

Statement

Value of advertisements released by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity to 'Small' Newspapers during 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84 and the Language-wise break up thereof

Language	(Values in Rupees)		
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
English	16,27,505	10,79,748	11,88,008
Hindi	31,91,057	57,79,868	45,36,021
Urdu	17,34,798	25,36,276	19,52,057
Punjabi	4,39,525	7,93,246	6,21,970
Assamese	44,562	58,535	76,068
Bengali	4,20,344	7,61,585	8,25,935
Oriya	1,02,210	1,05,247	1,02,463
Gujarati	2,98,925	4,02,560	2,83,633
Marathi	4,60,447	6,95,078	5,43,421
Sindhi	1,58,265	1,44,106	1,36,140
Tamil	1,99,579	3,30,217	2,44,955
Telugu	2,70,810	3,59,435	2,69,340
Malayalam	1,37,418	2,55,040	1,77,363
Kannada	1,52,130	2,62,414	2,28,769
Manipuri	44,223	36,803	41,005
Mizo & Khasi	29,336	21,749	40,558
Konkani	478	9,335	6,543
Sanskrit	1,343	13,354	25,932
Nepali	213	5,156	9,976
TOTAL	93,73,168	1,36,49,752	1,13,10,157

Rural Landless and Homeless Labourers in Madhya Pradesh

1412. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1971-72, the survey of rural landless and homeless labourers was conducted in Madhya Pradesh under a Centrally sponsored scheme;

(b) what is the number of such persons that have been (i) allotted plots and (ii) assisted to construct their own houses;

(c) what assistance has been provided to the State Government for helping these homeless to construct their own houses; and

(d) if no assistance has been provided, whether the Central Government is con-

sidering any proposal to give any assistance/grants to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR):

(a) and (b) Information is being collected from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Housing, being a State subject, all the Social Housing Schemes are being implemented by the State Government. The Union Government provides the financial assistance in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied up to any particular scheme.

Autonomous Status for AIR and Doordarshan

**1413. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER
PRASHANT:**

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

(a) whether Government propose to give autonomous status to Doordarshan and All India Radio; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the quality of entertainment programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a result of various steps taken by the Ministry, several new programmes and serials have been introduced in Doordarshan recently. All India Radio Stations regularly broadcast programmes based on classical and light classical music, humorous plays, songs from films etc; which have considerable entertainment value.

Proposals for Setting up of All India Radio Stations

**1414. SHRI S. W. DHABE;
SHRI GHULAM RASOOL
MATTO:**

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

(a) the number of proposals/requests pending with Government for setting up All India Radio Stations;

(b) the details of such proposals; and

(c) by when they are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (c) Periodically, proposals are made by State Governments and others for setting up new Radio Stations to provide coverage to uncovered places including remote areas and for improving the existing coverage. Examples of the former are the requests for a Station to cover the Jaintia Hills District in Meghalaya, Kokrajhar in Assam, Kavaratti in Lakshdweep, Car Nicobar in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan etc. Requests have also been made for extending the level of coverage from Stations like Port Blair, Kohima, Shimla etc;

The question whether it would be possible to implement these proposals would be known after the Seventh Five Year Plan proposals are finalised.

Rice Productivity in Madhya Pradesh

1415. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of rice in Madhya Pradesh is lowest in the country;