

the course of its work, give due attention to questions of the revision in the existing Plan and preparation of new Plans in the light of the policies of the new Government, in active consultation with the State Governments.

(Opposition Leaders called by A.I.R. and Doordarshan to express their view point)

516. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India Radio has now started giving much publicity to the new Government and no proper reporting is given to the opposition view point;

(b) if so, whether the present Government has always been accusing the previous Government of misusing the Doordarshan and All India Radio; and

(c) how many opposition leaders have so far been called by the All India Radio and Doordarshan to express their view point and on how many occasions?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One hundred and thirty members of the parties in the opposition broadcast on 125 occasions from various stations of Akashvani during the period 24-3-1977 to 15-5-1977. Twenty opposition leaders were invited by various Doordarshan Kendras to express their view point in various programmes during the period 23-3-1977 to 5-6-77.

Besides, various recognised political parties were afforded facilities to make election broadcasts on Akashvani and Doordarshan in connection with the recent elections to various State legislative Assemblies.

Clashes along Indo-Bangladesh Border

517. SHRI NIHAR LASKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether border incidents and clashes along the Indo-Bangladesh border have again started at an increasing rate;

(b) if so, how many border clashes took place on this border during the last three months;

(c) the losses suffered by the Indian Security Forces;

(d) whether Government have taken up this issue with Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (CHAUDHURI CHARAN SINGH): (a) and (b). No Sir. There have been no border incidents or clashes between the security forces of the two countries on the Indo-Bangladesh border, during the last three months.

(c) to (e). Questions do not arise.

Landing of the Plane by Shri D. Brahmchari on Defence Air Strips

518. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Shri D. Brahmchari was permitted by the Congress Government for landing plane on Defence Air Strips during emergency which are prohibited to use by general public and are utilised for military purposes only;

(b) if so, the names of the authorities who granted permission to that person;

(c) the circumstances under which he was granted permission; and