

BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :
(a) to (c). Yes, Sir.

(d) About 80% of the population is expected to be covered by medium wave broadcasts by the end of Fourth Plan. The coverage will be further extended during the Fifth Five Year Plan.

National Educational Grid

501. **SHRI RAJDEO SINGH :** Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Electronic System Division of the Indian Space Research Organisation has proposed for the establishment of a national educational grid or a national information grid based on a satellite-terrestrial hybrid system to feed a television set in every village ; and

(b) if so, Government's thinking into it ?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF SPACE (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) and (b). A Satellite Instructional Television Experiment aimed at providing educational and instructional television broadcasts to about five thousand villages in various parts of the country is being undertaken. The experiment which is expected to commence about mid-1974 will provide a system-test of a hybrid system using a satellite in combination with a ground net-work for television transmission and reception.

Applications from West Bengal and Bihar for Licences

502. **DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications for industrial licences received from West Bengal and Bihar from January to July, 1972 ; and

(b) the names of the applicants and other features of the applications ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD) :
(a) The number of applications for Industrial licences received for West Bengal and Bihar

during the period from 1-1-72 to 30-6-72 is 113 and 42 respectively. The required figures for the month of July, 1972 have yet to be compiled ;

(b) The particulars of the pending applications are normally not disclosed.

Alleged nepotism in Delhi TV Centre

503. **DR. RANEN SEN :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether staff in the Delhi TV Centre are agitated over cases of nepotism practised in the TV Centre and here have complained to the Minister and threatened stoppage of work ; and

(b) if so, whether Government have gone into their complaints and taken necessary steps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

आकाशवाणी से समाचार प्रसारण के घंटों की संख्या

504. **श्री जगन्नाथराव जोशी :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 4 मार्च से 11 मार्च, 1972 तक के सप्ताह के दौरान आकाशवाणी के विभिन्न केन्द्रों से विभिन्न भाषाओं में कुल कितने घण्टे समाचार प्रसारित किये गये ;

(ख) इस अवधि में से कितना समय (मिनटों में) प्रधान मन्त्री तथा अन्य केन्द्रीय मन्त्रियों के वक्तव्यों और कार्यक्रमों और कितना समय विभिन्न राजनैतिक दलों (दल-वार) के नेताओं के वक्तव्यों और कार्यक्रमों के प्रसारण में दिया गया ; और

(ग) इस बारे में निर्णायक नीति क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल) : (क) 180 घण्टे 3 मिनट (कोचीकोड तथा बिबूयड़,