MICRO-WAVE CENTRE AT TINSUKIA

1023. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a plot of land was requisitioned and some construction works were also started on the same for a microwave centre at Tinsukia about two years back; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in the completion of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes. A plot of land was requisitioned for construction of a microwave tower and technical building to connect Tinsukia *to* the microwave system linking Calcutta, North Bengal and Assam.

(b) The construction of technical building and tower foundations at Tinsukia has been completed and installation of the equipment is in progress. The work on microwave system has already been completed from Calcutta to Dibrugarh. The completion of works in the remaining section *viz.* Dibrugarh-Tinsukia has been delayed due to change in the routing of the microwave link from Jorhat to Tinsukia, which required construction of new radio relay stations between Jorhat and Dibrugarh. The balance works are expected to be completed in about six months' time.

आकाशवाणी से हिन्दी वार्त्ताओं का प्रसारण

1024. **श्री महावीर प्रसाद शुक्ल** : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आकाशवाणी दिल्ली केन्द्र से विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों के अन्तर्गत प्रति दिन क्रमशः हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी में कितनी-कितनी वार्त्ताएं प्रसारित की जाती हैं ; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों से हिन्दी वार्त्ताओं का प्रसारण काफी कम कर दिया गया है ?

tBROADCASTING OF HINDI TALKS FROM A.I.R.

1024. SHRI M. P. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of talks broadcast daily in Hindi and English respectively under the various programmes of the Delhi Station of All India Radio; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the broadcasting of the talks in Hindi has been reduced considerably for the last few years?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गुजराल) : (क) दिल्ली केन्द्र से हिन्दी तथा अंग्रेजी में रोजाना प्रसारित होने वाली वार्त्तायें, जिनमें समाचार-सेवा प्रभाग द्वारा तैयार की गई वार्त्तायें भी शामिल हैं, की औसतन संख्या क्रमशः 10 और 3 है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं । उनकी संख्या बढ़ी है ।

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The average number of talks broadcast daily in Hindi and English from the Delhi Station, including those items originated by the News Services Division works out to 10 and 3 respectively.

(b) No, Madam. There has been an increase.]

आकाशवाणी का कृषि-जगत कार्यक्रम

1025. **श्री महावीर प्रसाद शुक्ल** : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि आकाशवाणी दिल्ली से प्रसारित होने वाले कृषि-जगत कार्यक्रम में अधिकतर वे व्यक्ति बुलाए जाते हैं जिनकी मातृभाषा हिन्दी नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उन सभी का उच्चारण इतना अशुद्ध होता है कि कभी-कभी श्रोता उसे सुन कर खीझ जाते हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या इस तरह हिन्दी की उपेक्षा किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?