

6. बन्धीगढ़	कुछ नहीं
7. लक्ष्मीन	कुछ नहीं
8. सिधौरव	कुछ नहीं
9. पाण्डिचेरी	कुछ नहीं
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Government Advertisements for an Orissa Daily

8314. SHRI PADMACHARAN SAMANTASINHERA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that in the Orissa state there is only one English Newspaper "The News of the World" which has applied for advertisements of the Government with other facilities;

(b) if so, when that concern applied for and what action has yet been taken;

(c) how many newspapers have applied for advertisements and subsidies with paper-wise and State-wise figures; and

(d) how much amount has been granted in the form of advertisement to the newspapers, paper-wise and reasons for those which are not been given?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). "The News of the World" is the only English Daily published from Cuttack, Orissa. The Daily made its first application for DAVP advertisements in the year 1976 and since then continues to receive DAVP advertisements subject to publicity requirement. The Daily did not, however, apply for newsprint quota for the year 1976-79, though an advance of 50 mts of newsprint was made available to it from the buffer-stock of State Trading Corporation in November, 1976.

(c) No subsidy as such is provided to the newsprints. The State-wise number of newspapers which applied for DAVP advertisements during the year 1978-79 is being compiled and this information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(d) Amount paid to newspapers/periodicals individually is treated as confidential in public interest. However, no newspaper is refused advertisement provided it satisfies the conditions as laid down in the Government Policy.

Working Group and Grant of Autonomy to Films Division

8315. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a working Group has been set up to study the feasibility of granting autonomy to the Films Division; and

(b) if so, by what time the report will be submitted to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) It has been decided to appoint a Working Group to study the structure and functions of the Films Division in the field of production and distribution of documentaries and newsreels for public exhibition and to examine the feasibility of converting the Films Division into an autonomous organisation, having regard to functional, financial and other related aspects. The Working Group will be headed by Shri Hrishikesh Mukherjee, an eminent film maker and will consist of the following members:—

1. Kumari Mehra Masani
2. Dr. Dharamveer Bharati
3. Shri P. Rama Reddy
4. Shri Fali Billimoria
5. Shri M. V. Krishnaswamy
6. Shri Chidananda Dasgupta