

(b) It is proposed to utilise the agency of Air Force helicopters for conveyance of mails on the following two routes :—

(i) Between Chandigarh and Key-long during the winter months when the road *via* Rohtang Pass is closed. The helicopter service being operated for the Border Roads Organisation is proposed to be utilised.

(ii) For distribution of mails in the Mizo Hills from Silchar.

#### **DIRECT DIALLING SYSTEM BETWEEN BOMBAY AND NAGPUR**

1010. SHRI B. D. KHOBARAGADE : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the scheme of connecting Nagpur with Bombay by direct-trunk-dialling system; and

(b) if so, by when this scheme will be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (PROF. SHER SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Madam. (b)

1972-73.

#### **MERGER OF D.A. WITH BASIC PAY**

1011. SHRI THILLAJ VILLALAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding merger of D.A. with basic pay for all workers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Government has not taken any general decision in this matter. Demands for merging D.A. or a part of it into basic wages are usually raised before Wage Boards which make recommendations taking into account the circumstances of each industry/employment

(b) Does not arise.

#### **आकाशवाणी के अधिकारियों द्वारा राजनीतिक लेख**

1012. 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 के अधिकारीगण दिल्ली के दैनिक अखबारों में राजनीतिक लेख लिखते रहे हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या उन्होंने इसके लिये विभाग से औपचारिक अनुमति ली थी ; और

(ग) क्या उन्होंने उस पैसे का कोई हिसाब विभाग को दिया है जो कि उन्हें उन लेखों के लिये मिला था ?

#### **tl WRITING OF POLITICAL ARTICLES BY A.I.R. OFFICIALS**

1012. SHRI M. P. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of the Delhi Station of the All India Radio have been writing political articles for the daily newspapers of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether they had obtained formal permission from the department for this purpose; and

(c) whether they submitted to the department any account of the money received for these articles?]

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

(क) सरकार को इसकी जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Government are not aware of this.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.]