

relief to all workers in the above Department, to constitute an expert committee to go into the working of the Weaving Department and to work all other Departments normally.

However, right from the beginning, the management started violating the agreement. The Unions repeatedly protested and demanded government's intervention. The Expert Committee admitted that the looms functioning in Birla Mills were, by and large, the same as those of other mills. A day before the next scheduled meeting of the Expert Committee, the management suddenly declared lockout. The Expert Committee met without the representatives of the workers and gave a one-sided report blaming the workers and approving the closure of the Weaving Department.

In such a situation, there is obviously no alternative for Government But to take over the mill.

(viii) Expansion of A.I.R. and Doordarshan facilities in M P.

श्री सत्य नारायण जटिया (उज्जैन) : मध्य प्रदेश में आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन प्रसारण सेवा को व्यापक बना कर स्तर में वृद्धि की जाए। मध्य प्रदेश में जहाँ साक्षरता का प्रतिशत कम है आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन को प्रदेश के लोगों को अद्यतन जानकारी देने प्रभावी माध्यम बनाया जाना चाहिये। जहाँ अन्य प्रदेशों में आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की समाचार इकाइयों का स्तर बढ़ाकर वहाँ समाचार सम्पादक के पद की स्थापना की गई है वही मध्य प्रदेश की राजधानी भोपाल के आकाशवाणी केन्द्र को इससे वंचित कर दिया गया है। आवश्यकता इस बात की है कि मध्य प्रदेश के व्यापक विस्तारित क्षेत्रफल और विभिन्न सांस्कृतिक परम्पराओं के आधार पर प्रत्येक राजस्व संभाग केन्द्र पर आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन केन्द्र स्थापित किए जावें। मंदसौर जिले को दूरदर्शन प्रसारण कार्यक्रम में सम्मिलित किया जावे। इसी प्रकार भोपाल स्थित क्षेत्रीय प्रचार निदेशालय में भी सक्षम अधिकारी नियुक्त किया जाना चाहिये।

अतएव मेरा केन्द्र सरकार और सूचना प्रसारण मन्त्रालय से आग्रह है कि मध्य प्रदेश की राजधानी भोपाल में आकाशवाणी केन्द्र में समाचार सम्पादक का पद स्थापित कर समाचार बुलेटिनों की संख्या में वृद्धि की जाए। क्षेत्रीय प्रचार निदेशालय में प्रादेशिक अधिकारी नियुक्त किया जावे। प्रदेश में उज्जैन सहित सभी संभाग केन्द्रों पर आकाशवाणी तथा दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों की स्थापना की जावे तथा मंदसौर जिले में उच्च क्षमता का दूरदर्शन प्रसारण केन्द्र स्थापित किया जावे।

(ix) Setting up of proposed Integral Coach Factory in Maharashtra.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North East) : Sir, the Ministry of Railways are actively considering the expansion of coach building capacity in view of increase in demand for railway passenger coaches in the country. The Railways Survey Team has already suggested the establishment of a new Integral Coach Factory with a capacity of 400 coaches per annum with an initial investment of Rs. 40 crores.

The capacity will be later expanded to 750 coaches per annum. The SICOM had already been asked to make a study about the feasibility of locating such a project in Maharashtra. A feasibility report has been forwarded to the Union Minister for Railways and the Ministry has been requested to consider the location of the project in this State by a letter from Honourable Chief Minister to Union Minister of Railways dated 6th May, 1981.

Thereafter, this issue has again been taken up by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, with the Prime Minister, on 30th August, 1983, requesting her to select a suitable site near Nagpur for setting up this factory in the public sector.

The Minister for Railways, has informed on 13th October, 1983 that the proposal for the setting up of a new Railway Coach Production Unit, has been approved in principle by the Planning Commission in February, 1982. The Railway Board have also recently deputed RITES for preparing a detailed Project report.