

**Utilisation of Services of Evacuee
Artists' and others of East Bengal
Radio Stations**

2347. SHRI TRIDIB CHAUDHURI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered utilising the services of former Radio broadcaster, musicians and staff artistes as well as technicians associated with the Dacca Rajshahi and Chittagong Radio Station in East Bengal who have come over to India as evacuees from that country after March 25, 1971, and

(b) the number of persons of the above description who have been provided with employment, part-time or otherwise, up till now ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Services of suitable evacuee artists will be utilised by All India Radio depending on its programme needs. The employment as staff of All India Radio on a regular basis, is not being considered.

(b) Does not arise.

per Capita Income In Uttar Pradesh

2348. SHRI RAJDEO SINGH : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the *per capita* income in Uttar Pradesh ; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to raise the *per capita* income in Uttar Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) The *per capita* income in Uttar Pradesh was Rs. 248 (at constant prices—base 1960-61) for the year 1968-69 which is the latest year for which such information is available.

(b) Apart from investments in the private sector and those in the Central and Centrally sponsored sectors of the Fourth Five Year Plan, which are designed to benefit the country as a whole including Uttar Pradesh, the outlay of Rs. 969 crores which

has been approved for the State's Fourth Five Year Plan, is designed for the direct improvement of the economy of the State. In addition, liberal allocations have been made for Uttar Pradesh under the Rural Works programme the SFDA/MFAL programme and the Crash Scheme for Removing Unemployment which have been taken up by the Government of India. Further, 36 industrially backward districts of the State have been identified for providing finance to new industries which may be set up in those districts, through public financial institutions at concessional rates of interest, and two such districts have been selected for grant of subsidy at the rate of 10% of the total capital investment to new industrial units having a capital base of not more than Rs. 50 lakhs each.

**Opening of New Post Offices (E.D.B.O.)
in Rural Areas of West Bengal**

2349. SHRI SUBODH HANSDA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan for the opening of new Post Offices (Extra Departmental Branch Office) in rural areas in the Districts of Midnapur, Bankura and Purulia; and

(b) if so, the number thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of extra departmental branch post offices proposed to be opened in the rural areas of the three districts of Midnapore, Bankura and Purulia is as follows :—

Name of District	Number of extra departmental branch post offices proposed to be opened.	
	During 4th Plan period	During the year 1971-72
Midnapore	250	100
Bankura	75	25
Purulia	50	15