

(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 THILLAI 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 महाबीर 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 हां, 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 ?

†[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.]

†[] English translation.