

Non-Coverage of Debate on Private Members' Bills by T.V.

8889. SHRI SAMAR GUHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. failed to broadcast the news on debate on two Members' Bills in the Lok Sabha re: holiday on Netaji birthday and renaming Andaman and Nicobar Islands, although all parties supported these two bills;

(b) whether AIR news broadcast also made scanty reference about the debate; and

(b) if so, facts thereabout and the reasons for ignoring such debates?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir. The news bulletins telecast from Delhi Doordarshan Kendra on 24th February, 1978 carried a half minute news story on the debate on the private Member's Bill regarding holiday on Netaji's birthday. The debate on the Bill on the renaming of Andaman and Nicobar Islands could not find a place in the news bulletins due to heavy news-fall.

(b) The debate was covered at some length in both English and Hindi reviews of the Lok Sabha proceedings on 24th February, 1978. It was also noticed by the 8 A.M. Hindi bulletin on 25th February, 1978.

(c) There is no deliberate attempt to ignore such debates. All important and news-worthy events and speeches made in both the Houses of Parliament are taken notice of in the news bulletins and in the review of the Parliamentary proceedings. It is, however, not always possible to include every happening and debate in Parliament either in the news bulletins or in the review of Parliamentary proceedings especially when there is heavy news fall.

आकाशवाणी जयपुर से तूफान से प्रभावित लोगों के राहत कार्यों सम्बन्धी समाचारों का प्रसारण न किया जाना

8890. श्री नाथू सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी जयपुर केन्द्र के निदेशक के आदेश पर जनवरी के प्रथम सप्ताह में यह समाचार प्रसारित किया गया था कि तूफान से प्रभावित लोगों के राहत कार्यों सम्बन्धी कोई समाचार प्रसारित नहीं किया जायगा ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या इसका निर्णय सरकार द्वारा लिया गया था ; और

(ग) क्या दक्षिण भारत के तूफान से प्रभावित हुए लोगों की सहायताार्थ जनता युवा मोर्चा द्वारा 22 जनवरी को क्रिकेट मैच आयोजित किया गया था जिसका समाचार आकाशवाणी से जानबूझ कर नहीं दिया गया था ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण अडवाणी) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) समाचार को जानबूझ कर न देने का कोई प्रश्न नहीं था । सामान्यतया आकाशवाणी गैर सरकारी संगठनों द्वारा धनराशि इकट्ठी करने के लिए आयोजित किए जाने वाले प्रदर्शनों का प्रचार नहीं करती ।

Mistake in P.I.B. hand-out in Malayalam

8891. SHRI NIRMAL CHANDRA JAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the Press Information Bureau hand-out in Malayalam