

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. A booklet by that title has been published by our High Commission in the U.K. for distribution to School children on request.

(b) No, Sir. The booklet includes photographs of places of interest in different parts of India.

(c) There are a few photographs relating to South India.

(d) The booklet gives general information about India including art, tourism, government, economy and social services.

PANEL OF TRANSLATORS FOR THE EXTERNAL SERVICES DIVISION OF ALL INDIA RADIO

3941. SHRI MAYAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the External Services Division of the All India Radio maintains a panel of translators in various Units for translating the scripts and features;

(b) the criteria for selection and inclusion in the panel;

(c) the rates of payment; and

(d) the names of translators in the various language panels?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) External Services Division have a number of Translator/Announcers as staff artists. Additionally outsiders are also booked on casual basis for translation when required.

(b) The posts are advertised and a duly constituted Committee makes the selection on the basis of suitability of the candidates. For drawing a panel for casual employment as translators, the main criterion applied is their ability to translate well.

(c) Rates of payment vary depending on the nature and duration of the script. A minimum of Rs. 15 and a

maximum of Rs. 40 has so far been paid.

(d) A list is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-441/68.]

PERIODICALS FOR INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION, U.K.

3942. SHRI MAYAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no periodical published in South Indian languages is placed in the public reading room of the Indian High Commission in U.K.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). One Kannada language newspaper is placed in the reading room of our High Commission in London. If there should be substantial demand for other language papers, it will be met subject to the availability of funds.

JOURNALISTIC STAFF IN THE CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE

3943. SHRI G. S. REDDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Journalistic staff from State Governments can be appointed to Central Information Service posts on deputation basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Journalistic staff working in a number of Central Ministries who have not been included in Central Information Service cannot be appointed to Central Information Service posts on deputation basis; and

(c) if so, whether this benefit is proposed to be given to Journalistic staff employed by various Central Ministries who are not included in the Central Information Service?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.