

TELEVISION STATIONS

*90. SHRI SANDA NARAYAN-APPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up new Television Stations during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the locations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SATYA NARAYAN SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Planning Commission has approved of the proposals to establish T. V. Stations at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Kanpur. In addition, a firm decision to set up a station at Srinagar has been taken.

AGRICULTURE OUTPUT DURING FOURTH PLAN

183. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to boost the agriculture output during the Fourth Plan through A.I.R., and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme ?

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

(b) AIR gives spoken word support to the programmes of agricultural development in its rural programmes. It has also set up Farm and Home Units at 20 stations, and more will be set up in the course of the Fourth Plan period. Radio Rural Forums have been organised at the receiving end to stimulate interest in these programmes amongst farmers.

184. [Transferred to the 28th February, 1969.]

SOVIET PEACE PROPOSALS

185. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Soviet Peace Proposals have been conveyed to the Government of India; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Government of India in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir-

(b) The proposals are secret and under consideration of the Government of India.

186. [Transferred to the 28th February 1969.]

SUPPLY OF FISHERIES BY U.S.S.R. TO PAKISTAN

187. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : SHRI BANKA BEHARY DAS :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S.S.R. have recently offered large number of fighters and bombers to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what is their number and what is the reaction of the Government of India in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH) : (a) Government have no authentic information on this.

(b) Does not arise.

विदेशों में भारतीय प्रेस सहचारियों को स्थानीय भाषा का ज्ञान

188. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : क्या प्रधान मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि यद्यपि अरब देशों में सभी समाचार-पत्र अरबी अथवा फ़्रेंच भाषा में छपते हैं फिर भी इन देशों में