

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् के तत्वाधान में आयोजित वैज्ञानिकों के सम्मेलन ने यह सिफारिश की है कि वैज्ञानिकों के विभिन्न प्रकार के वैज्ञानिक संस्थानों के बीच आदान-प्रदान चलता रहना चाहिए; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार इस सिफारिश को स्वीकार करने और उस पर अमल करने का विचार रखती है?

†[EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS BETWEEN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS]

354. SHRI RAJNARAIN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Conference of Scientists held under the auspices of the Indian Council for Agricultural Research have recommended that the exchange of scientists between various types of scientific institutions should be continued; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to accept and implement this recommendation ?]

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास और सहकारिता मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अण्णा-साहेब शिन्दे) : (क) जी हाँ। यह मुझाव अनुसंधान विषयक अतः संगठनात्मक सहकारिता सम्मेलन की ओर से था।

(ख) मामला भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् के विचाराधीन है।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) Yes. It was a suggestion from the Conference of Inter-Organisational Cooperation in research.

(b) The matter is under consideration of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.]

†[] English translation.

RELAY OF ENGLISH NEWS BY TRIVANDRUM STATION OF ALL INDIA RADIO

355. SHRI K. CHANDRASHEKHARAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Trivandrum Station of the All India Radio does not relay the English News Bulletin at 1.30 p.m.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when arrangements will be made to relay the English News Bulletin by all the Stations in India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJARAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Trivandrum Station relays the Malayalam news from Delhi at 1.20 P.M. It is, therefore, not considered necessary to relay the English bulletin at 1.30 P.M.

(c) The 8.15 A.M. and 9.00 P.M. English News Bulletins are already being relayed by all stations. There is no proposal for requiring all stations compulsorily to relay all English news bulletins.

EMPLOYMENT FOR BLIND PERSONS

356. SHRI Y. ADINARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of blind persons who are unemployed in the country; and

(b) what steps have been taken by the Government of India to provide employment to them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Information about the exact number of blind persons who are unemployed in the country is not available. However, the number of blind persons seeking employment through the Employment Exchanges was 735 as on 30th September, 1969.

(b) The following steps have been taken by the Government for providing employment to physically handicapped persons including the blind.