

**Construction of Computer Centre  
in New Delhi**

528. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Norwegian firm has signed a contract with U.N. Development Programme for the construction of a large computer centre for the Indian Government in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details of the programme?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). The United Nations Development Programme have included for this country a project for support to the National Information Centre. They have made a provision of 4.39 million dollars for the purchase of hardware and expenses on training of our technical personnel. A Norwegian firm has been appointed by them in consultation with the Government of India for assisting them in the technical and contractual aspects of the execution of the project.

**Fear of Southern States over Language  
Question**

529. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

SHRI DHARM VIR VASISHT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of Southern States have expressed their fear over the language question; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL):

(a) It has come to the notice of the Government of India that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala have expressed certain misgivings regarding the official language policy of the Central Government in a meeting held at Madras on the 16th July, 1978.

(b) The Government of India are of the opinion that these apprehensions are misplaced, inasmuch as according to the Official Languages Act, 1963, as amended in 1967, the use of English will continue until resolutions for the discontinuance of the use of the English language have been passed by the legislatures of all the States which have not adopted Hindi as their official language and until after considering the resolutions aforesaid, a resolution for such discontinuance has been passed by each House of Parliament.

**T.V. Stations at Patna**

530. SHRI RAMANAND TIWARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 262 on the 29th June, 1977 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a T.V. Centre at Patna;

(b) if so, by what time; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI (a) to (c). There is no proposal to start a TV Station at Patna. A TV Transmitter has been commissioned at Muzaffarpur on 14-6-1978 to serve parts of North Bihar. It is not possible to extend these facilities or to start a TV Station at Patna due to constraints on financial resources.

**Memorandum regarding selection of  
newspapers for Government advertisements**

531. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether D.A.V.P. had issued a Memorandum, known as 'Prasad Memorandum' during emergency