

श्री पी० शिवशंकर : योजना का तो प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता। प्रदेश, एक अपना प्रोग्राम देता है कि हमको इतने कोयले के बैगन्स मप्लाई किए जाएं, उस हिसाब से अगर बैगन मप्लाई न हों तो यह हो सकता है कि कोयला वहां पर न पहुंचे। अगर कोयला न पहुंचे तो उस मूरत में जैसे मैंने पहले निवेदन किया, रोडस के द्वारा कोयले को भेजने का प्रावधान किया जाता है।

श्री राजनाथ सोनकर शास्त्री : जैसे गुजरात में कोयले का अभाव है, ठीक वैसे ही उत्तर प्रदेश में भी कोयले का अभाव है, ईंट के ज्यादातर भट्टे बंद हो गए हैं और ईंट का मूल्य अनवरत बढ़ता जा रहा है। दो सौ रुपया में लेकर चार सौ और माढ़े चार सौ रुपए में भी आज ईंट नहीं मिल पा रही है। मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूँ कि कोयला अच्छे ढंग से भट्टों पर पहुंच सके और उपभोक्ताओं को मिल सके, इसके लिए आपने उत्तर प्रदेश में क्या कार्यवाही की है, और क्या हो रहा है ?

श्री पी० शिव शंकर : अध्यक्ष जी, जैसा मैंने इससे पहले निवेदन किया कि स्लैक कोयले की कमी नहीं है। ईंट के भट्टों में जो गड़बड़ हुई है, वह इस वास्ते हुई कि लेबर-लाज को वहां पर इम्पोज किया जा रहा था जिसकी वजह से ईंट भट्टों के मालिकों ने अपने ईंट के भट्टे बंद कर दिए।

Expenditure Incurred on Radio and T.V.

*399. SHRI N.E. HORO. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there has been any deficiency in the expansion and development of radio programmes due to the extra attention being given to T.V. during the last few years ; and

(b) the actual expenditure incurred on radio and T. V. separately during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

Statement

The expenditure incurred on Radio and Television separately during the last 3 years is as under :—

Year	Rs. in crores	
	AIR	Television
1981-82	80.69	43.27
1982-83	92.12	77.89
1983-84	103.49	105.91
Total	276.30	227.07

श्री एन० ई० होरो : अध्यक्ष जी, मैंने पूछा था कि आल इण्डिया रेडियो के विकास और विस्तार के लिए कुछ कठिनाई हो रही है या नहीं ? इनके जवाब से ऐसा मालूम होता है कि पैसे के अभाव में आल इण्डिया रेडियो का विस्तार और विकास नहीं हो सका है। आल इण्डिया रेडियो और दूरदर्शन के खर्च को अगर देखा जाए तो तीन सालों में ए० आई० आर० का 80 से बढ़कर 103 और दूरदर्शन का 43 से बढ़कर 105 हो गया है। यह स्पष्ट है कि आपने दूरदर्शन की ओर ज्यादा ध्यान दिया है। आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में जो आल इण्डिया रेडियो के प्रोग्राम्स होते हैं, वह बहुत घटिया किस्म के होते हैं। दस वर्ष पहले जो प्रोग्राम थे, वही आज भी चल रहे हैं। मैं आपसे जानना चाहूंगा कि रेडियो स्टेशन्स के विकास और विस्तार का कार्यक्रम और इसके प्रोग्राम्स में सुधार का कार्यक्रम जो आपने हाथ में लिखा है, वह आप कब तक कर सकेंगे ?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : Sir, the hon. Member wanted to know whether it is because of the T.V. expansion that the deficiency in radio expansion is taking place, I say 'no'. At the same time, in my statement I have quoted figures to show the expansion of radio and television. In one thing the hon. Member is correct that certainly we are giving more attention to T.V. expansion than what we were doing before and that is very natural and very necessary. In fact, the T.V. expansion that we are doing now is because of the demand in the country to expand it more. When we are doing the T.V. expansion, we are also doing T.V. expansion for the NEFA and the North-East areas also. Special plan for T.V. expansion in those areas has also been sanctioned where by they will be able to get programmes in their local languages and in other languages too. But the expansion of AIR services has gone on according to the Sixth Five Year Plan. Some schemes have been completed, some are in the process of completion and in some cases the radio stations have been proposed to be upgraded. Then there is a national channel also, there are external services also and we are taking care of the North-East Frontier Area as well. The whole expansion of AIR is also going on. The present coverage is 89 per cent, but by the implementation of these Schemes in the Sixth Five Year Plan, the percentage will be 95. All the same, I must say that even with all the expansion programmes of the AIR or that T.V., the media facilities the T.V. and radio services to my mind, keeping in view the development in the country, the variety of its culture and its responsibility as an important nation of the world, need to be expanded more and we are trying to take care of this by considering proposal for the Seventh Plan I have got all the details and if the hon. Member is interested in a particular station, I can give him all the details. I can even send a copy to him or I am even proposed to keep a copy of the statement on the Table of the House.

