CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO U. S. Q. NO. 3854 DATED 20 3.1969 RE. AD-VANCE INCREMENTS TO ENGI-NEERING SUPERVISORS IN ALL INDIA RADIO

• THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISIRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPART-MENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): In answer to Unstarred Question No. 3854, dated 20th March, 1969 it was stated:

- (a) In P&T Department, the grade of Engineering Supervisar is Rs. 180-10-290-EB-15-380. But persons who are Engineering graduates when first appointed to this grade or become Engineering graduates while in service in this grade are allowed three advance increments or an increase of pay upto Rs. 240/- p.m., whichever is more beneficial. In All India Radio, the lowest grade to which Graduate Engineers are appointed is that of Assistant Engineers which is Class II gazetted post in the scale of Rs. 350-25-500-30-590-EB-30-800 EB-30-830-35-900. It is not correct that Graduate Engineers start on a salary of Rs. 210/- in All India Radio. This is the starting salary of Engineering Assistants who are not Graduate Engineers.
- (b) Does not arise.
- The Correct Position is, however, as under :
 - (a) In P&T Department, the grade of Engineering Supervisors is Rs. 180-10-290-EB-15-380. But persons who are Engineering Graduates when first appointed to this grade or become Engineering Graduates while in service in this grade are allowed three advance increments or an increase pay upto Rs. 240/- per month whichever is more beneficial. Graduate Engineers who are appointed to the grade of Engineering Assistant in A. I. R. are not given any advance increments and their basic pay is fixed at Rs. 210/in the scale of pay of Rs. 210-10-290-15 320-EB-15-425-EB-15-470.
 - (b) Rs. 210/- is the starting salary of

Engineering Assistant in All India Radio irrespective of whether they are Graduate Engineers or not. There is no provision for granting advance increments to Engineering Assistants who are Graduate Engineers.

To that extent the reply stands amended.

12.10 hrs.

CALLING-ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Closure of BBC unit in India

SHRIMATI TARKESHWARI SINHA (Barh): Before I read out the callingattention-notice, may I make one submission? Earlier, there was a practice of distributing the statement in reply to the calling-attention notice, a few minutes earlier, but it seems that that practice has not been continued today. I understand that it has been distributed just now. At least the person who tables the notice must be allowed to have the copy earlier. I would, therefore, request that this may be taken up after some time...

DR. RAM SUBHAG SINGH (Buxar) : It is an incompetent Government.

SHRI BALRAJ MADHOK (South-Delhi): Let him read out the statement.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय (उज्जैन): ग्रध्यक्ष महोदय, मुभे, वक्तव्य की हिन्दी प्रति नहीं मिली है।

AN HON. MEMBER : The statement has come too late.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): I am ready to read out the statement in reply to the calling-attention.

MR. SPEAKER : The complaint is that the reply has been circulated only just pow. So, I think the hon. Minister may read it out.

श्री जगन्नाथ राव जोशी (भोपाल):