

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). Based on the tender enquiries floated through the Press, three proposals for the purchase of transformers of different specifications were formally submitted by the General Manager, DESU in May, 1978 to the Delhi Electric Supply Committee, for their decision. The DESU who were competent to take final decision for placement of orders for 25 nos. of transformers on M/s. Graduate Engineers, Lucknow who were found lowest with respect to the quoted price but not recommended by the General Manager, mainly because of the delay caused by the firm in execution of an earlier order and also the technical capability of the firm.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Broadcast in Tribal Languages, Songs and Musics on A.I.R., Jeypore, Orissa

3200. SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal languages, songs and musics and themes introduced and broadcast so far from All India Radio Station, Jeypore, Orissa;

(b) total number of tribals participated in this programme; and

(c) programmes pending and proposed for the future programmes from AIR, Jeypore of different tribal languages of Koraput district and time duration provided to broadcast the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). Air Jeypore, Orissa, is an Auxiliary Centre of AIR Cuttack. While it relays most of the programmes from AIR Cuttack, it originates programmes only for 1 hour 42 minutes daily. There being a

variety of tribal languages in its jurisdiction, it broadcasts composite programme of various tribal languages which include Bhatra, Godaba, Gond, Saura, Porja, Gumura Salwa; Koya and Donda.

So far, nearly 13,200 tribals have participated in these tribal programmes. There is no proposal at present for the expansion of the tribal programmes. However, after the permanent studios are commissioned and the Station begins to function as a fullfledged Station, the possibilities of increase in the duration of the tribal programmes will be taken note of.

Dock Class Fare

3201. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (d) of Unstarred Question No. 7349 dated the 19th April, 1978 regarding Konkan Passengers Service and state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendation or propose to accept the recommendation of the study group to reduce the deck class fare;

(b) the grounds on which the study group made this recommendation to reduce the deck fare; and

(c) if the recommendation has not been accepted the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, the recommendation to reduce the deck class fare between Bombay and Panaji has been accepted by Government.

(b) The fare has been reduced in order to make it competitive with bus fare.

(c) Does not arise.