

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

COMMERCIAL BROADCAST

*208. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR:

SHRI K. SUNDARAM:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand commercial broadcasting on other Radio Stations; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a) and (b) The proposal regarding immediate extension of the Commercial Broadcasting to other regions is under active examination.

P. M.'S TALKS WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER ABOUT ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN

*209. SARDAR NARINDER SINGH BRAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister in her recent talks with the Foreign Minister of Turkey in New Delhi has conveyed India's concern over reports emanating from time to time regarding supplies of arms by Turkey to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, whether any assurance has been given by the Foreign Minister of Turkey in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir, we conveyed our concern to the Foreign Minister of Turkey.

(b) The Foreign Minister of Turkey appreciated our views but did not give any assurance. These discussions were frank and conducted in a spirit of cordiality. It was agreed that both coun-

tries would explore and enlarge the areas of agreement and cooperation between them.

PEKING PROPAGANDA REGARDING INDIAN ARMS BUILD-UP

214. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Peking Radio Broadcast published in the Hindustan Times of 16th January, 1968 alleging Indian arms build-up with United States and Soviet aid; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to counter this propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from presenting the correct picture of India's defence preparations in the wake of aggressive postures adopted by China on our Northern borders Government do not deem it necessary to refute each and every item of Chinese propaganda particularly when it is so palpably false and hackneyed as to carry no credibility.

फरक्का बांध के विरुद्ध पाकिस्तान का विरोध

*215. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान सरकार ने हाल में फरक्का बांध के निर्माण के प्रति विरोध प्रकट किया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो पाकिस्तान द्वारा इस बांध के निर्माण के विरोध में कौन-कौन सी आपत्तियाँ उठाई गई हैं, और

(ग) क्या सरकार पाकिस्तान द्वारा उठाई गई आपत्तियों को निपटान के लिए एक सम्मेलन का आयोजन कर रही है?