

ingly approval has already been accorded for the implementation of Singrauli Stage-I (600 MW), Korba Stage-I (1100 MW), Second Power Station at Neyveli (630 MW), Ramagundam Stage-I Project (1100 MW) and Farakka Phase I Stage-I (600 MW) project. The Orissa Government was also requested to conduct investigations and prepare a project report for a Super Thermal Power Station at Talcher in Orissa. The Project report has not been received so far.

The State Electricity Boards have also been advised to take action on the various recommendations of the committee, pertaining to them.

(c) and (d). A Super Thermal Power Station at Talcher in Orissa is not planned for installation by 1982-83.

Quality of News Broadcasting

5843. SHRI C. K. CHANDRAPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the fact that the quality of news broadcasting in AIR and TV is steadily going down and the news in AIR and T.V. these days are consisting largely of non-news and non-events while very important national and international events are just ignored;

(b) what is the reason that the news bulletins take the so-called news about Ministers' speeches or signing agreements with other countries or about some new production achievements of some factories and farms etc. and blew it with no sense of proportion and broadcast these as news; and

(c) whether Government intends to look into this and make efforts so that people will get news through

these publicly owned mass media instead of news broadcasted news?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). The news bulletins on Akashvani and Doordarshan attempt to give a balanced presentation of all news of importance both national and international, keeping in view the need to keep the listeners/viewers well informed. ..

Off and on, Government does receive comments and criticism regarding its news broadcasts, and this helps it to improve its services.

The speeches of Ministers, international agreements, notable achievements in the field of agriculture, industry etc. are covered in the news bulletins on the basis of their newsworthiness.

Publicity expenditure by Undertakings

5844. SHRI SACHINDRALAL SINGHA: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the industrial units under this Ministry;

(b) the details of the publicity expenditure of these units, unit-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the names of the dailies which were given advertisements by these units, unit-wise and the amount thereof, during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) the details of the attitude towards the language dailies of these units, unit-wise and the reflection of the attitude towards the language dailies; and

(e) the details of the action taken by these units to help the language dailies as for the Government policy by these units, unit-wise.