

Radio Programmes in Konkani

*598. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware that Konkani is by far, the language most widely spoken in Goa ;

(b) what is the total broadcasting time of All India Radio, Panjim, and how it is distributed (language-wise); and

(c) the steps taken to improve the quality of programmes in Konkani and increase the time allotted to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total broadcasting time of Panaji is 327 hours per month. Language-wise percentage given to various language is indicated below :

Konkani	• • •	40%
Marathi	• • •	18.9%
Hindi	• • •	9.6%
English	• • •	24.9%
Portuguese	• • •	2.6%
Sanskrit	• • •	0.3%

(c) The Panaji Station constantly makes efforts to improve the quality of its programmes including Konkani broadcasts. The time devoted to programmes of Konkani-language by Panaji Station is considered to be adequate.

SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR : He may be allowed to speak in Konkani.

MR. SPEAKER : If he has given notice I would have allowed him.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : May I ask the question in Konkani ?

MR. SPEAKER : My reply is the same.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : I would really say that this House must take notice that some Members are allowed to speak in their own language whilst others like myself are not. I have nothing against Mr. Parulekar Speaking in Marathi but I should be allowed to speak in Konkani.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : You can ask the question in Konkani. I will reply in Marathi.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Konkani is the official language of the Union Territory which I represent here. It is the language of a large number of people outside Goa also *i.e.* throughout Konkani area. It is recognised by the Sahitya Academy.

In the context of the All India Radio there are three major suggestions and requests and I should say, demands on behalf of the people of the territory, I would put before the Minister these demands. The first thing is the upgradation of the regional news unit in Konkani. It is an assurance which was given by the Congress Government in 1975-76. It was included, I understand, in the Report of the Ministry for that year. Therefore, it must be implemented. There are two other important things to make that station effective on the lines which this question suggests, viz. to have a fullfledged light music unit and an outside broadcasting unit so that the unit can go to the villages and record programmes, live programmes, programmes of human interest. These are the three demands made by me on behalf of the entire people of the territory. Will the hon. Minister

consider them, as in fairness they should be ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : I thank the hon. Member for making these useful suggestions. I assure him that all these suggestions will, not only be considered, but be implemented at the earliest.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : While thanking the Minister....

Mr. SPEAKER : You are not still satisfied ?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : I am very happy that he is possibly doing whatever he can. In Bombay, Bangalore and other places there are many channels. In Bombay there are three channels and one channel is fully devoted to the Marathi medium. Will the hon. Minister consider this humble request and demand I am putting here that there should be a channel in Konkini in Goa? This is also very much important. What we have the relay centres of the TV in Goa, in view of the fact that a large number of people know only Konkini, will there be some emphasis on Konkini programmes so that the people of those areas are involved ?

SHRI VASANT SATHE : These suggestions require technical consideration. It will not be immediately possible for me to say "Yes" or "no". As far as the relay centre is concerned, it will only be relaying programmes from Bombay. We cannot interpolate. But we shall consider whatever is technologically feasible. Once we have the relay centre, how programmes produced there can be fed into the station will be definitely considered.

श्री मलिक एम० एम० ए० खान : मंत्री महोदय ने जैसा अपने जबाब में बताया कि कान्कणी को वहां पर 40 परसेंट टाइम दे रहे हैं महाराष्ट्र की लिंगुवेज को 18 परसेंट, अंग्रेजी को 24 परसेंट और हिन्दी

जो हमारी नेशनल लिंगुवेज है उसको आप 9 परसेंट टाइम दे रहे हैं, तो यह जो सारा प्रोपोगेंडा आपने इतना बड़ा कर रखा है कि यहां से बाहर हिन्दी की जानकारी करने के लिए एम्बेसी को टाँसे जाती हैं, आप हिन्दुस्तान में रेडियो पर एनाउन्स करके नेशनल लिंगुवेज को 9 परसेंट टाइम दे रहे हैं तो मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि वह हिन्दी को बढ़ाने के लिए क्या काम कर रहे हैं ?

श्री बसन्त साठे : हिन्दी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए उर्दू में जो आपने सिफारिश की है (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप मदद कर सकते हैं, इस में क्या एतराज है ?

