

recommendations, which is most reactionary is that strikes in public undertakings and essential services should be banned? The hon. Minister knows that whenever there has been a ban on any strike, there have been more strikes. That is the history of other countries. Is he aware that all the trade union organisations belonging to defence, railways, etc. have all resented the recommendation? If so, what is the reaction of the Government to this most reactionary recommendation? Will Government reject this particular recommendation lock stock and barrel?

**SHRI R K KHADILKAR :** This is one of the recommendations and he is aware that Government has not acted on that basis. It is not a question of banning strikes. Government's effort is to create conditions building by better relationship with the employes so that strikes, though not banned, will not take place. That is the objective.

**SHRI S R. DAMANI :** It is a fact that better labour relations are very essential for the country, specially for a developing country. But may I know whether importance will be given to production along with wages or not, so that the inflationary trend may be checked? At present there is great uncertainty about the labour because of strikes. May I know whether wages will be linked with production and whether wages will be revised once a year, so that loss of production is avoided?

**SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR :** So far as the suggestion that there should be emphasis on productivity is concerned, every effort is being made to emphasise this aspect while settling disputes or in discussions with labour leaders that if we want to build our economy and achieve our social objectives, they should also cooperate. But this aspect of productivity and incentive will be a part of the general policy, and I do not think labour leaders will disagree with this. Regarding annual revision of wages, it is very difficult just to accept this proposition like that.

**SHRI C. M. STEPHEN :** Emerging out of the answer of the minister, I want a clarification. He said that Government are thinking of convening a conference of certain organisations and after that they may think of some other forum. May I know whether Government contemplates the institution of

any particular forum by way of replacement of the present Indian Labour Conference and Standing Labour Committee?

**SHRI R K. KHADILKAR :** The present tripartite machinery and the All India Labour Conference are to remain. But there was a suggestion that in view of the changed context of the situation it should be made more broad-based. I suggested in reply to that, keeping in view the present context of the situation, after informal discussion with the trade union leaders, not only of All-India organisations but also of other we are considering the convening of a conference with a view to strengthening the forces of labour so that they will be more willing partners in our national objective and thereby we can ensure peace and better industrial relations.

**Propagation of Nationalist Ideas over A.I.R.**

\*68 **SHRI R P. ULAGANAMBI :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation about providing opportunity to propagate nationalist ideas over All India Radio; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) :** (a) No Sir. However; one of the objectives of various AIR's programmes has always been to promote a secular outlook, scientific temper and rational approach to problems.

(b) Does not arise.

**SHRI R P. ULAGANAMBI :** In a country like ours, where the literacy rate is very low and the hold of blind following of a bygone tradition is enormous, we should inculcate in the minds of the people the spirit of inquiry and rational approach to all the problems. Unless superstition is fought and obscurantism is removed, it is very difficult to have scientific thinking and scientific outlook. Will the government consider allocation of some time in the All India Radio for the propagation of rational

approach and scientific method in solving the problems of the country ?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** That is what I said in my reply. While the AIR is planning its programme this aspect is always kept in mind and the programmes are planned in such a way

**SHRI R. P. ULAGANAMBI :** Now the All India Radio is allocating time generously for various items like Katha Kalakshepa, discourses of puranic stories and shastras, which justify the caste system and untouchability of the Hindu Society. Will the All India Radio allocate some time to counter all this type of propaganda ?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** I do not think the puranic stories which are broadcast from the All India Radio on children's programme or any other programme go against the secular ideals of our country

**SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSI :** May I know whether there is any specific proposal to propagote nationalist ideas and nationalist programmes among the youth, particularly in the Yuva Vani, which is meant for the students in schools, colleges and universities ?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** Yes, Sir. The Yuva Vani programme is mainly meant for them. In every programme of the All India Radio, including those which cater to the youth and students of the country, this is included.

**SHRI G. VISWANATHAN :** The Minister is as vague as possible in her reply. I want to know specifically whether any time has already been allocated by the All India Radio, and if not, whether they are going to allocate in the future, for the propagation of rationalist ideas ?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** The whole programme of the All India Radio is based on rationalist ideas. The programme for farmers, the family planning programmes, all these programmes are based on rationalist ideas. I think the government is not irrational.

**SHRI PROBODH CHANDRA :** In the year 1964 at the Education Ministers' Conference there was a suggestion that the All India Radio should broadcast at the beginning of the school programme the national anthem or some such other song which creates a sense of nationalism among students. Will the hon. Minister be able to tell if that proposal is receiving any consideration of the Government or has that been given up?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** At this moment I do not have the information about this particular matter.

**SHRI B S BHAURA :** In the name of religion AIR is always preaching communalism. What steps are being taken by the Government to stop such programmes ?

**SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY :** This is not at all correct. In the name of religion AIR is not at all preaching communalism. I want to mention here that AIR is also not having any sort of religious programmes.

**MR. SPEAKER :** Next question, Shri Banerjee.

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** May I request that question No. 79 may also be taken up along with this ?

**MR. SPEAKER :** Are they identical ?

**SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI :** Yes, they are identical.

**MR. SPEAKER :** I think there is a bit of difference. That is different.

#### Expert Committee on unemployment

\*69. **SHRI S. M. BANERJEE :** Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee appointed to suggest ways and means of removing unemployment has started functioning; and