in godowns owned and hired by them. All scientific measures are taken to preserve the grain while in storage.

ASSAM OIL COMPANY

- 723. SHRI G. BARBORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to replies to Starred Question No. 404 and Unstarred Question No. 949 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August and 6th December, 1968 respectively and state:
- (a) the results of the efforts made by Government to persuade the management of the Assam Oil Company, Digboi to recognise the majority union;
- (b) whether 3000 workmen of the Assam Oil Co. Ltd. who are members of the Union, have submitted a signed Demand sheet to the Management and the Government; and
- (c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) In view of the persistent objections of the Assam Oil Company Limited as well as the existing recognised union against the verification conducted, it has been decided to place the matter before the Central Implementation and Evaluation Committee.

- (b) A demand notice signed by a number of workers has been received.
- (c) Since the Assam Oil Company Labour Union is an unrecognised union, the management has declined to discuss matters with it as the questions raised in the Demand Notice are of a general nature. It is, understood that similar issues were raised by the recognised union also and these are under mutual negotiation; the issue regarding bonus for 1968 raised therein has since been settled amicably.

आकाशवाणी में उद्घोषकों की नियुक्ति

- 724. श्री तारकेश्वर पांडे : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :
- (क) आकाशवाणी के दिल्ली केन्द्र में गत 2 वर्षों में उद्घोषकों के पदों के लिए कितनी

बार आवेदकों को साक्षात्कार के लिए बुलाया गया और उनमें से कितने व्यक्तियों की अब-तक नियुक्ति की जा चुकी है; और

(ख) क्या अब भी कुछ पद रिक्त हैं; यदि हां, तो उनके न भरने के क्या कारण है?

†[APPOINTMENT OF ANNOUNCERS IN A.I.R.

724. SHRI TARKESHWAR PANDE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of times the applicants were called for interview for the posts of Announcers at the Delhi Station of All India Radio during the last two years; the number of persons out of them so far appointed on these posts; and
- (b) whether certain posts are still vacant; if so, the reasons for not filling them up?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल):

- (क) दिल्ली केन्द्र में गत 2 वर्षों में उद्घोषक के पद के लिए तोन बार आवेदन-पत्न मागे गए थे। अब तक नियुक्त किये गए व्यक्तियों की संख्या 7 है।
- (ख) उद्घोषक का कोई पद खाली नहीं है ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Applicants were invited three times, during the past two years, for the post of Announcer at the Delhi Station. The number of persons appointed so far is 8.

(b) No post of Announcer is vacant.]

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725. SHRI ARJUN ARORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which the latest telephone directories for Bombay,

†[] English translation.