

(a) whether the Sanskrit Parishad, a body consisting of Members of Parliament, has demanded that some time should be allotted for the broadcast of news in Sanskrit ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not considered necessary to introduce regular news bulletins in Sanskrit language due to very limited audience which the bulletins are likely to have. News Reviews in Sanskrit are, however, broadcast fortnightly from Bombay, Patna, Bhopal, Indore, Ranchi, Poona and Jaipur stations of All India Radio.

A.I.R. Station, Baroda

1202. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government in regard to the location of new All India Radio station building in Baroda City of Gujarat State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay, and when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL)

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Land measuring 3.5 acres on Makarpura Road, near Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, is being acquired for the purpose.

(c) Does not arise.

Replacement of Vampire Jets

1203. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA :
SHRI CHENGALRAYA NAIDU :

SHRI R. V. NAIK :
SHRI J. MOHAMED IMAM :
SHRI C. MUTHUSAMY :
SHRI MANIBHAI J. PALEL :
SHRI P. M. SYEED :
SHRI N. K. SOMANI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India made H. J. T-16 are to replace the Vampire jets which are in use with the I.A.F. since 1948 ;

(b) if so, the outstanding features of H. J. T-16 aircraft ; and

(c) its performance compared to that of the Vampire jets ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SWARAN SINGH)

(a) to (c). Vampire fighters have been in service in the Fighter Squadrons and Vampire trainers in the Fighter Training Wing. The HJT-16 is a jet trainer aircraft and hence will not replace the Vampires in the Squadron service. In the training role, the HJT 16 is intended to impart the training which at present is carried out in Harvard aircraft.

Removal of British Symbols from the Indian High Commission in London

1204. SHRI KAMESHWAR SINGH Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 514 on the 4th December, 1968 and state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued to remove British Symbol and inscriptions (insignia) from the Office of the Indian High Commissioner, London ;

(b) if so, whether it has since been removed ;

(c) If not, the reasons therefor, and when it is likely to be removed ; and

(d) whether it is likely to be replaced by Indian Symbol ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.