

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The requirements of sulphur in the country are almost wholly met by imports. It is not in the public interest to disclose the details of the imports planned.

(b) Government had carried out a review in consultation with all interests concerned.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The review disclosed difficulties in meeting the sulphur requirements of fertilizer units fully. Steps have already been taken to augment the imports. The situation is under constant review.

AIR recreational programmes for rural areas

*111. SHRI SARAT KAR:
SHRI ISHWAR CHAUDHRY:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to allot some time for the recreation of rural areas—particularly in remote areas in addition to the programmes of educational nature; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the increase of the entertainment content of the AIR programmes meant for the rural audience, if any, during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). Music and drama programmes broadcast from AIR Stations constitute about 40 per cent of its programmes. They are generally for both rural as well

as urban audiences. Recreation and entertainment of rural listeners is one of the major objectives of the rural programme. Folk songs and folk music form an essential component of programmes directed to rural listeners who also listen to general entertainment programmes broadcast by AIR Stations. The entertainment content of AIR programmes for rural areas at present is considered to be adequate.

आकाशवाणी के छतरपुर केंद्र में प्रादेशिक समाचार इकाई

*112. श्री लक्ष्मी नारायण नायक : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आकाशवाणी के छतरपुर केंद्र में प्रादेशिक समाचार इकाई नहीं है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इसकी व्यवस्था वहाँ कीम कर दी जायगी ताकि आकाशवाणी प्रादेशिक विकास में सहायक सिद्ध हो सके और बुंदेलखण्ड क्षेत्र का पिछड़ापन दूर हो सके ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण शास्त्री) : (क) और (ख). आकाशवाणी के छतरपुर केंद्र में कोई प्रादेशिक समाचार यूनिट नहीं है। समाचार सम्बन्धी कार्यक्रम, जो आकाशवाणी, नेपाल से मूलरूप से प्रसारित किए जाते हैं और छतरपुर सहित, मध्य प्रदेश में स्थित आकाशवाणी के क्षेत्र 8 केंद्रों से रिले किए जाते हैं, बुंदेलखण्ड सहित सभी क्षेत्रों की आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करते हैं ?

कि लक्ष्मी नारायण निदेशालय के निदेशक के पद के लिये प्रहृता

*113. श्री हरगोविन्द वर्मा : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या फिल्म समारोह निदेशालय में निदेशक के पद के लिए फिल्मों से सम्बन्धित कोई विशेष प्रहृता निर्धारित की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण शास्त्री) : (क) और (ख). एक विवरण सदन की मेज पर रख दिया गया है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता :

27 फरवरी, 1979 को लोक सभा के तारकित प्रश्न संख्या 113 के भाग (क) और (ख) के उत्तर में उल्लिखित विवरण

सीधी भर्ती के लिए, व्यक्ति को प्रनिवार्य ग्रहण के रूप में फिल्मों और वियेट्रों सहित कलाओं के क्षेत्र में 15 वर्ष का अनुभव होना जरूरी है। वांछनीय ग्रहणों में किसी मान्यता प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय या अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सिनेमा, टेलीविजन या वियेट्र संस्थान में व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण, सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम निष्पादित करने वाले किसी संगठन में तथा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार मेलों का अनुभव आदि शामिल हैं। पद को प्रतिनियुक्ति के आधार पर भरने पर सम्बन्धित अधिकारों को, यदि वह किसी प्रखिल भारतीय सेवा का अधिकारी हो, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, जन सम्पर्क माध्यमों के कार्य का अनुभव, अन्य मामलों में, सीधी भर्ती से रखे जाने वाले व्यक्तियों के लिए निर्धारित सभी ग्रहणों का रखना जरूरी है।

Drilling for oil in Kerala

*114. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any drilling for oil in Kerala, if so;

(b) what are the results; and

(c) whether Government is planning to do further drilling on Kerala sea?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) As far as the onshore area in Kerala is concerned, no drilling has been done by Oil & Natural Gas Commission. However, in the offshore area, Oil & Natural Gas Commission has drilled an exploratory well off Cochin during April/May, 1978.

(b) The above mentioned exploratory well which was drilled to a depth of approximately 1755 metres proved to be dry.

(c) Oil & Natural Gas Commission has planned to conduct geophysical survey in the shelf area between Gollicut and Mangalore some time during the period February/May, 1979. Further programme will be decided by Oil & Natural Gas Commission after evaluating the results of the proposed survey.

Vindictive attitude of H.A.L. Management against Officers

*115. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK: Will the DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware about the fact that as soon as the Hindustan Aeronautics Officers' Association got registered under the Trade Union Act, 1926, the management of HAL started taking all sorts of vindictive and arbitrary steps against the officers and stopped facilities which the Officers' Association entitled to; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). A recognised union of Hindustan Aeronautics Employees, registered under the Trade Union Act, 1926 is already functioning in HAL, Bangalore. The registration of Officers' Association of HAL, Bangalore, as a Trade Union, has resulted in more than one Trade Unions in the same unit. The Officers' Association prior to its registration as a Trade Union, was enjoying certain facilities and privileges like recovery of dues from their members through pay rolls and office accommodation within the factory premises, which are not granted to Trade Unions. Since the continuance of these privileges would amount to discrimination among Trade Unions of HAL, Bangalore, the Management have withdrawn them in respect of Officers' Association.