

In fact, in these matters to the extent possible, we would like to share with the House all the information. But is it worthwhile to give details of stockpile with regard to components and other things? I do not think it proper.

Shri Indrajit Gupta: Are these imported accessories and components for the Gnats obtained as an integral part of the original contract with the Armstrong Siddeley firm or are they obtained from time to time by commercial purchases, and may I know whether the supply has been steadily continuing since the Indo-Pak. war or it has been held up?

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is as per commercial purchase that we are getting these. At the time of the Indo-Pakistan war, there were some difficulties because these were all put under licence and there has been a great deal of difficulty in getting clearance of licences. But now, as is known, they have lifted that ban, although it is still kept under licence.

श्री काशी राम गुप्त : मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि लाइसेंस के आधार पर यह 15 प्रतिशत पुर्जे बाहर से मंगाने पड़ते हैं। तो क्या इस लाइसेंस की शर्तों को इस प्रकार से नहीं बदला जा सकता कि वह देश में बनाये जा सके मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि यह 15 फी सदी कीमत की है या वह कुल पुर्जों की है।

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is the total number. 15 per cent is the total number that we have to import. As I have already said, these things are not even manufactured by our collaborators, viz. Hawker Siddeley people. It mainly relates to the fuel system which has to be purchased from Lucas so that we have to get them under other terms.

Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad: May I know how far our efforts to substitute such essential parts either at home or abroad has been successful for the parts which we were importing from

Britain and which stopped at the nick of the hour to force us to surrender our sovereignty to Pakistan?

Shri A. M. Thomas: We are making efforts in this direction. I cannot say to what extent we have succeeded. In the matter of this, in some of these items such as this measuring equipment and radar ranging equipment, if the supplies are kept, it would be desirable to have those supplies, because it may not be economic to put up manufacturing capacity for a small number of equipments, but all the same, we are trying to see whether it would be possible to manufacture indigenously.

Shri Inder J. Malhotra: May I know if any efforts are also being made to improve upon its designs, to make its performance still better?

Shri A. M. Thomas: The performance is by and large satisfactory, that is our experience also. Of course, all the same, in the course of manufacture, certain improvements would certainly be made.

श्री हुकम चन्द कच्छबाय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो पुर्जे मंगाये जाते हैं 15 फी सदी उन की कीमत का भुगतान विदेशी मुद्रा में किया जाता है या उसके बदले में हम कोई और सामान देते हैं उन्हें।

Shri A. M. Thomas: It is not correct. all the accessories; only some parts, only some percentage, they have to be paid in foreign exchange.

Mr. Speaker: Whether we pay in foreign exchange or in some commodity.

Shri A. M. Thomas: We will have to pay in Sterling.

Development of Television

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Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Subodh Hansda:

Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been drawn up for development of television including the setting up of 16 to 18 T.V. Centres with a number of relaying stations in India;

(b) if so, the broad out-lines and cost of the scheme; and

(c) the locations of the television centres to be set up?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Nandini Satpati): (a) to (c). The matter is under consideration and details are being worked out.

Shri P. C. Borooah: By what time is this scheme going to be implemented and to what percentage of India's population will this TV services be available under the scheme?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Raj Bahadur): We have got three proposals, one by the Ministry, which has been incorporated in the Fourth Plan proposals, which envisages the setting up of television centres in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur and expansion of Delhi, with possible extension to Ahmedabad and Srinagar. The Bhagavantam Committee has advised that in the next 7 to 10 years, 16 stations should be set up. The Chanda Committee has advised that 113 towns and about 2½ lakh villages should be covered. We have to decide, taking into account our financial limitations, how far we can go in this matter.

Shri P. C. Borooah: May I know on what basis the location of these television centres will be taken up, whether there is any chance of Northeast India getting its share, and if so, what?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think after these four centres which have been incorporated in the Fourth Plan, the next priority is for all the State capitals, one centre in each State, and in that particular matter, no discrimination will be shown.

