

under consideration at present to shift its Offices from Burla (Orissa) to any other place.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Winding up of the Hindi News Agencies

*259. SHRI RAMCHANDRA
BHARADWAJ :
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA
SULTAN :

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

(a) whether Government have
taken final decision to wind up the
two Hindi news agencies on the re-
commendations of the committee
headed by Shri R.N. Goenka; and

(b) if so, what alternative arran-
gements have been made to feed the
Hindi, Urdu and other language
papers with news ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :
(a) and (b) The Government did not take any
decision to wind up the two Hindi news
agencies. In fact, it is in no position to do so
as in pursuance of its deep commitment to
the freedom of the press, it would not like to
interfere with the internal functioning of the
newspapers and news agencies. However in
view of the fact that these two agencies had
become almost defunct and had reached a
point of no return, the Government sought
the help and co-operation of the leading
editors and owners of language newspapers
for ensuring satisfactory service to the
language newspapers. As a result of these
deliberations, a committee under the
Chairmanship of Shri R. N. Goenka came to
be appointed by them which after examining
the matter in detail, came to the conclusion
that it should be possible for the existing
English news agencies, namely United News
of India and

Press Trust of India, to provide requisite
service in the Indian languages by
strengthening their existing infrastructure
suitably. The Government agrees with this
view.

Inter-state irrigation projects of Maharashtra

*260. SHRI VITHALARAO
MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA
HEPTULLA :

Will the Minister of WATER
RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of interstate
irrigation projects of Maharashtra which
are yet to be cleared by the Central
Government; and

(b) when the work on the Lendi project
in which Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh
States are involved is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER
RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHAN-
KARANAND) : (a) 5 Major projects
namely, Lendi, Lower Penganga, Tillari,
Dudhganga and Upper Tapp.

(b) This would depend on clearance of
the project and provision of funds in the
State Plan. The concerned State
Governments have not informed the Centre
when the project would be started.

Use of Brand name by Horlicks

(1424. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while
granting expansion to Horlicks to set up the
Rajamundry (Andhra Pradesh) plant, a
condition was placed that after a year or so
of the Rajamundry

1 Previously Unstarred Question 868
transferred from the 5th May 1986.

Plant starting the company it will discontinue the use of the brand name Horlicks; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the condition stipulated in the Industrial Licence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Industrial Licence granted in February, 1971 to the company provided that a new Indian brand name will be used for the production within three years of the new unit going into production. However, on receipt of a representation from the company, this condition was deleted from the Industrial Licence in January, 1973.

Loan for slum clearance in Bombay

(§1425. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the progress made in the allocation of Rs. 100 crores for slum clearance in Bombay city as declared by Prime Minister in December, 1985;

(b) by when the amount is likely to be released; and

(c) whether it will be treated as loan or grant-in-aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) Additional assistance to the extent of Rs. 100 crores will be provided in the form of grants during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. The State Government has been requested to furnish the detailed schemes in this regard for sanction and release of funds.

©Previously Unstarred Question 1113 transferred from 6th May, 1986.

Blockage of passage behind Regal Building in New Delhi

1426. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no parking space left due to blockage of passage behind the Regl Building and adjoining Allahabad Bank Building;

(b) whether there is water logging on the road between these two buildings; and

(c) if so, what steps N.D.M.C. have taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) NDMC has reported that there is neither any encroachment blocking free flow of traffic nor the area is a parking zone.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Unauthorised encroachments on Government land in J.J. Colony, Moti Bagh, New Delhi

1427. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply Unstarred Question 2814 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd August, 1985 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no. action has so far been taken to clear all the unauthorised encroachments of Government land in Moti Bagh, J.J. Colony New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. DDA has instituted eviction proceedings against