.

(b) Recruitment Rules for the post of Programme Executive are being revised in consultation with Union Public Service Commission. The question of regular appointment of these persons as Programme Executives will be decided according to these rules they have been finalised.

(c) Since 1964.

Association of U. P. S. C. with appointment of staff artistes

4077. SHRI MD. JAMILURRAHMAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government intend associating Union Public Service Commission in the appointment of Staff Artistes drawing