

(a) whether there has been continuous demand to increase the broadcasting capacity of Mithila (Darbhanga) Station of AIR and to increase broadcasting time in Maithili and broadcasting of news in Maithili; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps contemplated to fulfil this long standing demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal at present to augment the power of the transmitter at Darbhanga or to increase the broadcast time for Maithili programmes.

[English]

Creation of Additional Jobs

475. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:
SHRI HARISH PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced a major programme to facilitate generation of additional three million jobs for educated unemployed in the private sector by 1994-95; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have also set up a high level committee to formulate the action plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c). In September, 1990, Government announced a proposed plan of

action to create employment opportunities for the educated unemployed with the objective of creating three million additional jobs by 1994-95 through training; apprenticeship training and promotion of entrepreneurship and self-employment. Details are being finalised. A High Level Committee of Secretaries on Employment is also a part of this process of finalisation.

Bomb-Blast at Sitamarhi

476. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of bomb blast occurred on 25th November, 1990 at the public meeting of the former Prime Minister, Shri V.P. Singh at Sitamarhi in Bihar; and

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the incident and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) A crude country made bomb was thrown from the west corner of the ground approximately 150 feet from the Rostrum when the cascade of Shri V.P. Singh, former Prime Minister was moving out after a meeting at the Laxmi Krishna High School Maidan at Sitamarhi, Bihar on 25.11.90. One person was killed and 28 persons sustained injuries.

(b) DG(P) Bihar has asked a senior officer to make a detailed enquiry. Nine persons were taken into custody in connection with the incident.

Growth Centres in Karnataka

477. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: