

employees of HMT Watch Factory, Bangalore have been paid the maximum statutory bonus and no arrears are outstanding.

SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: As no arrears are outstanding, I would congratulate the concerned management for that and I have no further supplementaries to ask.

SHRI N. SREEKANTAN NAIR: The workers of the HMT watch factory have been all along complaining that had there not been the 20 per cent limit, they ought to have got much more as their production was high. Now that 20 per cent limit has been laid down, I want to know from the hon. Minister whether he will try to bring in any other system of bonus, like incentive bonus or production bonus or something like that so that additional efforts of the workers would be properly remunerated.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: At the moment we are governed by the payment of Bonus Act as amended in 1976.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: My question is very simple and, I hope the hon. Minister will reply to that. As he assured me and other Members from Kerala and also the Labour Minister of Kerala, I want to know whether he will see to it that the strike in the HMT factory at Kalamasseri is settled as early as possible.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: It does not arise out of this. Nevertheless, I may assure the hon. Member and tell him that I am in touch with the Kerala Government in connection with the trouble in the Kalamasseri watch factory.

Extension of T.V. Facilities to cover New Towns

*555. **SHRI S. R. DAMANI:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the programme of extension of T.V. facilities, any criteria is laid down to cover the new towns;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether any schemes have been drawn up to cover big cities like Sholapur with population of over four lakhs; and

(d) if so, the main features thereof and the time by which they are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). The objective is to provide widest possible coverage of the country subject to technical feasibility and availability of required financial resources.

(c) and (d). The projects being implemented during the Fifth Plan period are a Relay Centre each at Mussoorie and Kanpur, six terrestrial transmitters under the SITE on-going scheme at Jaipur, Raipur, Gulbarga, Hyderabad, Sambalpur and Muzaffarpur, and a TV complex at Jullundur. The transmitters at Jaipur and Raipur were commissioned on 1-3-1977 and 10-5-1977 respectively. The Relay Centre at Mussoorie is scheduled to be commissioned on 12-8-1977. The remaining four terrestrial transmitters are likely to be commissioned before the end of the year 1977. The Relay Centre at Kanpur and the TV complex at Jullundur are expected to be commissioned fore the end of the Fifth Plan.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI: The hon. Minister has said that the extension of T.V. facilities to more and more areas is subject to the availability of financial resources with the Department. May I know what is the amount that has been earmarked for giving more facilities in the matter of setting up TV centres at various places and whether any scheme has been drawn for setting up TV centres in big cities and also radio stations in smaller towns?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: So far as the Fifth Plan period is concerned, apart from the SITE on-going schemes to which I have already referred, no other scheme is contemplated. Even some of the schemes that had been contemplated earlier, namely, having TV centres at Kasauli, Midnapore and Asansol, because of the advice of the Planning Commission, had to be deferred to the sixth Plan.

SHRI S. R. DAMANI: The names of cities which the hon. Minister has given are very few. A large number of areas remain without the facilities of TV and radio stations. I want to draw the special attention of the hon. Minister to the fact that there are many places having TV centres where there is no service available for T.V. repairs.

And therefore, many times, we have found that the T.V. set is getting out of order and there are not proper facilities for repairs. What arrangement you are going to make to see that, at least where T.V. programme is being relayed, there are proper facilities available for repairs?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: The hon. Member has rightly pointed out to the difficulties of maintenance of community viewing sets. The constraint of this nature has made the Government go somewhat slow in its expansion programme and to advise the Planning Commission accordingly.

श्री सुचम देव नारायण यादव : मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूँ कि जहाँ देश में लोगों के पेट में रोटी नहीं है, छप्पर पर चाम नहीं है, तन पर बस्त्र नहीं है, खेती में पानी नहीं है, बीमारी की दवा नहीं है, वहाँ देश का पैसा टेली-विजन गांव-गांव में लगा देने पर खर्च करने और तमाशा व सिनेमा दिखाने से क्या लोगों का पेट भरेगा ।

क्या सरकार की ऐसी योजना है कि टेलीविजन के माध्यम से चलचित्र दिखाये जायेंगे जिन्हें देखने से लोगों का पेट भर जायेगा, तन पर बस्त्र हो जायेगा ?

श्री लालकृष्ण धडवानो : उपाध्यक्ष जी, मैं सम्मानीय सदस्य की भावनाओं को समझ सकता हूँ और उससे सहमत भी हूँ । इसी कारण मैं यह कह रहा हूँ कि हिन्दुस्तान में भ्राज की स्थिति में टेली-विजन के एक्सपेंशन का भौक्षित्य तभी हो सकता है जब हम दूरदर्शन को विकास की योजना से जोड़ सकें । केवल नगरवासियों के मनोरंजन का साधन बनाकर अगर टेलीविजन को रखना है, तो उसके बढ़ाने का कोई भौक्षित्य नहीं । उसका भौक्षित्य तभी होगा जब उसका उपयोग शिक्षा और विकास के लिए कर सकें ।

प्लानिंग कमिशन में जो साइट-ब्रान-गोईंग योजनायें स्वीकार की गई हैं, वह भी इसीलिए स्वीकार की हैं कि वहाँ जितने भी कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किये जाते हैं वह कार्यक्रम उन्हीं उद्देश्यों की और लक्षित होते हैं ।

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, regarding the extension of T.V. facilities to various States, I do not know why this Ministry has forgotten the southern States and very important cities like Hyderabad, Cochin and Bengaluru. What is this discrimination you are showing to the southern States, I would like to know at what particular point of time that T.V. facilities will be extended to important southern States and cities.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: Whosoever else may forget the southern State and particularly Karnataka, but I being the Minister having lived there for 19 months cannot afford to forget it. Perhaps the hon. Member has missed what I have said earlier in regard to

the Fifth Five Year Plan itself about the on-going schemes approved of by the Planning Commission and we have on the cards Gulbarga which falls in Karnataka, if he is aware of it.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: You have got other places in view, but you have not extended these facilities to southern States. Please tell me what is this discrimination?

(Interruptions)

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: I am sure the hon. Members in the House would appreciate that we are proceeding from a point from which we have arrived. What has been done till now and what has been approved by the Planning Commission has been with the approval and the guidance of the earlier Government and not my Government.

श्री हुकूम चन्द कछवाय: भूतपूर्व सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री ने इस सदन में यह आश्वासन दिया था कि मध्य प्रदेश में रायपुर, भोपाल और इन्दौर में टेलिविजन केन्द्र खोले जायेंगे। क्या मंत्री महोदय बतायेंगे कि पांचवीं पंच-वर्षीय योजना के अन्त तक क्या इन तीनों स्थानों पर यह कार्य प्रारम्भ हो जायेगा, यदि हां, तो इस के पूरा होने में कितना समय लगेगा।

श्री लालकृष्ण अडवाणी: मैं सूचना दे चुका हूँ कि 1 मार्च, 1977 को रायपुर में टेलिविजन केन्द्र प्रारम्भ हो चुका है। माननीय सदस्य ने अन्य जिन स्थानों का जिक्र किया है, उन में से कहीं भी टेलिविजन केन्द्र लगाने की योजना नहीं है।

श्री राय सेवक हुजारी: जो खेल पिछड़े हुए हैं, श्री जहाँ बिजली पहुंच गई है, वहाँ अभी तक टेलिविजन केन्द्र नहीं लगे हैं। क्या मंत्री महोदय पहले ऐसे पिछड़े हुए क्षेत्रों में टेलिविजन केन्द्र लगाने की व्यवस्था करेंगे? क्या टेलि-

विजन पर किसानों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए, और बच्चों में अभिरुचि पैदा करने के लिए, कोई शिक्षा सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रम चलाये जायेंगे?

श्री लालकृष्ण अडवाणी: अभी जो टेलिविजन केन्द्र हैं, उन से भी इन उद्देश्यों की पूर्ति करने के लिए कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किये जा रहे हैं। लेकिन इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की एक दूरगामी योजना है, जिस के अन्तर्गत सैटेलाइट-बेस्ड टेलिविजन सिस्टम से—उस में समय लगेगा—बिहार, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, उड़ीसा, कर्नाटक और उत्तर-पूर्वी क्षेत्र तथा लक्का-विब आइलैंड को—इनने बड़े एरिया को कवर किया जा सकेगा। बाकी क्षेत्रों में आगे चल कर टेलिस्ट्रियल टेलिविजन की योजना के द्वारा हम सैटेलाइट टेलिविजन से लाभ उठा सकेंगे।

