

(b) whether a number of correspondents accompanied the President when he visited Bombay recently to watch the demonstration by the naval fleet;

(c) whether two correspondents from the same group of newspapers accompanied the President;

(d) whether the P.I.B. officials have been following any statutory orders or guidelines in this connection; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. Correspondents for such occasions are not, however selected group-wise, but on the basis of special accreditation granted by the Ministry of Defence. In the present case, one represented the English and the other the Hindi Newspaper.

(d) and (e) Selections are made keeping in view the nature of function, visit or event to be covered.

Reorganisation of Press Information Bureau

751. SHRI N. G. GORAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans to reorganise the Press Information Bureau with a view to implementing 20-Point Economic Programme;

(b) whether more facilities are being made available to small and medium sized newspapers and journals;

(c) whether the ratio of advertisement given to small and medium newspapers is being increased as compared to that given to big newspapers and journals; and

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(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The share of small and medium newspapers and periodicals has gone up from 43.10 per cent in 1971-72 to 52.15 per cent in 1974-75.

Opening of more watch factories

752. SHRI N. G. GORAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for watches has increased since the anti-smuggling operation started;

(b) whether Government have directed the Hindustan Machine Tools set up one watch factory in each State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI T. A. PAI):

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. No specific instructions have been issued to HMT to establish Watch Factories in each State. However, the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, has a programme to set up initially one Unit in each State in the Small Scale Sector for the assembly and progressive manufacture of Wrist Watches and its parts and 13 proposals have been approved by them so far. The know-how to the extent necessary would be available from HMT.

Amalgamation of BSF and CRP

753. SHRI N. G. GORAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BSF & CRP are deployed in various States to help the Civil Administration;