

संचार विभाग में उपमन्त्री (श्री बी० भगवती) : जी हा ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B BHAGAVATI): Yes, Sir]

PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES OF NON-GRADUATE CLASS III EMPLOYEES OF TELEPHONE DISTRICTS

*595 SHRI LILA DHAR BAROOAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that promotion opportunities for the non-graduate Class III employees of the various Telephone Districts are very limited;

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

WEST GERMAN OFFER FOR TELEVISION STUDIOS

*596. SHRI RAM SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West German Government have offered aid to build a television studio in India;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of assistance offered; and

(c) what percentage of it would be in the form of technical personnel and equipment?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The studio has already been installed and is functioning from the 15th August, 1965.

†[] English translation.

(b) and (c). The total value of the gift is Rs. 18 lakhs. Of this, Rs 14.5 lakhs represents the cost of the equipment and Rs 3.5 lakhs is earmarked for services.

UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINES NEAR ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR

*599 SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unidentified submarines have been noticed near Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

(b) if so, what is the number of such submarines;

(c) whether the nationality of these submarines has been established; and

(d) what steps are being taken to tighten the security measures there?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B CHAVAN) (a) to (c) On two occasions, submarines were sighted in the Andaman and Nicobar waters. Both the sightings were in March, 1965 and it is not known whether the sightings were of the same submarine. As the submarines dived immediately on being spotted, it was not possible to identify their nationality.

(d) All possible steps have been taken for the purpose of strengthening the security of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, but it will not be in the public interest to disclose the details of these measures.

टेलीविजन के लिये फीचर लिखना

*600. श्री लक्ष्मीनारायण दास : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार कुछ लेखकों को टेलीविजन के लिये फीचर लिखने का प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने के लिये विदेश भेजना विचार कर रही है ?