

visions of the Industrial Relations Bill, 1978, on its enactment. Similarly, in regard to workers' participation in management it would be appropriate to await the report of the Committee on Workers Participation in Management and Equity set up by the Ministry of Labour, and Government decisions thereon. The suggestions contained in the Report on Expansion of Steel Industry have been taken into account by the Working Group on Iron and Steel set up by the Planning Commission to formulate the Rolling Plan/Five Year Plan for the period, 1978—83.

Introduction of "Rajdhanir Chiti" by A.I.R., Calcutta

105. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether A.I.R. Calcutta introduced 'Rajdhanir Chiti' every Saturday with the contribution of Delhi based correspondents;

(b) if so, the names of the correspondents whose contribution was sought for during the current year and read out, date-wise;

(c) the details of the amount paid to the Delhi based journalist date-wise during the last one year;

(d) whether, it is a fact that programme has become popular in A.I.R., Calcutta;

(e) if so, whether this programme will be introduced at other Radio Stations particularly Silchar and Agartala; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The weekly feature 'Rajdhanir Chiti' was introduced with effect from 7th May, 1977.

(b) Information about names of the Journalists who contributed "Rajdha-

nir Chiti" during the year 1979 is given in Statement-I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3267/79].

(c) The details of the amounts paid to the Journalist during 1978 for contribution of Rajdhanir Chiti Script are given in Statement-II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3267/79].

(d) There is no data available yet about the popularity or otherwise of the programme "Rajdhanir Chiti".

(e) and (f). There is no such proposal at present. However, data are being collected about the popularity of the programme. The question of introducing similar programmes from other stations could be considered in due course in the light of a review of the utility and popularity of the programme.

C.I.S. Officers working on an ad-hoc basis

106. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers of the Central Information Service in various grades are holding posts on an ad-hoc basis and have so far not been regularised;

(b) if so, what is the number of such officers in each grade as on the 15th November, 1978, along with the reasons for their holding posts on ad-hoc basis;

(c) when was the last meeting of the DPC for each grade held and what was the number of officers regularised; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to minimise making of ad-hoc promotions in the service?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). A statement showing number of officers holding

posts on ad-hoc basis as on 15-11-79, in each grade of CIS, is placed at statement-I laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3268/79].

(c) A statement giving information is at Statement-II laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3268/79].

(d) Steps have been taken to hold DPCs at regular intervals and also to take final decision about direct recruitment to various grades so that ad-hoc appointments are minimised.

Dailies published from Agartala

107. SHRI SACHINDRA LAL SINGHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the dailies published from Agartala;

(b) whether it is a fact that they receive P.I.B. materials after 24 hours back behind New Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the action taken up to date for early delivery of the PIB materials to these papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI JAGBIR SINGH): (a) On the basis of the annual returns submitted to the Registrar of Newspapers, a statement containing the names of dailies published from Agartala as on 31st December, 1977 is attached.

(b) to (d). The PIB material is simultaneously released to the various offices of the Press Information Bureau for transmission to the newspaper. Agartala receives material both by teleprinter and by air bag. The teleprinter line to Agartala from Calcutta is via Shillong, which gets disrupted now

and then. The air bag to Agartala also goes from Calcutta, in the first available flight. Therefore, on occasions, Agartala receives material late due to these unavoidable reasons. Efforts are, however, constantly, being made to ensure that Agartala receives the material as quickly as possible.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Dailies	Language
1.	Bhabi Baharat	Bengali
2.	Dainik Ganadoot	Do.
3.	Dainik Promode Barta	Do.
4.	Dainik Sambad	Do.
5.	Ganaraj	Do.
6.	Gana Sambad Patrika	Do.
7.	Jagran	Do.
8.	Janapad	Do.
9.	Syandan	Do.
10.	Tripura Darpan	Do.
11.	Vivek	Do.

Reorganisation of steel scrap processing industry

108. SHRI SARAT KAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to re-organise the steel scrap processing industry and place it on a sound foundation, recognising its labour intensive character; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the programme of Government in this regard?