

द्वारा उनका प्रसारण करने का कोई विशेष महत्व नहीं होता है क्योंकि लोगों को उनकी पहले ही जानकारी हो जाती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या कोई ऐसी व्यवस्था करने का सरकार का विचार है जिसके अन्तर्गत समाचार पत्रों में समाचार प्रकाशित होने से पहले आकाशवाणी द्वारा वे प्रसारित किये जायें; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

**सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री इ० कु० गुजराल):** (क) और (ख). अखबारों में समाचार छपने से पहले आकाशवाणी द्वारा वे प्रसारित हो जाते हैं। यहां तक कि बिरले मामलों में जहां कोई समाचार अखबारों में छपने के बाद प्रसारित होता है, वह अपना महत्व नहीं खोता, क्योंकि रेडियो श्रोताओं की संख्या अखबार पढ़ने वालों की संख्या से बहुत ज्यादा है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

#### Obscenity in Newspapers

**\*1724. SHRI AGDILINGANA GOUD :** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of complaints/instances received by the Government in respect of newspapers/magazines encouraging obscenity or exploiting sex;

(b) the number of such cases being examined by the Press Council of India as on the 31st March 1969 ; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The Central Government received 11 such complaints during 1968-69. Facts regarding complaints

received by the State Governments are being ascertained.

(b) The Press Council of India has so far received two complaints against obscene publications. One of them could not be considered by the Council because of the fact the proceedings were pending in a court of law in respect of the impugned matter ; the other complaint is pending Council's adjudication.

(c) The Central Government have requested the State Government/Union Territory Administrations to take appropriate action under the law for curbing the production, sale and circulation of all obscene publications. The State Governments have launched a number of prosecutions against different journals containing obscene material.

#### Training of Agricultural Engineers

**\*1725. SHRI D. C. SHARMA :** Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers has demanded more training facilities for Agricultural Engineers at various levels including management ;

(b) whether the matter has been given a consideration ; and

(c) if so, with what results ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) No such demand has so far been received.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

#### Issue of Postage stamps bearing image of Buddha on Gandhi centenary

**\*1726. SHRI D. R. PARMAR :**  
SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :  
SHRI KIKAR SINGH :  
SHRI DEVEN SEN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNI-