

श्री जगन्नाथ कौशल : यह डिसक्रिमिनेशन नहीं है ।

श्री राम बिलास पासवान : अंग्रेजी के लिए दो या तीन और हिन्दी के लिए एक या दो, क्या यह डिसक्रिमिनेशन नहीं है ?

श्री जगन्नाथ कौशल : कोई फिक्स्ड फार्मूला नहीं है ।

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

#### Malpractices by Cooking Gas Distributors

\*27. SHRI K. T. KOSALRAM : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Distributors of Cooking gas are compelling customers to buy the costliest burners each one is marketing, failing which the gas connection is delayed in ordinarily ;

(b) whether the Distributors are also indulging in artificial scarcity of gas cylinders, which they give for a heavy margin to hoteliers ;

(c) whether the Distributors are also indulging in supplying half-filled gas cylinders to the customers after tampering with the seal ; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken against them with a view to eliminating these malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR) (a) and (b). No such instances have been reported by the Oil Companies so far.

(c) Occasional complaints are received in the Ministry and by the Oil Companies regarding the receipt of under-weight cooking gas (LPG) cylinders by the consumers. These are promptly looked into by the Oil Companies.

(d) The oil companies have issued strict instructions to their distributors not to coerce the prospective customers to buy LPG stoves only from their stocks and that the customers are free to buy them from either the open market or from the dealer of their choice. The Oil Companies have been advised to give wide publicity in this regard. To ensure quality and safety to the customers release of LPG connections are, however, made only to those customers who have hot plates which bear the ISI (Indian Standards Institution) mark. Periodic inspections are carried out of the distributors premises/godowns by the oil companies to prevent any malpractice. Apart from this, all complaints received from the public against the LPG distributors are duly investigated by the Oil companies through their customer service cells and prompt remedial action is taken.

#### Telephone Connections in Delhi

\*28. SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the present position of telephone connections in Delhi ;

(b) proposal for extension and its time schedule ; and

(c) present position and future prospects in trans-Yamuna area ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN) : (a) 1,98,342 working telephone lines as on 1-2-82.

(b) It is proposed to expand the telephone system at Delhi by 47,300, 16,600 and 65,600 lines during 1982-83, 83-84 and 84-85 respectively.

(c) The number of working lines at the exchanges located in the trans-Yamuna ares of Delhi Telephone District was 7829 as on 1-2-82. It is proposed to expand the capacities of these exchanges by 4200 and 1,000 lines during 1982-83 and 1983-84 respectively, subject to equipment supplies

**Circular regarding preparation of News Bulletins on the Bandh**

\*29. SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE :  
SHRI SUNIL MAITRA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government by a circular with regard to preparation of new bulletins on the Bandh on January 19, 1982 asked the AIR and TV Centres all over the country that their news bulletins must not project the success of the Bandh and they would highlight all anti-bandh demonstrations ; and

(b) if so, whether such instructions interfere with the independence of news coverage by these two public media ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SAHNE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**News Bulletins in Maithili**

\*30. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2579 on 8-12-1981 regarding broadcast of Maithili News Bulletins from Darbhanga and other Radio Stations of Bihar and state :

(a) which are the languages in which news bulletins are broadcast from various stations of the All India Radio ;

(b) how many of the above languages have got lesser number of colleges and universities to teach them in degree and post-graduate course, smaller period of historical record in written literature ; and

(c) what are the causes for excluding Maithili ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SAHNE) : (a) In the Home Service, the Stations of A.I.R. broadcast news bulletins in 62 different languages and dialects including tribal dialects. A statement containing the names of these languages and dialects is laid on the Table of the Sabha:

(b) A.I.R. has no information on these particulars.

(c) As per its policy, A.I.R. broadcasts news bulletins in a particular language if the people speaking that language in the concerned service area are unable to understand the language of the news bulletins already being broadcast for that service area. On this basis, it is the considered view of Government that the need for a news bulletin in Maithili is not established as the bulletins in Hindi have a wide listening in the service areas of Bihar stations.