

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि इसका मुख्य कारण यह है कि कार्यक्रम तैयार करने वाले अधिकारी सदैव रक्तचाप से पीड़ित रहते हैं और शारीरिक दृष्टि से अस्वस्थ हैं; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) और (ख) का उत्तर 'हां' हो तो सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

†[HINDI PROGRAMME OF A.I.R.]

1575. 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 standard of Hindi Programmes from the Delhi Station of All India Radio has considerably fallen during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it is so mainly because the programme officers are always suffering from blood pressure and are physically unhealthy; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take in the matter?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई० के० गजराल) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) कार्यक्रम अधिकारी किसी ऐसी बीमारी से ग्रस्त हुए प्रतीत नहीं होते जिसके कारण उनको कर्तव्य ठीक से करनेमें रुकावट आती हो ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Madam.

†[] English translation.

(b) The Programme Officers do not appear to be suffering from any ailment which would interfere with the discharge of their duties properly.

(c) Does not arise.]

PURCHASE OF SHARES OF SAMACHAR BHARATI NEWS AGENCY BY BIHAR GOVERNMENT

1576. Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRI YELLA REDDY :

SHRI REWATI KANT SINHA :

SHRI R. N. JHA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Bihar have purchased shares from the Samachar Bharati News Agency, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria of purchasing shares;

(c) whether that Government have done anything to appoint anybody on the Board of Directors of Samachar Bharati to keep an eye on the working conditions of the employees as well as the financial aspect of their investment; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken to get their accounts audited as have been done by other State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The State Government purchased 5,000 shares of the Samachar Bharati News Agency of Rs. 100 each with a view to improving existing arrangements for the collection and distribution of news and feature service in Indian Languages, particularly in Hindi, for which the news agency was set up.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.