

Coverage of Speeches of M.Ps by Regional News Stations of A.I.R.

3962. SHRI DURGA CHAND: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper coverage by A.I.R. is not given to the speeches of some Members of Parliament in the Parliament in States like Himachal Pradesh where the circulation of newspapers is very limited;

(b) whether in the absence of AIR coverage of Parliamentary proceedings of such Members, the electorates do not know about the performance of their representatives in Parliament;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any scheme under which the proceedings of Parliament get due place and publicity in the regional news stations situated in the regions of constituencies of such Members;

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint persons for 3-4 neighbouring States for sending despatches to regional stations covering the speeches of Members of Parliament of that region;

(e) whether it is also proposed to depute staff reporters of AIR from the regional stations to Delhi during Parliament Session for such coverage; and

(f) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). Regional news bulletins broadcast from the Regional Stations of All India Radio are meant mainly to give news about the region concerned and news of interest to the region. However, AIR has recently introduced a system under which news items on questions

of purely regional interest answered in Parliament are transmitted to the regional centres concerned for broadcast in the regional bulletins. This is done on news value and taking into account the facilities available.

(d) and (e). No such proposal is under Government's consideration.

(f) Does not arise.

शाह आयोग में कार्य कर रहे कर्मचारी

3963 श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय :

श्री चित्त बसु :

श्री अण्णासाहिव पी० शिन्दे :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय शाह आयोग में कितने कर्मचारी काम कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) यह आयोग अपना कार्य कब तक पूरा कर लेगा ; और

(ग) इस पर अनुमानतः कितना खर्च होगा ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री धनिक लाल मण्डल) : (क) 322 ।

(ख) आयोग के 30-6-1978 तक, जिस तारीख तक उसका समय बढ़ाया जा रहा है, अपना कार्य पूरा करने की आशा है ।

(ग) आयोग पर 31-12-1977 तक होने वाला अनुमानित खर्च 32.18 लाख रुपए है । आयोग द्वारा अपना कार्य पूरा करने में लिए जाने वाले समय के अनुसार इस अनुमान में संशोधन किया जाएगा ।