

Shri Namblar:  
 Shri F. Gopalan:  
 Shri C. K. Chakrapani:  
 Shri Bhogendra Jha:  
 Shri K. M. Madhukar:  
 Shri Seethyan:  
 Shri Ambashagan:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the radio talk of the West Bengal Labour Minister scheduled for the 1st May, 1967 was cancelled as a result of editing of certain portions of the script by the A.I.R.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any principles have been or are being framed in regard to the editing of scripts for broadcast?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) and (b). The Radio talk of the West Bengal Labour Minister was cancelled because the Station Director Calcutta, on reading the script of the talk, found that certain references appeared to violate the accepted code of conduct which inter alia did not permit reference to any political party by name and which did not permit any thing contrary to the provisions of the Constitution. He requested the Labour Minister for an opportunity for a personal discussion to be able to bring these points to his notice. The Station Director did not edit the Minister's broadcast. The Minister declined to discuss his script and cancelled the broadcast.

(c) The principles guiding all broadcasts are that no political party should be referred to by name and nothing contrary to the provisions of the Constitution should be permitted.

'Hawa Mahal' Feature broadcast  
 by A.I.R.

65. Shri S. C. Samanta:  
 Shri A. K. Kisku:  
 Shri S. N. Maiti:  
 Shri Tridib Kumar  
 Choudhuri:  
 Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the features being broadcast every day at 9-15 P.M. by A.I.R. under the caption "Hawa Mahal" are being repeated too often and are not considered by the listeners in good taste;

(b) whether it is a fact that the items of expenditure in the A.I.R. have been of late increased in favour of English programmes, talks and features etc. to the detriment of programmes of Indian languages specially Hindi;

(c) whether it is a fact that with the change of Director-General, the language policy of the A.I.R. have also undergone change; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

भारत तथा नेपाल के बीच सम्बन्ध

67. श्री क० वि० मधुकर : क्या बहिर्देशिक-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत तथा नेपाल के बीच अच्छे पड़ोसी सम्बन्ध स्थापित करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ;

(ख) क्या इन कार्यवाहियों के फलस्वरूप वास्तविक परिणाम निकल रहे हैं ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

बहिर्देशिक-कार्य मंत्री (जी नू० क० वासन्त) :

(क) भारत सरकार ने भारत और नेपाल के बीच परम्परागत अच्छे पड़ोसी के-के संबंधों