

No resolution as such was passed by Government on the recommendations of the Gokhale Commission. These recommendations were, however, discussed in a tripartite meeting and subsequently were the subject of bipartite talks between the employers and workers. Arising out of the above discussions, and also because of the fact that the parties could not come to any agreement amongst themselves, Government is considering the question of effecting needed amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, in consultation with the various interests concerned, to ensure some measure of job security for similarly placed workers in all industries, including the oil companies

(c) There is no such present proposal.

Preference in Employment to Local People

130. SHRI D S AFZALPURKAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to give preference to the Local population keeping in view the employment in Public Sector Projects, and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). No such plan is under consideration. The Constitution of India prohibits discrimination in the matter of public employment on the grounds of place of birth or residence.

Supply of Newsprint to Dailies

131. SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total newsprint quota given to each daily newspaper in each State during (i) April-September, 1970 and (ii) October, 1970-March, 1971 ;

(b) the total amount of Central Government advertisements given to each daily

newspapers in each State during (i) April-September, 1970, and October 1970—March 1971 ;

(c) whether Government organised a special advertisement programme in connection with the last mid-term election throughout the country ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the total expenditure incurred on each item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) Newsprint quota is given to each newspaper annually for a financial year commencing from April to March each year, which is also the licensing period for import policy. Accordingly, a statement showing the newsprint quota given to each newspaper in each State during 1970-71 is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. LT—96/71*]

(b) Information regarding details of advertisements released to individual newspapers which is done in accordance with a declared policy which is non-discriminatory and the amounts paid to them is treated as confidential.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following eight advertisements were released at an approximate cost indicated against each :

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| 1. "It is your sacred duty to vote". | Rs. 42,000 |
| 2. "Vote without fear". | Rs. 42,000 |
| 3. "Don't accept any bribe or inducement in casting your vote". | Rs. 42,000 |
| 4. "Your polling station is nearby". | Rs. 42,000 |
| 5. "No body can find out whom you vote for". | Rs. 32,000 |
| 6. "Is your name on the electoral rolls". | Rs. 1,30,000 |
| 7. "An appeal to the voters". | Rs. 36,000 |

8. "For fair and free polling". Rs. 1,50,000

Quantity of Sugar for Free Sale

132 SHRI JYOTIRMOY BASU : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of sugar allowed for free sale due to the recent policy decision of Government ; and

(b) In actual quantity, how much the 10 percent means ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P SHINDE) :

(a) A quantity of 7.80 lakh tonnes has been released for free sale during the current sugar year 1970-71 i.e. from October 1970 to March/April 1971 so far.

(b) If the ratio of levy free sale sugar had been 70:30 instead of 60:40, free sale releases in the same period i.e. October 1970 to March/April 1971 would have been about 6.5 lakh tonnes.

A. I. R. Earnings from Commercial Advertisements

133. SHRI R. R. SINGH DLO : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of All India Radio earnings during the current year from commercial advertisements ;

(b) whether there are plans to widen advertising service ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the additional revenue expected thereby ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI NANDINI SATPATHY) : (a) The gross income during the calendar year 1970 was Rs. 2,65,32,192 (which included Rs. 7.87,395 for sponsored programmes). The net revenue after

deducting commission to Agencies was estimated at Rs. 2,27,38,610.

(b) and (c). The Commercial service was extended during the year to Chandigarh-Jullundur, Kanpur-Allahabad-Lucknow, Ahmedabad-Rajkot and Bangalore-Dharwar. The service was also started from Hyderabad-Vijayawada on 21-3-71. Proposal for further extension of the service to twelve more centres is under consideration. The economic and commercial viability of these centres on the basis of their market potentialities has to be determined before finalising the proposal.

(d) It is not possible at present to state precisely the additional revenue from the proposed new centres but it is estimated that on the basis of the gross income now received, each of the new centres is likely to bring in a gross revenue of about Rs 15 lakhs per year.

Shortage of Edible Oils

134. SHRI R. R. SINGH DLO : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been serious shortage of edible oils in several parts of the country recently , and

(b) the efforts made by Government to meet the requirements of edible oils which have caused serious hardship to numerous people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) :

(a) No, Sir. There have been no such reports of serious shortage of edible oils although edible oils situation has been somewhat tight for sometime due to the gap between internal production and increasing requirements.

(b) Efforts are being made to reduce the gap between internal production and demand of edible oils by undertaking programme of research and development to raise the production of edible oilseeds and oils, encouraging the production of non-traditional oilseeds like soyabean and sunflower, uti-