

fields and Bharat Cooking Coal Limited were near normal. All the collieries in North Eastern Coalfields functioned normally. Meanwhile fresh reports of violence have come from areas under eastern coalfields. According to Coal India Authority, one colliery workers was killed today due to a bomb blast in New Satgram colliery. Three others were injured.

Doordarshan

The news item on the strike by Coal Miners was taken only in Doordarshan's National Bulletin in English telecast on November 8, 1981. The text of the news item is reproduced below:

"Work in the Coal mines of the Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Central Coal fields Ltd. in Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal was reported to be normal today despite the one-day strike call given by some Trade Unions. Barring few minor incidents in Kuju and Hazaribagh areas in Bihar, no untoward incident has been reported. Attendance in all the Coal Mines in these States was around 85 per cent. In the North-Eastern Coal fields in Assam, there was cent percent attendance."

(On January 17, 18 and 19, 1983, no news item on this subject was telecast on Doordarshan).

Increase in Remuneration of Part Time AIR Correspondents

*5. SHRI SHYAM SUNDAR MOHA-PATRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the remuneration of part-time AIR correspondents which is hardly Rs. 100/150 per month at present; and

(b) if so, by when this increase is likely to take effect?

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) The proposal to raise the remuneration to Rs. 250/- per month has been approved by Government. It will be made effective from 1st April, 1983.

डाक व तार विभाग में विभागेतर कर्मचारी

* 8. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
श्री अरविन्द घोष :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) डाक व तार विभाग में विभागेतर कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है और वे कब से विभागेतर कर्मचारियों के रूप में कार्य कर रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या एक ही स्थान पर तथा एक जैसा ही कार्य करने वाले एक स्थायी कर्मचारी तथा एक विभागेतर कर्मचारी के वेतन तथा अन्य सुविधाओं में कोई अन्तर है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि विभागेतर कर्मचारी 12 से 24 वर्ष की सेवा के पश्चात् भी विभागेतर कर्मचारी ही रहते हैं और विभाग उन्हें वर्दी, जूता, छाता तथा बरसाती उपलब्ध नहीं कराता है और उन्हें बिमार पड़ने पर छुट्टी लेने का भी अधिकार नहीं है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इन कर्मचारियों के कल्याण के लिए कुछ करने का विचार रखती है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्री० एन० गडगिल) : (क) डाक-तार विभाग में 31-3-82 को अति-