श्री बसन्त साठे : हम जरूर चाहते हैं कि दोनों का संगम बनाकर एक अच्छी हिन्दुस्तानी जवान इस सारे देश में फैले और उसकी हमारी लगातार कोशिश भी है ।

जहां तक गोआ और किसी भी रीजन का सवाल है, पहले रेडियो का मकसद है कि लोगों को उनकी जवान में उनके पास अपने प्रोग्राम और जानकारी पहुंचाई जाये । पहले जो वहां पुर्तगीज जवान थी, उसकी जगह अब अंग्रेजी ने ले ली है, क्योंकि जितने पढे लिखे लोग हैं, जो प्रोग्राम देखना चाहते हैं, उन के लिए कोशिश की गई है अब आप कहें कि अंग्रेजी को कम किया जाये, वहां के लोग यदि मांग करें और चाहें कि अंग्रेजी की जगह हिन्दी को बढ़ाया जाये तो हमें उस में बड़ी खुशी होगी, लेकिन हम ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोगों को साथ लेकर उनकी इच्छा के मुताबिक काम करना चाहते हैं, यह हमारा उसमें मकसद है ।

आचार्य जगदानंद रेवधे : अध्यक्ष महोदय, यह कोंकणी का सवाल है, दीव और दमन भी उसी प्रांत से संबंधित हैं, वहां के

लोगों की बहुत बड़ी शिकायत है कि आकाशवाणी की दृष्टि से हमें सुविधा नहीं मिलती, मैं मंत्री जी से जानाना चाहता हूँ कि सरकार ने उस संबंध में क्या योजना बनाई है। ?

श्री बसन्त साठे : मेरे पास तो ऐसी कोई शिकायत नहीं आई है, अगर माननीय सदस्य के पास कोई शिकायत हो तो वह मेरे पास भिजवायें, जरूर उस पर विचार करेंगे।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE :
Is the hon. Minister aware of the fact that Konkini language is like a beautiful coloured rainbow ? It is not at all one dialect. In Goa different dialects are spoken. From Goa, up to my constituency, Ratnagiri there are different dialects. Therefore, while having the Konkini programmes will you see to it that the various contours of the Konkini language are properly covered ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप रत्नागिरी का नाम लेकर फिर अलफाजो मेंगो की याद दिला रहे हैं।

श्री बसन्त साठे : यह अपनी बात कह रहे हैं।

We will be very happy and it is our desire to be as colourful as the rainbow itself. We will definitely try to see how the various colours can be taken care of.

MR. SPEAKER : Question No 599 — Mr. Ram Gopal Reddy. Absent. Question No. 600 — Mr. Chandrashekara Murthy. Absent. Mr. B.V. Desai — Absent.

आचार्य भगवान देव : अध्यक्ष महोदय, आप इस विषय में सोंचें। माननीय सदस्य सवाल पूछते हैं और सदन में हाजिर नहीं रहते हैं। कितना बड़ा खर्च होता है गवर्नमेंट का।

MR. SPEAKER : Question No. 601 — Shri Phool Chand Verma. Absent. What a unanimous decision !

Question No. 602 — Mr. K. Lakkappa. Absent. Mr. H.N. Gowda.

Violation of companies act by M/s. Sudarsan Liners Ltd.

*602. **SHRI H.N. GOWDA :**
SHRI K. LAKKAPPA :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Sudarsan Liners Limited, Madras is violating Companies law under Section 417 of the Companies Act ;

(b) If so, action contemplated by Government against this company ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS :
(**SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR**) :

(a) This company was found having defaulted in complying with the requirements of Section 417 of the Companies Act, 1956 inasmuch as employees' security amounting to Rs. 3221/- was not deposited in a special account in the State Bank of India or in a Scheduled Bank or in the Post Office Savings Bank Account in terms of that section. However the default has since been made good on 20-6-80. When the said amount was deposited in a Special account in Central Bank of India, Madras.

(b) and (c): Necessary action for the aforesaid default is under consideration.

SHRI H. N. GOWDA : Sir, I would like to know when this Sudarsan Liners Limited came into being and the value of the assets of this Company. Is it not a fact that the same persons who are on the Board of Management of the Sudarsan Chit Funds are on the Board of Management of the Sudarsan Liners Ltd.