

(a) the number of Mobile Post Offices opened in the first two years in the State of West Bengal during the Fourth Five Year Plan Period; and

(b) the prescribed limit of loss relating to Mobile Post Offices in rural areas on a permanent basis and the number of such rural post offices in India at present ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Nil.

(b) Under the existing policy of the P&T Department, Mobile Post Offices are being opened in some of the B-2 class cities and State Capitals provided 5 hours of work load over the Sub Postmaster of the proposed Mobile Post Office is expected and provided such offices are anticipated to be self-supporting. There is, therefore no permissible limit of loss for such post offices. No Mobile Post Office is functioning in rural areas at present.

WITHDRAWAL OF CACHAR AGITATION

1390. SHRI N.-R. CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Cachar leaders have agreed to withdraw stir on language issue on; the advice of the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being made by Central Government to solve the problem regarding language issue in Assam ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) : (a) and (b) The agitation has been suspended. The Central Government continue to remain in close touch with the developments in Assam and continuous efforts are being made to find an amicable solution to the language controversy.

GORKHAU NEWS BROADCAST FROM DELHI

1391. SHRI K. B. CHETTRI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gorkhali News broadcast from Delhi Station of the All India Radio at 20.05 P.M. to 20.15 P.M. is relayed by other regional stations also; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) As Gorkhali-speaking listeners are spread over a large area of the country relay of this news programme by any particular regional station will not serve any purpose. The programme is carried both on medium-wave and on short-wave from Delhi, and these transmissions cover a large part of the country.

संसद् सदस्यों के फ्लैटों में टेलीविजन सेट

1392. श्री सुरज प्रसाद : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) संसद् सदस्यों के बंगलों, फ्लैटों और सर्वेन्ट क्वार्टरों में लगाए गए टेलीविजन सेटों की संख्या क्या है; और

(ख) क्या सर्वेन्ट क्वार्टरों में टेलीविजन सेट, संसद् सदस्यों की सहमति से लगाए गए हैं ?

† [TELEVISION SETS IN M.Ps, FLATS 1392.

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

(a) the number of television sets installed in the bungalows, flats and servants' quarters of the Members of Parliament; and

(b) whether television sets in the servants' quarters have been installed with the consent of the Members of Parliament ?]

सूचना और प्रसारण मन्त्रालय में उप-

मंत्री (श्री धर्मवीर सिंह) : (क) तथा (ख) आकाशवाणी द्वारा संसद् सदस्यों के बंगलों या फ्लैटों या उनके नौकरों के क्वार्टरों में कोई टेलिविजन सेट नहीं लगाया गया है ।

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA) : (a) and (b) No T.V. set has been installed by All India Radio in bungalows or flats or servants' quarters of Members of Parliament.]

†[]English translation.