

Name of the High Court	Number of cases pending as on 30-6-79
Orissa	8423
Patna	35513
Punjab and Haryana	38413
Rajasthan	23957
Sikkim	11
Total of cases pending in the High Courts	629722]

Creation of Indian Judicial Service

*6. SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision recently to create an Indian Judicial Service as recommended by the Law Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is difficult to indicate the time limit for taking a decision in the matter but I may assure the House that some decision will be taken as early as possible.

Broadcast/telecast of views of opposition parties

*7. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:
SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the allegation made

by Shri M. C. Chagla to the effect that his T. V. interview after the Lok Sabha poll had been censored by the Bombay T. V.;

(b) if so, what are the facts of the case;

(c) what action Government propose to take against the officials responsible for such censoring; and

(d) what is Government's policy in regard to broadcast/telecast of views of opposition parties?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. P. SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Nothing was censored; a statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

The allegation by Shri M. C. Chagla to the effect that a statement by him to be included in a T. V. programme was censored by Doordarshan Kendra, Bombay was published in some newspapers on January 14, 1980. The facts of the case are as follows:—

The programme telecast by the Bombay Kendra on January 13, 1980 was a 20-minute programme giving reactions of some eminent personalities available in Bombay on the results of the Lok Sabha elections as well as their views on the priorities before the new Government. For collecting material for this programme, brief statements by S/Shri Morarji Desai, M. C. Chagla, Nani Palkhiwala, M. V. Kamath, B. M. Gogte, Dev Anand, T.K. Tope, Nissim Ezekiel, and Smt. Nargis Dutt were recorded by the Bombay Doordarshan Camera team for the short film. As the total duration of the programme was 20 minutes and the statements collected from these persons had to be fitted into those 20 minutes in a balanced manner, some editing was inevitable at the time of compiling the programme.