

proposals outlined in the 1963-64 budgets are a step in the direction of achieving this objective.

OWNERSHIP OF PRESS BY INDUSTRIALISTS

*407. **SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the recent observations made by the Prime Minister in February, 1963 at the Press Institute Seminar regarding the ownership of Press by the industrialists; and

(b) whether the broad suggestions of the Prime Minister have been considered with a view to taking any steps in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. GOPALA REDDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of monopolies in newspapers is constantly under the consideration of Government. The Press Commission's suggestion in this connection was that when such monopolies develop, the matter should be referred to the Press Council. Efforts are being made to set up a Press Council as early as possible. When the Press Council has begun to function instances of monopoly will be referred to it.

GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE AT GOA

*408. **SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Government Guest House is being constructed at Goa;

(b) if so, when it will be completed; and

(c) whether the Consultative Committee of Goa was consulted in this matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The construction of the Government Guest House in Goa has already commenced and is expected to be completed in about a year.

(c) The Government Guest House will provide accommodation to visiting officials and short-term deputations and will be in the nature of a Dak Bungalow or Circuit House. This is purely an administrative matter and it was not considered necessary to consult the Informal Consultative Council about it.

*409. [*Postponed to the 19th March, 1963.*]

PAY-SCALE OF SUB-EDITORS IN SAINIK SAMACHAR

*410. **SHRI B. B. VARMA:** Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pay-scale of sub-editors in the Sainik Samachar has been revised;

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what is the new pay-scale; and

(c) whether the sub-editors in the Sainik Samachar have now been brought at par with their counterparts in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting as regards their pay-scale?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 270-10-290-15-410-EB-15-485.

(c) Yes, Sir.