

2,000 प्रतियों से कम प्रसार संख्या वाले समाचारपत्रों को अखबारी कागज की अपनी खपत प्रमाणित करने के लिए चार्टर्ड लेखाकार का प्रमाणपत्र देने सम्बन्धी उपबन्धों से छूट है।

विज्ञापन और दृश्य प्रचार निदेशालय द्वारा छोटे समाचारपत्रों और नियतकालिक पत्रों का विशेषकर जन अभियानों, जिनके लिए जीवन के सभी क्षेत्रों के पाठकों की जरूरत होती है के लिए अधिकाधिक उपयोग करने का पूरा प्रयास किया जाता है।

Curtailment of Facilities of workers in Sen Raleigh Cycle Factory Asansol

2697. SHRI ROBIN SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during emergency the present management of Sen Raleigh Cycle Factory, Asansol in collusion with the Congress-led union and the Labour Minister of West Bengal came to an agreement where many vital rights and privileges of the workers such as canteen facilities, medical facilities, retirement age, production bonus have been forcibly curtailed and the workers were forced to agree with the agreement which is against their interest; and

(b) whether Government will consider to repeal the said agreement and restore the rights and privileges curtailed by the above agreement?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI BRIJ LAL VERMA): (a) and (b). A tripartite settlement was arrived at by mutual agreement between the management, the labour union and the State Government of West Bengal, which set out the basis for possible revival of the company, at the time the management of Sen Raleigh was taken over. Such a settlement was considered necessary in the interest of the revival and continued running of the undertaking

which was burdened with heavy liabilities and was faced with severe financial constraints. The management would be in a position to revise the agreement only after the performance of the undertaking improves and its financial position permits the consideration of such revision

Inter-Island Services in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2698. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the Inter-Island services in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether new vessels are to be commissioned; and

(d) if so, when?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (d). The Inter-Island Services in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are expected to improve considerably with the acquisition and commissioning of the following vessels by the Administration for which provision has been made in the Plan. The number and type of the vessels already acquired with their date of commissioning and those proposed to be acquired along with expected dates of commissioning is indicated below:—

No. and type	Date of commissioning
(i) 3 Ferry vessels of 75 deck-passengers capacity each.	Already commissioned in February, September and October 1976.
(ii) 4 vessels of 140 deck-passengers, 8 saloon passengers and 50 tonnes cargo capacity each.	2 vessels expected to arrive at the Islands in January, 1978 and two others in September, 1978.

(iii) 2 Ganga type One vessel has already
ferry vessels of 200 been commissioned
deck-passengers in April, 1977 and
each. " the other is expected
to be commissioned
towards the end of
1977.

(iv) 1 150-200 cargo- Indent for the vessel
cum-touring ves- is being placed.
sel.

(v) 1 vehicle ferry Expected to be com-
for Andaman missioned during
Trunk Road. 1978-79.

Port Blair Radio Station

2699. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAK-
TA: Will the Minister of INFORMA-
TION AND BROADCASTING be pleas-
ed to state:

(a) whether the Port Blair Radio
Station which was converted into
20 K. V. Station, is inaudible from
Diglipur, Mayabunder, Campbell Bay;
and

(b) if so, what action Government
propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K.
ADVANI): (a) The programmes broad-
cast on the 20 KW MW transmitter of
Port Blair Station are not clearly audi-
ble at Diglipur, Mayabunder and
Campbell Bay.

(b) (i) Frequencies have been co-
ordinated in the frequency Assignment
Plan drawn up by the International
Telecommunications Union for a high
power medium wave transmitter at
Port Blair and for low power medium-
wave transmitters at five other centres
in the Union Territory. The setting up
of these transmitters will depend on
the availability of financial resources
and priorities as may be decided from
time to time. With the setting up of
these transmitters reception will im-
prove considerably at Diglipur and
Mayabunder.

(ii) Additionally, there was a pro-
posal to set up a high power shortwave
transmitter at Port Blair for a second
grade service throughout the Union
Territory. This did not materialise due
to paucity of resources. Resources
permitting, the proposal will be kept
in view at the time of formulating
schemes for subsequent Plants.

T.V. Programme at Gwalior

2700. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) the cities so far covered for T.V.
programme in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to
extend the T.V. coverage to some other
important cities also; and

(c) if so, whether Gwalior is one
of the cities to be covered for T.V.
programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K.
ADVANI): (a) The following cities
having a population of more than one
lakh are covered by T.V. programmes
at present:—

1. Delhi
2. Rohtak
3. Meerut
4. Lucknow
5. Calcutta
6. Madras
7. Kanchipuram
8. Bombay
9. Thana
10. Poona
11. Raipur
12. Jaipur
13. Srinagar
14. Nadiad
15. Amritsar,