श्री ए० सी० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो चार सेन्टर चौथी योजना में बनाये जा रहे हैं और जो शेष सेन्टर बाद में बनाये जायेंगे उन सब को फीड करने के लिये जो टेलिविजन यन्त्र हैं वह किस प्रकार देश में तैयार हो सकेंगे और वह कब तक उपलब्ध हो जायेंगे, तथा क्या वह पूरी संख्या में मिल सकेंगे ।

श्री राज बहादुर : जसा मैंने बतलाया इन प्रस्तावित चार सेन्टरों के लिये यन्त्रों के निर्माण का जहां तक सम्बन्ध है भारत एलेक्ट्रानिक्स लिमिटेड और पिलानी इंस्टीट्यूट से काफी परामर्श हुआ है और वह इस कार्य में संलग्न हैं कि हमारे यहां ही इन यन्त्रों को तैयार किया जा सके ।

श्री भागवत झा आचार्य : टेलिविजन कार्यक्रम की जो रूपरेखा तैयार की जा रही है उस के अन्तर्गत क्या यह बात सच नहीं है कि सिर्फ देश की शहरी आबादी की सुविधाओं का ही ख्याल रक्खा जायेगा । अगर यह सच नहीं है तो मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कौन से देहाती इलाकों को टेलिविजन की उपलब्धियों की सुविधा प्राप्त हो सकेगी ।

श्री राज बहादुर : जसा नक टेलिविजन के सम्बन्ध में हमारी नीति का सम्बन्ध है, हम मुख्यतया शैक्षणिक दृष्टिकोण से इसको चालू करना चाहते हैं और इसमें हमारे पिलानी इंस्टीट्यूट का बहुत अधिक महत्व है । इस बात का भी ध्यान रखने की चेष्टा की जायेगी किन्तु इस के केन्द्र प्राथमिक रूप से किसी न किसी प्रकार नगरों में ही होंगे जहां कि बिजली सुविधा होती ।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : यह देहातों तक के लिये भी होंगे या सिर्फ शहरों के लिये ।

श्री त्यागी : देहात भी हिन्दुस्तान में हैं ।

श्री राज बहादुर : जी हाँ, घाल इंडिया रेडियो श्री नगरों में कायम है लेकिन चारों ओर उसका प्रसार है ।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : वैसे ही क्या यह होगा ।

12.00 hrs.

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श्री प्र० के० देब :

क्या प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 मार्च, 1966 के "मार्च प्राफ दि नेशन" में प्रकाशित एक समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है जिसमें बताया गया है कि प्रतिरक्षा मन्त्रालय ने जहुत से परस्पर विरोधी बक्तव्य जारी किये जिनके कारण लापता कर्मचारियों के सम्बन्धियों को घोर मानसिक पीड़ा हुई है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या लेफ्टिनेंट जे० सी० तनेजा (एम 30699/3111) के मामले में कोई सचाई है; और

(ग) उन अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है जिन्होंने उनके सम्बन्धियों

को गलत तथा परस्पर विरोधी सूचनाएँ भेजी थीं ?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is at present under investigation by the Army authorities. Action will be taken on receipt of the report of investigation.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि माननीय, मन्त्री जी ने यह भ्रन्दाज से संख्या बतायी है तो क्या ऐसी भी कोई घटना हुई है कि जिसकी सूचना यह निकली हो कि यह सैनिक मारा गया और बाद में वह सैनिक पाया गया हो, ऐसी कोई सूचना आपने भेजी है क्या ? यदि हाँ तो कितने ऐसे हैं ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Yes, Sir, nearly 500 people are missing. That information is with the government in the sense that the families of these persons have been intimated that they are missing. I am mentioning this number approximately, not the exact number. It is roughly about 500.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि क्या सरकार ने इस बात का पता लगाया है कि कितने सैनिक इस समय लापता हैं ? उनकी कोई सूची तैयार है ?

Shri Y. B. Chavan: Yes, Sir. Unfortunately, in some cases fortunately I should say, those who were declared missing and even killed have been found to be in the list of prisoners of war and repatriated. The total number is about 16 or 17 people like that. When the number of persons killed, wounded and missing runs to thousands. I think the number 17 is not much. I am sorry for this also because even this percentage is not good because we have to be very careful in each and every case, because the feeling and the sentiment of the family members are involved. I have issued necessary instructions to see that no such mistake is repeated.