

that the time and labour involved in working out the percentage of items repeated from one bulletin to another would not be commensurate with the results expected.

(b) The practice of repetition of news stories obtains in almost all broadcasting organisations, including the B.B.C. The main reasons for repeating certain news items are: —

- (i) Each news bulletin represents a self-contained piece of broadcast, covering the most important events and developments that have occurred until the time the bulletin goes on the air.
 - (ii) The audience for each bulletin is not constant but varies according to the convenience and habits of individual listeners. It would be unfair to those listeners who have not heard an earlier bulletin to be denied a particular important item of news merely because some other listeners may have heard the same item in an earlier bulletin;
 - (iii) Even where an item is repeated from one bulletin to another, its treatment in a subsequent bulletin is suitably modified so as to cover any later development of the same story;
 - (iv) During certain hours of the day and night, and on certain days of the week (e.g., Sundays and holidays) the newscast is comparatively thin. Therefore, in the absence of fresh stories, some of the items broadcast earlier have to be repeated in subsequent bulletins, with such modifications as may be necessary.
- (c) The preparation of a news bulletin is a continuous process which goes on not only till that time the bulletin is due to go on the air, but which often involves the inclusion of

last-minute items of news received after the start of the bulletin.

P.M.'S MEETING WITH INDIAN STUDENTS IN LONDON

*582. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister addressed any meeting of the Indian students in London during his visit there on the occasion of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference in June, 1965;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Indian students have expressed a number of their grievances to the Prime Minister; and
- (c) if so, the nature of these grievances and what steps are being taken in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister addressed a meeting of Indian students in London on 19th June, 1965.

(b) Yes, Sir. The students referred to certain difficulties being experienced by them in London.

(c) The difficulties mentioned were mainly financial. They also suggested the formation of a central organisation of all Indian students in the United Kingdom and provision of accommodation. We are looking into the matter in consultation with the Indian High Commission in London.

A.I.R. BROADCAST IN RAJASTHAN

*584. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the people of border villages of Barmer and Jalore in the State of Rajasthan listen to Pakistan broadcasts because the All India Radio broadcasts are not audible there?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : All India Radio have not heard whether the people of Barmer and Jalore listen to Pakistan broadcasts or not. There was no curb on domestic listening in India to any radio station. Newspapers have recently reported that the District Magistrates of Varanasi and some other towns have banned listening to Pakistan Radio. Barmer and Jalore are situated near the Pakistan border and in the day time are still outside the primary service range of the existing A.I.R. Stations. However, a proposal to instal a powerful mediumwave transmitter in Rajasthan in the Fourth Five Year Plan is under consideration. When this is installed, day time listening will also improve. Even at present Ajmer and Bikaner Stations can be heard after sunset.

रक्षा मंत्रालय में हिन्दी अधिकारी

*590. श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण दास : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रक्षा मंत्रालय में अब तक किसी हिन्दी अधिकारी की नियुक्ति नहीं हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इसका क्या कारण है; और

(ग) अब तक इस पद पर नियुक्ति की जाने की संभावना है ?

•{[HINDI OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

*590. SHRI L. N. DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no Hindi Officer has so far been appointed in the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time, by when appointment to this post is likely to be made?]

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री वाई० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) से (ग) रक्षा मंत्रालय में हिन्दी का काम दो विशिष्ट हिन्दी सहायकों तथा अन्य स्टाफ द्वारा किया जाता है, जो हिन्दी में अर्हता प्राप्त हैं अथवा शिक्षा प्राप्त । सेवा मुख्यालयों में अलग हिन्दी सेल है जिन में काम करने वाले हैं हिन्दी विशेष अर्हता प्राप्त सेवाओं के तथा अर्सनिक अफसर । हिन्दी में विशेष अर्हता प्राप्त अतिरिक्त अफसर और स्टाफ यथा आवश्यकता और यथा समय नियुक्त किए जायेंगे ।

†[THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) to (c) In the Ministry of Defence Secretariat, Hindi work is done by two special Hindi Assistants and other staff qualified or trained in Hindi. In the Service Headquarters, there are separate Hindi cells manned by Service and civilian officers with special qualifications in Hindi. Additional officers and staff specially qualified in Hindi will be appointed as and when necessary.]

चीन के साथ रेडियो फोटो सर्विस

*591. श्री राम सहाय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या नई दिल्ली से संचालित होने वाली चीन के साथ डायरेक्ट रेडियो फोटो सर्विस को उपयोग में लाया जा रहा है ?

•{[RADIO PHOTO SERVICE WITH CHINA

*591. SHRI RAM SAHAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether the Direct Radio Photo Service with China operating from New Delhi is being utilised?]