

†CENTRAL TEAM TO STUDY INCIDENTS OF 'GHERAOS' IN CALCUTTA

*624. SARDAR HARCHARAN SINGH DUGAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a Central Study Team has recently visited Calcutta to collect data on the increasing incidents of "Gheraos" in West Bengal ;

(b) whether the Team has since submitted its report to Government ; and

(c) if so, details of their recommendations/findings in this regard and reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) The Government did not depute any study team to West Bengal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

BRANCH OFFICES OF SAMACHAR BHARATI NEWS AGENCY

*797. SHRI R. N. JHA :
SHRI REWATI KANT SINHA :
SHRI Z. A. AHMAD :
SHRI M. V. BHADRAM :

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

(a) the number of branch offices of the Samachar Bharati news agency functioning in India with employees grade-wise working in permanent and temporary capacities ;

(b) the names of employees functioning at Headquarters Office of the Samachar Bharati at Delhi, gradewise in permanent/temporary capacities and the service conditions of permanent and temporary staff reporters ;

(c) the amount of grants/loans advanced to this news agency by the State Governments/Central Government during the years 1966-67, 1967-68 and 1968-69 and the amount received from the business conducted during the years ; and

(d) the expenditure incurred by the News Agency in various Branch Offices/Headquarters Office at New Delhi during the period mentioned above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a), (b) and (d) The Samachar Bharati is an independent News Agency and the Government have no control over it.

(c) The following loans were advanced to the Samachar Bharati :

Name of Government	Loan		
	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Central Government .	..	75,000	75,000
U. P. Government	76,000

No grants have been given to the Samachar Bharati either by the Central or the State Governments.

The loan has been advanced with a view to improving the existing arrangements for the collection and distribution of news and feature services in Indian languages, particularly, in Hindi for which the news agency was set up. Repayment of loan will commence from 1972.

BIRLA'S MOIRA COLLIERY

*798. SHRI KALYAN ROY :
SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MO-KHERJEE :

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received serious complaints against Birla's Moira Colliery, West Bengal ;

†Transferred from the 20th August, 1969.