

List of Transmission Executives working in Television Centre, All India Radio, New Delhi

(As on 26-7-1969)

S.No.	Name of incumbents	Date of posting
1	Shri H. R. Salooja	30-11-1962
2	„ N. S. Bhatnagar	4-5-1965
3	„ J. N. Mukerjee	1-5-1965
4	„ Kabir Ahmed	14-8-1967
5	„ B. B. Gupta	11-6-1969

LIFTING THE CONTROLS ON FOOD

727. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to lift the controls on the distribution of food in the country; and

(b) if so, by what time it is expected to be lifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) and (b) Government's approach in this matter has been pragmatic. Relaxations are made as and when warranted by the food situation. It is not feasible to fix any deadline for lifting of food controls.

† RECLAIMING OF SALINE, WATER-LOGGED LAND

213. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Administration is launching a scheme to reclaim about 20,000 acres of water-logged and saline land along the Yamuna;

(b) whether it is a fact that Haryana Government is giving technical assistance to the Delhi farmers to reclaim this land;

† Transferred from the 23rd July, 1969.

(c) what are the full details of the programme; and

(d) by when it is proposed to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE) : (a) While there is no programme to reclaim water-logged and saline lands along the Yamuna bank, the Delhi Administration has a scheme of reclamation of alkaline and saline lands to be taken up in Nangloi, Najafgarh and Alipur Blocks during the Fourth Five Year Plan.

Some 20,000 acres of land in the Union Territory of Delhi are estimated to have been affected by water-logging and salinity. An intensive survey of the area followed by suitable reclamation measures has to be taken up if these lands are to be made fit for cultivation. Delhi Administration took some tentative steps in this direction in 1967-68. The work will be intensified in the Fourth Plan. As most of the affected land belongs to the cultivators, only Pilot Demonstration Projects are to be taken up in the first phase of the programme.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) and (d) The Working Group set up by the Government to consider the Fourth Five Year Plan proposals has recommended an outlay of Rs. 7.50 lakhs for reclamation of 1,000 acres of saline and alkaline lands in the Union Territory of Delhi. In the current financial year, Delhi Administration proposes to survey 500 acres of such land for which Rs. 85,000 has been provided in the budget.

† NEWSPRINT POLICY

285. SHRI KRISHAN KANT :
SHRI ARJUN ARORA :

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

(a) whether a deputation of Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society waited on the Prime Minister to protest against the newsprint policy; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to their demand?

† Transferred from the 24th July, 1969.