

(c) whether the employees belonging to the said Centre are controlled by the P&T Department; and

(d) whether the expenditure therefor is being borne by the P&T Department?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL): (a) to (d) Postal Research Centres have been set up by the Central Government, at some places in India since 1952. These Centres, manned by trained Central Government Personnel, essentially keep a watch on foreign mail with a view to detecting Postal and other irregularities/violations. Part of the facilities is provided by the P&T Department.

News Bulletins on AIR and Doordarshan

1395. SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN—
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the total time consumed per day for broadcasting/telecasting news bulletins in English/Hindi and other regional languages on All India Radio and Delhi Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

All India Radio

(i) Home Services—About 26 hours 19 minutes Bulletin;

(ii) External Services—About 8 hours 37 minutes Bulletin;

Doordarshan

The time accounted for by the English and Hindi Bulletins is 40 minutes. Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi does not telecast any news bulletin in regional languages.

Telecast of news in the National Programme

1396. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH:
SHRI DEBENDRA NATH BARMAN:
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

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

(a) the time consumed and the words used about the activities/speeches of the Prime Minister in the news bulletins telecast in the National Programme from the Delhi Doordarshan during the last three months; and

(b) how much of time in these bulletins is devoted to other news in proportion to that given to news about the Prime Minister and other Central Ministers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Information regarding words used, time given and percentage thereof in the National News telecast for the months December, 83 to February, 84 in respect of the Prime Minister, the Central Ministers and the general news is as follows:—

	Words	Time	Percentage
Prime Minister	26,160	218.00 (minutes)	8%
Central Ministers	,250	352.05 (Minutes)	12.9 %
General News	2,59,190	2,159.55 (Minutes)	79%