

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign fishing vessels are frequently visiting the coasts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and whether Government apprehend any ulterior motive behind it; and

(d) how many such vessels are confiscated during the last three years and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At times foreign fishing vessels are sighted in our territorial waters in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These have been found to have entered our water mostly under distress without any ulterior motive.

(d) Two foreign fishing vessels have been captured and confiscated during the last three years. An appeal against the confiscation of one of these vessels is pending in the Calcutta High Court.

Creation of Higher Posts in Doordarshan during Emergency

*761. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several higher posts were created in Doordarshan during Emergency;

(b) whether at the same time the claim of staff artistes category for promotions was completely ignored on the pretext of new structure;

(c) whether several higher posts were created to absorb certain regular categories of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the full facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d). On separation of television from All India Radio with effect from 1st April, 1976, the Directorate General of Doordarshan was set-up as an independent organisation. This necessitated creation of a number of posts of different categories for the headquarters' office. Some posts were also created for Central Purchase and Stores Office, Commercial Service, various Doordarshan Kendras and for the SITE continuity programme.

There was no standard staffing pattern laid down for Doordarshan Kendras. The posts sanctioned before and during the emergency were, therefore, on *ad hoc* basis. The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance has since formulated a staffing pattern for the Doordarshan Kendras, which has been accepted by Government and is in the process of implementation.

It is incorrect that the claim of staff artistes for promotion was completely ignored. Taking note of inadequate promotion prospects, the Staff Inspection Unit has recommended the introduction of selection grades for areas which have little promotion prospects. This will be taken into consideration when implementing the approved staffing pattern.

Broadcast of Programme 'Yuv Vani' from A.I.R.

*762. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government evaluate periodically the programmes broadcast on A.I.R. in the special series of programmes entitled "Yuv Vani";

(b) if so, how and when; and

(c) the broad findings of such an evaluation, and the changes and improvements effected as a result?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Audience Research Unit of A.I.R. conducts field surveys to evaluate these and other programmes in accordance with the priorities determined every year. There is no fixed periodicity for carrying out these surveys.

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

Statement

The broad findings of the various studies conducted for 'Yuva Vani' at different centres indicated that:

(i) There was good listening to Yuva Vani programmes at different places with an average of about 34% of regular and frequent listening taken together.