श्री लक्ष्मण लाल कपूर: अभी अभी माननीय सदस्य ने यह सवाल किया था कि जिस देश में इतनी भयंकर गरीबी हो, जिस देश में दो-तिहाई लोग गरीबी की रेखा के नीचे अपना जीवन-यापन कर रहे हों, उस देश में टेलिविजन लगा कर चन्द शहरों के लोगों का मनोरंजन करने की क्या आवश्यकता है। सबन के अधिकतर सदस्यों ने हृषीकानि से इस बात का स्वागत भी किया। अभी माननीय सदस्यो द्वारा अपने अपने शहरों में टेलिविजन केन्द्र लगाने के विषय में सवाल पूछे जा रहे हैं। अभी तक जो व्यवस्था है, वह पिछली सरकार की पूंजीवादी व्यवस्था की एक कड़ी है। आज जनता सरकार बनी है और जनता की यह भाशा है कि सरकार द्वारा सब से पहले देश के दबे हुए तबके के लिए उपयुक्त योजनायें चालू की जायेंगी। क्या इस भावना की कद्र करते हुए मंत्री महोदय और टेलिविजन केन्द्रों की व्यवस्था करने के बजाये, जिस पर बहुत

कर्ना होने की सम्भावना है, उन लोगों के लिए पानी की व्यवस्था करेंगे, जो आज एक ग्लास शुद्ध पानी के लिए तरस रहे हैं ?

श्री लालकृष्ण शर्मा : मैं बता चुका हूँ कि दूरदर्शन विस्तार केवल इस प्राधार पर होगा कि उस के द्वारा मनोरंजन नहीं, बल्कि शिक्षा हो, उस के द्वारा विकास की योजनाओं को प्रागे बढ़ाया जाये और स्वास्थ्य आदि की शिक्षा दी जाये। दूरदर्शन का विस्तार इस उद्देश्य से ही होगा, मनोरंजन की दृष्टि से नहीं जाया।

SHRI A. C. GEORGE: Karnataka offered hospitality to the hon. Minister for 19 months and they are getting at least a satellite or a relaying centre. We do not have that privilege in Kerala; we have been denied even that. Whenever there is a proposal about television centre, the usual plea put forward by the Finance Ministry or the Information Ministry or by any spokesman of the Government is 'financial constraints'. Now the very concept of television broadcasting is changing and it is being considered commercially viable. So, instead of always putting forward the plea of financial restraints, why should not the Broadcasting Minister take a new look at the subject of television and come forward with a proposal whereby it can be made—commercially viable and why should it not be extended to states in the extreme south, like Kerala? I am sure he has much sympathy for the southern States then why should he not think of putting up commercially viable television centres in the south also?

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: I have been listening to two contradictory viewpoints. But, as the Government has stated, if you think purely in terms of commercial viability, then the bias will be in favour of urban-based entertainment: it is bound to be so. But if you think in terms of harnessing the T.V. for developmental purposes, for educational purposes, for health pur-

poses and for purposes of agriculture, then the approach has to be entirely different and this is the approach that Government has adopted. I would like to point out that there is no question of any geographical bias this way or that way: it is our attempt to cover the whole country as far as possible and to have the maximum possible coverage, subject to financial constraints.

Dr. KARAN SINGH: Apart from the entertainment and educational aspects, Television has also a very important political impact, particularly in the border States. So, particularly in regard to these States where Pakistan Television is very easily available and very powerful, there was a proposal for setting up television stations in places like Srinagar, Amritsar, etc. But I am surprised to learn from the list read out that the proposal for a relay station in Jammu seems to have been dropped. I would urge that at least in States like that, where you can see Pakistan television the whole day, top priority should be given for setting up either original stations or relay stations.

SHRI L. K. ADVANI: This is a suggestion for action and I will have it in mind. But, as I have said, so many things are desirable but may not be feasible.

श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद : मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि नालन्दा जिले में राजगिर जो अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय उद्यान की जगह है जहाँ बहुत बड़ी संख्या में लोग बाहर के आते रहते हैं वहाँ क्या टेलिविजन केन्द्र खोलने की योजना है ?

श्री लालकृष्ण शर्मा : इस समय उस की योजना नहीं है।

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

Cowting bridge of Rajhat bridge on Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan border between Agra-Bombay Highway

S.N.Q. 22. **SHRI CHHABIRAM ARGAL:** Will the Minister of SHIP-