श्री एन. ई. ओ. होरो : अध्यक्ष जी, मेरे कहने का तात्पर्य यह है कि आप टेलीविजन पर ज्यादा एटेंशन दे रहे हैं और रेडियो पर कम दे रहे हैं। इसका बिस्तार जैसा होना

चाहिए, बंसा नहीं कर रहे हैं। गरीब तो रेडियो ही सुन सकता है। टीवी तो कुछ लोग खरीद सकते हैं। खेतों में काम करे, तो रेडियो सुन सकता है। मेरे कहने का मतलब यह है कि रेडियो विस्तार का कार्यक्रम जो आपने लिया हुआ है, वह कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा? दूसरी बात यह है कि रेडियो प्रोग्राम्स की क्वालिटी को भी आप कब तक इम्प्रूव करेंगे?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : I once again assure the hon. Member that we are giving and we shall continue to give serious attention to the expansion of the A.I.R. stations. I agree with him that the reach of radio is larger and radio is in a way more useful for the people in the sense that radio sets are available at cheaper rates. The radio programmes are also of a longer duration. So obviously, radio to my mind, is no less important. In fact, it is more important than the T.V. and, therefore, we are giving attention to it in our programme policy. We are very keen to see that people get local programmes on both T.V. and radio as soon as possible. Keeping in view the feeling that the hon. Member has expressed, we shall see that necessary attention is given to the radio expansion schemes, and it has been done also. It is not that it is suffering because we are giving attention to T.V. or we are diverting funds towards that, nothing of the kind. We are giving attention to T.V. expansion and all the same we are taking more care to see that radio stations also expand and on urgent lines.

PROF. N.G. RANGA : Has any effort been made to supply at concessional rates TV sets to village panchayat ghars, and some of the offices also, so that the general public would be able to take advantage of this? Secondly, has any effort been made to transfer some of the useful programmes which are being shown on the TV back again to the AIR so that there would be some co-ordination between the two and AIR can be benefited from the experience of the programmes of the TV?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : The hon. Member wishes to know what we are doing for providing TV sets at concessional rates to

the villages. I may say that I had discussion with the Chief Ministers and we have written to the Chief Ministers also that they should provide community sets in every village. They have made some progress. They have shown some response. Different States have fixed different targets for the community sets being made available to the villagers.

So far as concessional rate for TV and radio is concerned, I do not deal with the subject. At the same time, I would like to give the information which is available with me. Government have given a lot of concessions in customs duty, I think to the tune of Rs. 85 crores. The idea is that both black and white and also colour sets should become cheaper. A programme has already been prepared by the Ministry of Industries for producing more low priced sets. The price of black and white sets has come down. According to the Industries Ministry, in the next six months or one year the price of colour sets will also come down. So, steps are being taken for providing cheap sets.

It is a matter of satisfaction that in the villages where TV signals are available, community sets are being provided. The number of people who purchase TV sets has also gone up, because of their popularity.

Then the hon. Member wanted to know what we are doing to take the TV programmes on the AIR. The position is rather the other way round. AIR has more experience, being in the field for a longer time. We have given instructions that there should be co-ordination between AIR and TV so that there can be exchange of programmes between the two. I must say that so far there is not much progress, as I anticipated, but we are chasing this.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER : The hon. Minister has admitted in his answer that in 1983-84 more expenditure has been incurred on TV than on the radio. They are paying more attention to the TV programmes to show the picture of mother and son and the hon. Minister to the people of India. Recently, low-powered TV stations have been opened in Burdwan and Durgapur

and other places. But they are not able to view the programmes even from the nearby Calcutta centre, because there is no micro-wave connection. I find that the hon. Minister, Shri Gadgil, is present here. I would like to know whether at the earliest possible time Burdwan and Kharagpur will be connected with the micro-wave system. Secondly Calcutta radio centre is perhaps the oldest radio centre of our country. But we cannot hear the radio programme of Calcutta from Delhi or Bombay. At the same time, we can hear the programme of Dakha radio centre from Delhi or Bombay. I would like to know whether they will upgrade the transmission power of the Calcutta Radio centre so that it will be on par with the Delhi Radio Centre, so that anybody can hear the Calcutta programme sitting in Delhi, Chandigarh or Bombay.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT : The first question of the hon. Member is whether Burdwan and some other station in Bengal will be connected with Calcutta by micro-wave link. It is our policy to link these stations by micro-wave so that they can get the programme. Now, the question whether the Calcutta station will be linked to the micro wave will depend on the availability of the micro-wave links. Certainly our policy is to link these regional stations with the micro-wave. It is a long-range objective and it will take time subject to the resource availability. Therefore, as it is a long-range objective, I cannot put a time limit. We want even that with the availability of camera and other equipment, the low-power stations should be able to record certain programmes and put them through the technical devices in the low power transmitters and be able to transmit them.

Again I must say that the Calcutta AIR is already operating on 100 KV, which is a medium range. It is covering the service of the area for Calcutta. It is not the aim that Calcutta AIR should serve the Bombay region or other regions. It is for the Calcutta area and it is already working on that level.

Now, Sir, whatever the hon. Member has suggested, certainly I will look into that, but this is the position that I have stated.