

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Organisation for Forest-based Industries**

\*750. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any organisation mainly to look after the interests of forest-based industries in public sector;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to form such an organisation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):

(a) There is no organisation at the All-India level to look after the interests of forest-based industries in the public sector. Several State Governments have, however, set up Forest Development Corporations for the development and utilisation of forest based raw materials.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**स्वतन्त्रता सेनानी पेंशनरों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधाएं**

\*753. श्री युवराज : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने राज्य सरकारों तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों से पेंशन पाने वाले स्वतंत्रता सेनानी पेंशनरों को निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधाएं प्रदान करने की व्यवस्था करने का अनुरोध किया है; और

(ख) यदि हां तो उन्हें उक्त सुविधाएं कब से उपलब्ध होंगी ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री चरण सिंह) : (क) और (ख). जी हां, श्रीमान्। नवम्बर, 1974 में राज्य सरकारों और संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और उनके आश्रितों को विशेषकर उनसे जो केन्द्रीय अथवा राज्य सरकारों से

पेंशन प्राप्त कर रहे हैं, व्यापक चिकित्सा सहायता प्रदान करने के प्रश्न पर विचार करने का अनुरोध किया गया था। दिसम्बर, 1975 में यह भी सुझाव दिया गया था कि स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों और उनके आश्रितों को आमदनी अथवा कोई अन्य शर्त लगाये बिना निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सहायता प्रदान की जाय। सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराये जाने के बारे में कोई निश्चित तारीख नहीं दी गई थी।

**Survey of Satellite Service of Television in States**

\*759. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey regarding the utility of Satellite service of television is being conducted in the States where this service has been introduced; and

(b) whether a proposal for extending the duration and range of this service is also under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Space Application Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation was entrusted the evaluation of the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE). Its report is awaited.

(b) It was decided that on the conclusion of SITE, continuity of television programme be provided to about 40 per cent of the villages in 6 States exposed to the SITE. For this purpose, 6 terrestrial transmitters, one each in Andhra Pradesh (at Hyderabad), Bihar (at Musaffarpur), Karnataka (at Gulbarga), Madhya Pradesh (at Raipur), Orissa (at Sambalpur) and Rajasthan (at Jaipur) are provided. Those at Raipur and Jaipur are already commissioned. The remaining 4 are expected to be commissioned before the end of the year.

**American Fishing vessel found sinking near Camotra Island**

\*760. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on 8th July, 1977 one American fishing vessel was found sinking near Camotra Island where there is a sub-base of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign fishing vessels are frequently visiting the coasts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and whether Government apprehend any ulterior motive behind it; and

(d) how many such vessels are confiscated during the last three years and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At times foreign fishing vessels are sighted in our territorial waters in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These have been found to have entered our water mostly under distress without any ulterior motive.

(d) Two foreign fishing vessels have been captured and confiscated during the last three years. An appeal against the confiscation of one of these vessels is pending in the Calcutta High Court.

#### Creation of Higher Posts in Doordarshan during Emergency

\*761. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several higher posts were created in Doordarshan during Emergency;

(b) whether at the same time the claim of staff artistes category for promotions was completely ignored on the pretext of new structure;

(c) whether several higher posts were created to absorb certain regular categories of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the full facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d). On separation of television from All India Radio with effect from 1st April, 1976, the Directorate General of Doordarshan was set-up as an independent organisation. This necessitated creation of a number of posts of different categories for the headquarters' office. Some posts were also created for Central Purchase and Stores Office, Commercial Service, various Doordarshan Kendras and for the SITE continuity programme.

There was no standard staffing pattern laid down for Doordarshan Kendras. The posts sanctioned before and during the emergency were, therefore, on *ad hoc* basis. The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance has since formulated a staffing pattern for the Doordarshan Kendras, which has been accepted by Government and is in the process of implementation.

It is incorrect that the claim of staff artistes for promotion was completely ignored. Taking note of inadequate promotion prospects, the Staff Inspection Unit has recommended the introduction of selection grades for areas which have little promotion prospects. This will be taken into consideration when implementing the approved staffing pattern.

#### Broadcast of Programme 'Yuv Vani' from A.I.R.

\*762. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government evaluate periodically the programmes broadcast on A.I.R. in the special series of programmes entitled "Yuv Vani";

(b) if so, how and when; and

(c) the broad findings of such an evaluation, and the changes and improvements effected as a result?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Audience Research Unit of A.I.R. conducts field surveys to evaluate these and other programmes in accordance with the priorities determined every year. There is no fixed periodicity for carrying out these surveys.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### Statement

The broad findings of the various studies conducted for 'Yuva Vani' at different centres indicated that:

(i) There was good listening to Yuva Vani programmes at different places with an average of about 34% of regular and frequent listening taken together.