

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : We are setting up 6 stations in India in the course of this year. The Primary consideration of setting up a station is where separate channel is made available more easily. In Calcutta, such a separate channel was available. Secondly, in the overall situation, we felt that we should have more rapport with the youth. That was also a consideration. So far as the inculcation of democratic spirit and basic national values is concerned naturally, that is our objective.

SHRI RANGA : My hon. friend have been talking about having rapport with the youth, inculcating the spirit of national values and soon. May I know whether any steps are being taken or any care is being taken to see that the manner in which this programme is drawn up, no encouragement is given, directly or indirectly, to these various processes of violence which have now become current in certain aspects of our political life ?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : I am in agreement with the hon. Member. Naturally, we will not encourage any such trends.

श्री भारद्वाज राय : क्या सूचना मंत्री बतायेंगे कि कलकत्ते में युव वाणी का सेंटर खोलने का एक कारण यह भी है कि वहां कलकत्ते में, विशेषकर बंगाल में, बेकारी से उबकर वहां के नौजवान दुःसाहसिक नक्लाइट आन्दोलन की ओर मुड़ रहे हैं इसलिये उनका ध्यान उस तरफ से खींच कर और रास्ते पर लगाया जाये ?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : The mere expressing one's talent on the radio is no substitute for employment. We do not believe that this participations in the programme can be a substituted for employment.

SHRI S. M. BANERJEE : I welcome this programme for the youth. But the youth of the country who are unemployed and who are facing starvation are not interested in the programme but in the implementation of the programme. I would like to know whether through this media,

they are trying to explain to the youth of the country who are practically facing starvation that there is some thing to be done for them. How far have they succeeded in that ?

SHRI NAMBIAR : They are not to be fed only with words or promises.

MR. SPEAKER : The Attention.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Likely Intrusion by China in Bhutan

\*755. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government of India has been invited to a report circulated by INFA and published in the *Tribune* of May 28, 1970 that China is preparing for some major intrusion into the Bhutanese territory during the next few weeks ; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken by the Government of India in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SWARAN SINGH) : (a) The Government of India have seen the report referred to, but are not aware of any such intention on the part of China.

(b) Necessary measures exist to safeguard the security of Bhutan.

##### Difference in Pay and Ration drawn by IAF and Army Personnel

\*760. SHRI NAMBIAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are lot of differences in pay/ration scales between Air Force and Army in the same category and rank ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether Government propose to increase the pay and ration scale of the Army to that of the Air Force ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI  
NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA) :

(a) The pay and ration scales applicable to the army and Air Force personnel are not identical. The details in regard to pay scales are contained in the Book on Service Conditions, 1970, in respect of Armed Forces Personnel and Civilians in Defence Establishments, which was circulated to all the Hon'ble Members with the last Annual Report of the Ministry.

Considerable uniformity have been achieved by the action taken in the past few years. The variations, however, still exist in the following important items :—

Item	Scale	
	Army	Air Force
(i) Oil Hydrogenated	70 Gms	80Gms
(ii) Sugar	90 ,,	70 ,,
(iii) Meat	100 ,,	180 ,,
(iv) Milk	230 ml	190 ml
(v) Vegetables	180 gms.	160 gms
(vi) Baisin	15 ,,	Nil

Note:—The Calorific value of the two scales is, however, almost the same, viz. 3,950 for the Army (troops) and 3,998 for the Air Force.

(b) The differences in pay scales between the Army and Air force are due partly to the basic difference which existed prior to Independence but mainly due to the difference in the nature of duties and extent of responsibilities in the various grades and ranks. Thus, qualifications, skill and experience required vary in the two Services. Uniformity of pay in each rank and category is thus not feasible.

As regards rations, the reasons for difference are mainly traditional and historical and the reluctance on the part of the Services to accept any decreases to achieve uniformity.

(c) and (d). The examination of the structure of emoluments including benefits in cash and kind and death-cum-retirement benefits of personnel belonging to the Armed Forces, having regard to their terms and conditions of service, has been entrusted to the Third Pay Commission. The Government will take a view on these matters in the light of the recommendations and views of the Pay Commission.

#### Thefts of Transformers in and around Delhi

\*761. SHRI N. K. SOMANI : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases have been reported to the Police for the thefts of transformers in and around Delhi during the last three years ;

(b) the result of the Police investigations ; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to control the increasing incidents of such thefts ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (DR. K. L. RAO) : (a) 61 cases of thefts of transforms in and around Delhi have been reported to the Police from the beginning of 1968 up to 31st July, 1970. The thefts have taken place in outlying and rural areas in the jurisdiction of the Delhi Municipal Corporation.

(b) The Police investigations so far have not resulted in the recovery of the materials or the apprehension of the culprits.

(c) Transformers are welded with the structures in the rural areas ; the police authorities and Gram Panchayats have been requested to intensify surveillance, particularly in outlying and rural areas. D. E. S. U. have also announced cash awards to be given to any person who gives definite information regarding the thefts of transformers.

#### Merger of National Projects Construction Corporation with National Buildings Organisation

\*762. SHRI S. M. SOLAKI : Will the