

(d) the number of visa applications pending; and

(e) what is the policy of Government in the matter of issue of visas to Israeli nationals and how does it compare with the policy adopted for issue of visas to other West Asian countries as mentioned in part (a) above?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Bonafide Israeli tourists are granted visas like any other nationals of West Asian countries. As for Israeli officials, prior reference to the Government of India is necessary. In Tel-Aviv where we do not have a Mission the British Embassy there is required to refer all applications to Delhi before it can issue visas on our behalf.

Rural Radio Forum

5819. Shri R. K. Amin: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been possible to evaluate the work of the radio rural forums; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to put into effect the recommendations contained in such evaluation reports?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) No systematic and scientific evaluation of the working of the Radio Rural Forums on a countrywide basis has yet been done. However, the Study Team on Five Year Plan Publicity appointed in April, 1963, carried out a study of Radio Rural Forums in the country and made certain recommendations.

(b) The working of the Radio Rural Forum is a joint venture of All India Radio and the State Governments. All India Radio on its part designs and broadcasts forum programmes

from all its Stations; the State Governments on their part have to organise the listening-cum-discussion groups and attend to the maintenance of the sets around which such forums are organised. The recommendations of the Study Team have been communicated to all the State Governments and their attention has been repeatedly drawn for their effective implementation.

Publications Division

5820. Shri Ram Charan: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the establishment of Publications Division of his Ministry during the last ten years (upto 31st March, 1967);

(b) the total expenditure incurred on plants and tools etc. (including miscellaneous contingencies) by the Publications Division during last ten year (upto 31st March, 1967);

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the printing of publications by the Publication Division (including printing by private agencies) during the last ten years (upto 31st March, 1967; and

(d) the total income gained by Publications Division on account of sale of publications during the last ten years (upto 31st March, 1967)?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shri K. K. Shah): (a) Rs. 1,90,03,573.

(b) No tools and plants have been purchased by the Division. Expenditure on other charges, payment for articles and of royalty, etc., and distribution was Rs. 69,70,526.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha shortly.

(d) Income from sale of publications Rs. 1,97,23,448

Revenue from advertisements Rs. 14,67,367

TOTAL Rs. 2,11,90,815