

said that this is under active consideration. Even hurry will take some time.

SHRI N. K. SANGHI: Has the Minister got any information that the female operators are more efficient and courteous than the male operators? Is there any programme of appointing female operators progressively for the nonrevertible phonogram service also in Delhi as they are more receptive and courteous?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA: I am thankful to the hon. Member for his opinion on the lady operators. But we have some men operators still in service and I do not think I can do away with them right now.

अन्य सरकारी कर्मचारियों की तुलना में
केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों के वेतन तथा भत्तों में
वृद्धि की प्रतिशतता

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* 234. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी :
श्री झोंकार लाल बेरवा :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे
कि :

(क) वर्ष 1970-71 की तुलना में वर्ष 1971-72 में केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों के वेतन तथा भत्तों से कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है; और

(ख) उपर्युक्त अवधि में अन्य सरकारी कर्मचारियों के वेतन तथा भत्तों पर होने वाले व्यय में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एफ० एब० मोहसिन) : (क) और (ख). विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है ।

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(क) मंत्रियों के वेतन तथा भत्तों की दरों में जो मंत्रियों के वेतन तथा भत्ते अधिनियम, 1952 के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित किए गए थे उनमें तुलनात्मक दृष्टि से 1970-71 और 1971-72 में कोई वृद्धि नहीं हुई है ।

(ख) जैसा कि अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 637 के उत्तर में दिनांक 23-2-1973 को राजस्व तथा व्यय मंत्री द्वारा बताया गया था, केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों (रेल, प्रतिरक्षा तथा डाक व तार समेत) के वेतन तथा भत्तों में 1970-71 और 1971-72 के तुलनात्मक आंकड़ों के अनुसार, जो सरलता से उपलब्ध हो सकें, हैं, अनुमानित प्रतिशत वृद्धि 21.6 है ।

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : मैं ने भाग (क) में पूछा था कि 1970-71 की तुलना में 1971-72 में केन्द्रीय मंत्रियों के वेतन और भत्तों में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है, लेकिन जो उत्तर दिया गया है उस में कहा गया है कि मंत्रियों के वेतन और भत्तों की दरों में कोई वृद्धि नहीं हुई है । मेरा प्रश्न दरों के बारे में नहीं था । मैं जानना चाहता था कि वेतन और भत्तों में पिछले साल जितना रुपया खर्च हुआ था वह कितना है और इस साल कितना खर्च हुआ है ?

SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: During 1970-71 the salary was to the tune of Rs. 12.80 lakhs whereas in 1971-72 it has come down to Rs. 12.32 lakhs. But the tour expenses have risen. In 1970-71 the tour expenses were Rs. 18.8 lakhs but in 1971-72 the expenses were Rs. 36.38 lakhs. This rise is on account of the necessity of undertaking the tours by the Prime Minister and also other Ministers to foreign countries in 1971-72 during the time of trouble in Bangladesh. The Prime Minister had gone to U.S.A., USSR and U.K. As regards the salaries, as I have already pointed out, the expenditure on salaries has come down in 1971-72.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAJEE: Why has the expenditure on salaries come down? Has the number of Ministers diminished or there is a voluntary cut?

SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: The Cabinet Ministers and the Ministers of State underwent a voluntary cut to

the tune of 10 per cent and the Deputy Ministers had undergone the voluntary cut by 5 per cent from 15th June, 1971.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: Will the hon. Minister kindly tell us if it is or it is not a fact that before November, 1969 the tours undertaken by Prime Minister for election and other Party purposes used to be paid by the Party but since November 1969 the procedure has been changed and the expenditure is now debited to the Exchequer.

SHRI F. H. MOHSIN: It is not a fact.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: They are misleading the House. I can prove it by an extract from the blue book. In November, 1969 the whole thing was unscrupulously changed.

Indo-Malaysian Exchange of T.V. Programmes

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†*235. **SHRI BHAGIRATH BHANWAR:**

SHRI SUKHDEO PRASAD VERMA:

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

(a) whether a meeting between the representatives of India and Malaysia was held recently in New Delhi to discuss the exchange of television programmes; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) and (b). A meeting took place between the Malaysian Minister of Information and the Minister of State of Information and Broadcasting, at which various matters of mutual interest in the field of mass media were discussed, including, in general, the types of TV programmes

which would be of interest to the two countries and the scope for regular exchange of such programmes.

श्री भागीरथ भंडार : मंत्री महोदय ने बताया है कि विभिन्न प्रकार के कार्यक्रमों के बारे में बातचीत हुई है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि ऐसे कितने मुद्दे हैं, जिन के विषय में संतोषजनक वार्ता हुई है और क्या भविष्य में चर्चा किए जाने के लिए कोई कार्यक्रम निश्चित किया गया है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): The hon. Minister of Information from Malaysia like us expressed his keenness that between India and Malaysia there should be more interflow of information and exchange of cultural items so far as TV films and radio programmes are concerned. We in India are also keen that we should have more contacts with our neighbouring countries, and we hope that this discussion will continue and will come to a fruitful end.

श्री भागीरथ भंडार : मंत्री महोदय ने कहा है कि दोनों देशों के बीच में रेडियो और टेलीविजन के सम्बन्ध में आदान प्रदान होता रहे, इस संबंध में आगे चर्चा होगी। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या इस सिलसिले में दोनों देशों में तकनीकी सहायता के आदान-प्रदान का भी कोई विचार है ?

SHRI I. K. GUJRAL: In the sphere of radio and TV, if my hon. friend means giving aid from the hardware point of view or getting aid from them, the question does not arise because we have our own system in this country and Malaysia also has got its own system, which is fully developed now. But Malaysia is running a very good centre for TV training with the help of the Asian Broadcasting Union, and those facilities are available to us which we can use from time to time.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SINHA: May I know whether there are proposals under consideration for exchange