

**Installation of A.I.R. Station at Dhanbad**

4212. SHRI A. K. ROY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry are aware that Dhanbad District Journalist Association has been highlighting the necessity of a Radio Station at Dhanbad; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the previous Government assured to give a radio station by the Sixth Five year Plan which the present Government is changing; if so, reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No record of any such assurance is available. However, it is a fact that a proposal to set up a radio station at Dhanbad was included in the Fourth and Fifth Five Year Plans but it was dropped due to constraint on resources. In the Draft Sixth Plan both Dhanbad and Jamshedpur were considered for setting up a radio station ; but due to limited financial allocations made by the Planning Commission, the relative priority went in favour of Jamshedpur because of its larger population according to 1971 census. However, in the Sixth Plan there is a proposal to increase the power of the Ranchi transmitter from 10 K.W. to 200 K.W. . When this scheme is implemented (depending on allocation of funds and priority), Dhanbad will come within the day-time primary service area of the Ranchi Station.

**Funds for Development of Transport in North Eastern Region**

4213. SHRI KIRIT BIKRAM DEV BURMAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have allocated Rs. 19 crores for the development of transport communications in the North Eastern region ;

(b) if so, what steps are taken to ensure that due share is given to the development of Transport Communications in the backward tribal border areas, of Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur and Arunachal; and what part of it is proposed to be utilised for the development of these States/Territories; and

(c) the details of the transport development schemes to be financed therewith in these six States/Union Territories ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM) : (a) to (c). The question of allocation of funds for development of transport communications in the North Eastern Region, for the Annual Plan 1979-80, is under consideration and finalization by the Planning Commission.

**Filling up Vacancies in Offices**

4214. SHRI AHMED HUSSAIN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms is very often required to circulate the vacancies of certain departmental promotion/deputation posts on all Secretaries basis ;

(b) whether circulation of such vacancies in the Central Departments is time-taking and the information (circular) either reaches by the closing date of receiving applications or the employees come to know of the vacancies only after the last date ;

(c) whether a newsletter is proposed to be published on suitable intervals which would be authentic for Government employees to apply in response to the vacancies in the newsletter; and

(d) if so, how soon it will be introduced and if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL) : (a) Vacancies in promotion posts are filled by the Ministries/Departments themselves in accordance with the relevant rules and are not circulated on all Secretariat basis. Ex-cadre posts to be filled on deputation basis from amongst officers belonging to Central Secretariat Service/Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service/Central Secretariat Clerical Service are circulated by the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms amongst the members of these services when they are to be filled on all Secretariat basis.

(b) The ex-cadre posts are circulated giving about one month's time to submit applications. Sufficient number of applications are usually received in response to these circulars.