

Hindi Talks

5203. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Editorial Staff of the Hindi daily, *Navbharat Times*, Delhi, have been very frequently given bookings for broadcast of Hindi programmes from AIR Delhi;

(b) the names and the number of bookings given to such staff during the year 1967, 1968 and upto the 31st July, 1969;

(c) the special reasons for giving such frequent bookings to the employees of this particular daily; and

(d) whether it is a fact that in return for these special bookings the incharge Producer had been frequently contributing articles in the said daily and receiving huge amounts?

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

(a) and (b). A statement giving the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT-1876/69*]. It is not possible to draw any firm conclusion from the statement alone whether personnel of *Navbharat Times* have been given disproportionate bookings.

(c) Some of the bookings were for serial programmes of the News Services Division, specialist programmes like sports commentaries or programmes addressed to special audiences. As the field of choice for these programmes is limited some persons had to be given repeat bookings.

(d) The matter is being looked into.

Delay in Granting Telephones in Baroda, Gujarat

5204. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP:
SHRI RAM CHARAN:

SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:
SHRI SURENDRANATH
DWIVEDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Delegation led by the Gujarat Assembly Members and Members of the Telephone Advisory Committee has expressed dissatisfaction over the continuous delays in the granting of telephones to several thousands of citizens of Baroda city of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH):

(a) A delegation had met the Minister when he visited Baroda City.

(b) It is proposed to expand Baroda Telephone System as below:

1. A 200 lines expansion to increase the capacity of the Industrial Estate Exchange from 200 to 400 lines has since been commissioned.
2. A 600 lines small automatic exchange is under installation in the administrative wing of the X-Bar Exchange building and is likely to be commissioned by the end of 1969.
3. A 1000 lines expansion to the existing exchange is included in the 1969-70 MAX-I strowger programme and is likely to be commissioned in 1971-72.
4. 3000 lines X-Bar MAX-I equipment is likely to be supplied in the last quarter of 1969-70 and expected to be commissioned by 1971-72.

During Fourth Plan 4,800 line exchange capacity will be progressively commissioned. At present the average waiting period for getting a new connection at Baroda is about 7 years and it is expected that this will decrease to about 4 years by the end of the Fourth Plan period i.e. by 31st March, 1974 with the planned expansion as given above.

Radio Station for Baroda

5205. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP:
SHRI RAM CHARAN:
SHRI A. SREEDHARAN:
SHRI SURENDRANATH
DWIVEDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation led by Members of Gujarat Assembly and Telephone Advisory Committee had demanded a Radio Station at Baroda;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to make a suitable provision in this regard in the Fourth Five Year Plan?

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) and (c). There is already an A.I.R. studio at Baroda. Acting to construct permanent studio building is under way. This studio is linked with Ahmedabad station. Proposal to set up a transmitter at Baroda has been included in the Fourth Plan.

Schools for Cooks and Waiters

5206. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU:
SHRI SATYANARAIN
SINGH:
SHRI BADRUDDUJA:
SHRI GANESH GOSH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any schools for Cooks and Waiters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 4 Institutes of Catering Technology and Applied Nutrition have been started at New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and 4 Foodcraft Institutes have been sponsored at Kalamassery (Kerala), Panaji (Goa), Bangalore (Mysore) and Lucknow (U.P.). Another Foodcraft institute will be started at Nagpur (Maharashtra), before the end of this year. The course offered at these institutes include cookery and waiting.

(c) Does not arise.

Welfare of Tribals in Tripura

5207. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1465 on the 1st May, 1969 and state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the National Commission on Labour in respect of Tribal Economy have since been received by Government;

(b) if so, Government's decision in the light thereof and the directions, if any, issued to the Tripura Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the training facilities for Tribals in Tripura being provided in the current year and the number of Tribals likely to be trained thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Three specific training schemes pertaining to training of tribal girls as 'dhais', training of young tribal