

**Depletion of National Flag on T. V.
before news in Hindi**

5516. SHRI D. B. PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that National flag is depicted on T. V. before the news in Hindi are broadcast;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the flag so depicted is not in accordance with the specifications prescribed for preparing National flag;

(c) whether it is a fact that even though this fact was brought to the notice of the Ministry, no corrective steps have been taken so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :

(a) to (d). The National Programme of Doordarshan which incorporates one news bulletin each in Hindi and English, opens with a logo consisting of a collage of images representing different parts of the country, symbolising the element of unity in diversity. The images then merge into a single outline map of India bearing, symbolically, the three colours of the national flag as well as the Ashok Chakra. The matter relating to the diameter of the Ashok Chakra shown in the outline map has already been taken up by Doordarshan with the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad with whose help the original logo had been developed.

[Translation]

**Protection of producers and consumers
from exploitation of Middle-men**

5517. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether the quality control is ensured merely by putting 'Agmark' labels on consumer goods and if not the details of action

taken by the Government during the period from January, 1985 to January, 1986 to exercise the quality control on agricultural commodities ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : No, Sir. The Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937 empowers the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection of this Department to lay down the grade specifications for different agricultural commodities. So far 100 Grading and Marking Rules have been notified covering 142 agricultural and allied commodities. Under the Act only the producers having appropriate equipments, laboratory facilities, hygienic grading premises, trained personnel are authorised to grade produce under Agmark. To award Agmark to any produce, a representative sample is taken from the homogenous lot for analysis and various tests. On the basis of these tests, appropriate agmark grade is given to the produce, which is then packed in container, and sealed under proper agmark labels. Continuous supervision is exercised by the inspectorate staff.

[English]

**Reconstitution of Commission for
Agricultural Costs and Prices**

5518. SHRI BEZAWADA PAPI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to give representation to Andhra Pradesh in the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any panel of names consisting of three members from Government of Andhra Pradesh to be included on the Commission; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government and the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (c). Government of India have received representations from

some State Governments/Organisations/Individuals for giving representations on the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. Government of Andhra Pradesh have also submitted a panel of 3 names for this purpose.

Proposal for reconstitution and expansion of the Commission is under active consideration. The names suggested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh will also be considered at the time of finalising appointments of non-official members to the reconstituted Commission.

Advertisements to newspapers in Gujarat

5519. SHRIMATI PATEL RAMABEN RAMJIBHAI MAVANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the advertisements to some dailies, weeklies, fortnightlies journals etc. of Gujarat have been stopped and or discontinued during the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the names and places of publication of such papers;

(d) the anames and places of publication of such new newspapers, journals etc. to which advertisements have been started to be given during the above period;

(e) whether Government have received complaints during the above period that some such papers have bogus circulation figures and are also indulging in malpractice in newsprint quotas etc.; and

(f) if so, the details of such complaints and the action taken in the matter with outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) to (c). A list of newspapers/periodicals from Gujarat including their place of publication which were discontinued for the purpose of release of Government advertise-

ments through the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity during the period 1.1.1981 to 1.1.1986 is given in the Statement-I given below. Their use for release of advertisements had to be discontinued as these newspapers/periodicals either ceased publication or did not conform to the policy guidelines laid down for release of Government advertisements. The use of the Vadodara Samachar, Upvan, Janjyot, Navsankar and Stree Jeevan has since been resumed during the year 1985-86 for the purpose.

(d) The names and place of publication of newspaper/periodicals of Gujarat to which advertisements have been given during the period 1.1.1981 to 1.1.1986 are given in the Statement-II below. The use of Praja Samachar and Banaswari has since been discontinued during 1985-86.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Sl. No.	Name of newspapers/ periodicals	Place of publication
1	2	3
*1.	Vadodara Samachar	Vadodara
2.	Lokmanya	Rajkot
3.	Pagdandi	Bhavnagar
4.	Kheda Vartaman	Kheda
5.	Samay	Surendranagar
6.	Nutan Gujarat	Ahmedabad
7.	Age Kadam	Petlad
*8.	Upvan	Baroach
*9.	Janjyot	Idar
*10.	Navsankar	Khambat
11.	Flash	Ahmedabad
12.	Niranjan	Rajkot
13.	Navchetan	Ahmedabad
14.	Aya Digest	Ahmedabad
15.	Arpan	Baroda