

There is no casual artist in AIR serving continuously for 10 years or more.

A.I.R. decision not to play a famous Malayalam song

*48. **SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPPAN:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that the A.I.R. had decided not to play on radio the famous Malayalam song which begins with "Prananthan Enikku Thanna....", written by one of the outstanding classical Malayalam writers, late Irayemman Thampi and recorded for a modern film "Enippadikal";

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was an uproar against this decision in Malayalam Press and literary circles; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When the song was broadcast for the first time, there was objection from the public as to the erotic content of the song. The song was then referred to Local Audition Committee who opined that the song was not fit for broadcast.

(c) The action was criticised in a section of the film Press. No comments have been reported from literary circles.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Commissioning of Idukki Hydro-Electric Project in Kerala

*51 **SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Idukki Hydro-electric Project in Kerala was commissioned by Prime Minister in February this year; and

(b) whether Central Government has allocated sufficient funds in the 1976-77 Annual Plan outlay for the speedy completion of the next phase of this project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). The Idukki Hydro Electric Project was dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister on the 12th February, 1978 with the commissioning of the first generating unit. The next stage of the project to be taken up is stage III for which the quantum of funds to be provided for in 1976-77 is under consideration.

Pancheshwar Hydrel Project

*52. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE:** Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pancheshwar Hydrel Project will benefit both India and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The Pancheshwar Hydro-electric project as envisaged will afford a firm annual energy generation of about 5,200 million kWh in the first stage and 4,800 million kWh in the second stage. In addition there would be benefits from the regulated flow of waters.

Profits made by Paper Producers

*56. **SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study made