

7. लघु समाचार-पत्र सम्बन्धी जांच समिति की सिफारिशों पर, छपाई तथा कम्पोजिंग मशीनों के लिये उपलब्ध कुल वार्षिक विदेशी मुद्रा का 50 प्रतिशत छोटे समाचार-पत्रों के लिये नियत किया जाता है, मञ्जोले दर्जे के समाचार पत्रों को 35 प्रतिशत तथा बड़े समाचार-पत्रों को केवल 15 प्रतिशत नियत किया जाता है।

8. 15 मई, 1969 से 60 ग्राम तक बजन वाले रजिस्टर्ड समाचार-पत्रों की अकेली प्रति के बारे में डाक दर 5 पैसे से घटा कर दो पैसे कर दी गई है। 15 मई, 1968 से पहले भी यही डाक दर थी।

9. छोटे तथा मञ्जोले दर्जे के समाचार-पत्रों को आर्थिक सहायता देने के लिये एक समाचार-पत्र वित्त निगम स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के सक्रिय रूप से विचाराधीन है। आर्थिक सहायता केवल उन्हीं छोटे तथा मञ्जोले दर्जे के समाचार-पत्रों को दी जाएगी जो कम से कम तीन वर्ष से सफलता पूर्वक चल रहे हों।

10. 1963-64 से छोटे तथा मञ्जोले दर्जे के समाचार-पत्रों को अख्तियारी कागज़ के नियतन के बारे में पर्याप्त रियायतें दी गई हैं।

**Construction of buildings of Overseas Communications section in Bombay and other cities**

\*675. SHRI MADHU LIMAYE  
SHRI S. N. MISHRA:

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

(a) whether Government have undertaken a programme of construction of buildings for the Overseas Communications Section in Bombay and other cities in the last three years;

(b) if so, the total outlay and other details;

(c) the names of the architects and contractors and the percentage/commissions/cuts/consideration/compensation or any other payment made to them for these buildings;

(d) whether the architect was ever proceeded against by the Government for the unethical behaviour departmentally or otherwise; and

(e) if so, the reasons for choosing the said architect?

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA):** (a) Yes.

(b) Programme of construction of buildings undertaken by the Overseas Communications Service during the last three years consists of—

(i) Multi-storeyed Videsh Sanchar Bhavan at Bombay, estimated to cost Rs. 143 lakhs.

(ii) Technical and Administrative buildings for the Satellite Communications Earth Station at Arvi, estimated to cost Rs. 27 lakhs.

(iii) Staff Quarters at Arvi earth Station, estimated to cost Rs. 20.57 lakhs.

In addition, there are plans to construct staff quarters at Bombay, Calcutta and New Delhi through the Central Public Works Department.

(c) (1) The Technical and Administrative buildings at Arvi are being built through the Department of Atomic Energy as part of the System Engineering responsibility assigned to them for the setting of the Satellite Communications Earth Station at Arvi.

(2) The Staff Quarters at Arvi have been built through the Central Public Works Department.

(3) M/s. Pheroze Kudianavala and Associates, Bombay have been engaged as the Architects in overall charge of the construction of the Videsh Sanchar Bhavan at Bombay. Architects' commission is fixed at 5 per cent of the actual cost involved. The different items of works have been entrusted to the following contractors on the basis of tenders:—

- (i) M/s. Rodio Foundation and Engineering Company, for Pile Foundation.
- (ii) M/s. New Consolidated Construction Company, for Civil constructions.
- (iii) M/s. Blue Star, for Air-conditioning.
- (iv) M/s. General Electric Company, for Electrical installations.
- (v) M/s. Otis Elevators, for Lifts.
- (vi) M/s. Mather and Platt, for Fire Fighting.
- (vii) M/s. Alcock Ashdown, for Microwave Tower.
- (viii) M/s. Brady and Company, for Automatic Fire Alarm System.

Till the end of November, 1969, a payment of Rs. 70.53 lakhs had been made on account of the works actually carried out so far, the details of which are as follows:—

	Rs. in lakhs
(a) Pile Foundation ..	2.33
(b) Civil construction, etc.	43.06
(c) Air conditioning ..	12.80
(d) Electric installations etc. .. ..	2.78
(e) Lifts .. ..	5.22
(f) Architect's charges	4.34
	70.53

(d) No, as far as is known to Department of Communications.

(e) Does not arise.

**Soviet-Aided Central Farm In Kerala**

\*676. SHRI C. JANARDHANAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has allotted a Soviet-aided Central Farm to Kerala;

(b) the estimated expenditure for setting up this farm;

(c) how much of this expenditure will be met by the Centre;

(d) whether the work on the farm has already started in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the progress so far made in this respect; and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) :**

(a) to (c). It has been decided to set up one Central State Farm in the Cannanore District of Kerala. Some of the equipment for the Farm would be received as a gift from the U.S.S.R. Government. An area of about 12,000 acres has been located for the purpose. The cost of acquisition of this land will be met by the Government of India subject to a ceiling of Rs. 250 per acre. If the cost exceeds Rs. 250 per acre, the balance will be met by the Kerala Government. According to a rough estimate, an expenditure of about Rs. 3 crores is likely to be incurred on the development of the Farm. The whole of this expenditure will be met by the Central Government. The State Government