

also helped in promoting industrial activity in that area and have been in touch with the Khadi & Village Industries Commission and the All India Handicrafts Board in this connection. The Project have also arranged for providing training in the various technical and industrial fields.

The development of infrastructural facilities in Dandakaranya area has benefited both the displaced persons as well as local tribal population.

(d) This is a matter which concerns the State Governments of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh and we have no information available in this regard.

Hazardous living conditions of the workers of Kedla Jharkhand Collieries under C.C.L.

9766. SHRI A. K. ROY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the hazardous living condition of the workers of Kedla Jharkhand Collieries under C.C.L. who are without quarter, water and sanitation and if so, the number of workers, and the number of quarters provided;

(b) whether there is no hospital facility or lady doctor in the collieries though a major portion of the workers are female, and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether safety rules are violated there without constructing proper 'bench' in the quarries resulting in frequent accidents and if so, the facts in details for the last three years; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide these facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a), (b) and (d). After nationalisation, 1657 permanent houses and 200 temporary

hutments have been constructed in this Area. 256 more permanent houses are under construction. Three pressure filtered plants to provide chlorinated water have been constructed in this Area covering 15,160 persons out of a population of 16,439 staying in company's quarters. Sanitation at the collieries is also satisfactory.

A 50-bed hospital for this Area is under construction. At present there are 8 dispensaries and 11 medical officers in this Area. A lady doctor who was offered appointment did not join. Recruitment of medical officers, including lady doctors, is in hand. Meanwhile, serious cases are being referred to the nearby hospitals for specialized treatment.

(c) No, Sir.

Suggestions for improvement of Aurangabad and Nagpur Radio Stations

9767. SHRI R. K. MHALGI:

SHRI R. P. SARANGI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an M.P. has in his visits to Aurangabad and Nagpur Radio Stations in Maharashtra during last week of January, 1981 made certain suggestions for improvement to the officials there; and

(b) if so, the action taken on each of his suggestions, or propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. Shri R. K. Mhalgi, one of the Hon'ble Members who have put this question, visited A.I.R. Stations at Aurangabad and Nagpur on 21-1-1981 and 23-1-1981 respectively.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Shri Rambhau Mhalgi, M.P. (BJP), Thane, Maharashtra, had visited AIR, Aurangabad on 21st January, 1981. The Station Director had apprised him with the working of the Station and the programmes being broadcast from there and the Hon'ble M.P. had noted the position.

2. Shri Mhalgi, M.P. also visited Nagpur Station on 23rd January, 1981. Referring to the regional news bulletin of Nagpur Station he had enquired whether it carried mostly political news and whether non-political aspects were either not included or not correctly reported.

3. It was clarified by the local AIR authorities that the news coverage

made was objective and balanced. It covered all events, political or non-political, the criteria being their news value. Further whenever the Maharashtra State Assembly or the Council meet in Nagpur or whenever a political party held its convention at that place or when national leaders visited that region, the day's news bulletin did carry more political news as may be expected. The Hon'ble Member appreciated this.

4. He further wanted to know the approximate time devoted to political and non-political events in the regional news bulletin broadcast from AIR, Nagpur in January, 1981. This information as since been supplied to him by the Nagpur Station. The other suggestions of Shri Mhalgi and the action taken are given below:

S. No.	Suggestions made	Action taken
1	2	3
1	AIR, Nagpur should carry out a survey to find out how far and well the programmes were received in Vidarbha. If necessary the help of the State Revenue authorities may be taken in an informal way in this matter.	Field strength survey has shown that Nagpur Station gives a very good signal in the Vidarbha region.
2	Production of a programme highlighting the historic, cultural and other aspects of Vidarbha for being broadcast from other Radio Stations in Maharashtra.	There is already a system of exchange of programme among the Stations in Maharashtra.
3	Announcements could be made to invite new talent for talkers and artists.	Procedure for participating in AIR programmes AIR explained in 'Replies to listener's letters' over the air, particularly in Yuv Vani programmes.
4	Those who write complaints to newspapers regarding AIR could be called to AIR office and the proper position explained to them and an effort made to understand what exactly they want.	The suggestion has been noted.
5	AIR, Nagpur which is already broadcasting Sindhi Music occasionally, may consider starting a regular Sindhi programme including sopokenword items.	The suggestion is under examination.