

those belonging to small and medium categories.

It is proposed to set up a Corporation to render financial assistance to small and medium newspapers.

A liberal policy is being followed in

regard to the grant of licences to small and medium newspapers for the import of printing machinery.

It is the policy of Government to make increasing use of small and medium newspapers for Central Government advertisements.

Statement

Number, Estimated Circulation and Copies per 1000 of Publication

Country	Year	Number of dailies	Circulation ('000)	
			Total	Per Thousand inhabitants.
Japan	1966	174£	45978	465
Pakistan	1965	95	18.9	18
Ceylon	1967	16	50@	44
Burma	1966	27	231&	9&
U. S. A.*	1967	1749	61560	309
U. S. S. R.	1967	616	69560	295
U. K.	1966	106	26700	488
India	1969	650	7687@	14.5@

£ Including some dailies having both morning and evening editions.

& Circulation figures refer to 12 dailies only.

* Data relate to English dailies only.

@ Circulation figures refer to 448 dailies.

(Authority—Unesco Publication)

Preference to Tamil-Medium Graduates in Employment by Tamil Nadu Government

4144. SHRI YASHPAL SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Tamil Nadu Government's order that preference should be given to Tamil-medium Graduates in official employment whereas the English-medium Graduates have been excluded from employment ; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to take up the matter with the State Government of Tamil Nadu ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

Colourisation of Vanaspati Ghee

4145. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any success has since been achieved for colourising Vanaspati to prevent adulteration of pure ghee with Vanaspati ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) if the answer to (a) above be in the negative, whether further efforts in this direction have been abandoned ; if so, in what circumstances ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The research institutions which had in the past collaborated in the search for a suitable colouring agent for vanaspati have been requested to continue their efforts in this regard.

Press Council Opinion not Binding

4146. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Haryana Chief Minister's statement in the State Legislature on the 29th August, 1970 to the effect that the decision of the Press Council regarding Tribune's complaint was not binding; 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 I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The attention of the Central Government has been drawn to the statement. The Press Council is a self-regulatory body and the Press Council Act does not have any provision for legal enforcement of decisions of the Council. The very structure of the Act contemplates that decisions of the Council will be willingly accepted and acted upon by the parties involved in all complaints adjudicated by the Council.

Recruitment in D. A. A. Section of P and T Directorate

4147. SHRI GUNA NAND THAKUR :
SHRI SUBRAVELU :

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

(a) whether there are various Clerical Cadres working in the D. A. A. Section in the P and T Directorate ; and

(b) if so, the details of recruitment and other particulars about their cadres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) It is a fact that there are a few clerical cadres in the DAA Section in the P and T Directorate. They are Air Mail Accounts Clerks, Surface Mail Accounts Clerks and Lower Selection Grade Clerks.

(b) Air Mail Accounts Clerks are recruited on transfer basis from the Time Scale Clerks of the Railway Mail Service Offices and the Surface Mail Accounts Clerks are recruited on transfer basis from the Time-Scale Clerks of the Foreign Post Offices. There are 20 posts of Air Mail Accounts Clerks in the scale of Rs. 130-300 and one temporary post of Air Mail Account Clerk in the scale of Rs. 130-280 and 8 surface Mail Accounts Clerks in the scale of Rs. 130-280. There are five Lower Selection Grade Clerks in the scale of Rs. 210-380. These Lower Selection Grade Posts are filled up by promotion from the Air Mail Accounts Clerks and Surface Mail Accounts Clerks in the ratio of 3:1. This ratio has been fixed taking into account the number of posts in the grades of Air Mail Accounts Clerks and Surface Mail Accounts Clerks.

Delay in Telephone Connections in Bombay

4148. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a long list to get Telephone connections in Bombay ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes. The total number of pending applications of all categories is approximately 74,600.

(b) There is a general shortage of exchange equipment and underground cables in the Country as a result of which it is not possible to cope up with the increasing demand for telephones.

Delhi Administration's Demand for Grant for Cooperative Activities of Weaker Sections of Society

4149. SHRI G. VENKATASWAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration