

policy questions affecting a large number of applications can be considered so that delays arising out of uncertain policy guidelines can be effectively resolved.

Natraja Statue

276. SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF :

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT :

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 517 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1973 and state the progress made so far to get back the Natraja Statue from USA?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : The matter is being taken up with the authorities concerned in the USA.

Foreign Tours of Journalists and Representatives from News Agencies

277. SHRI P. N. BISI :

SHRI SHOWLESS K. SHILLA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 225 given in the Rajya Sabha on July 26, 1973 and state :

(a) whether the journalists and representatives from news agencies who accompanied the President of India during his foreign tour, mostly came from the Newspaper Organisations in Northern and Western India and not one journalists belonging to any important Calcutta newspaper was included in these visits; and

(b) whether Government propose to include journalists from all over the country, by rotation, in such foreign tours of the President in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) Due to shortage of space in the aircraft, selection of journalists covering V.I.P. foreign tours is limited to representatives of news agencies who are requested to nominate. Only during the President's visit to Ceylon in 1970, representatives of two South Indian newspapers were included in the Press party.

(b) Limitation will not permit inclusion of newspaper representatives.

Schemes/Projects concerning Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

278. SHRI SHYAMLAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the allocation made during the Fourth Five Year Plan period in respect of Schemes/Projects concerning Ministry of Information and Broadcasting;

(b) what will be the likely expenditure by the end of the Fourth Plan period;

(c) what is the percentage of shortfall or increase in expenditure in respect of the various Schemes/Projects; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) The Fourth Plan allocation in respect of schemes/projects concerning Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was Rs. 45 crores, comprising Rs. 40 crores for Broadcasting (Development) and T.V. and Rs. 5 crores for schemes/projects of the various Information and Publicity media of this Ministry.

(b) As the Fourth Plan period is not yet over it is premature to indicate final