

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that certain Hindi writers belonging to a certain group are favoured with frequent contracts while many a leading and promising litterateur is discarded; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to redress the grievances of such artistes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. GOPALA REDDI): (a) The selection of scripts and artistes is governed by their individual merits and the programme requirements of All India Radio.

(b) No, Sir. All artistes are offered engagements according to their suitability and A.I.R.'s requirements, irrespective of their places of residence. During the current financial year so far, 31 artistes belonging to Kanpur were engaged by the Lucknow Station as against 53 artistes belonging to Lucknow.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

INNERLINE PERMIT TO DR. BRODY

***291. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of West Bengal, Shri P. C. Sen, has recommended to the Government of India on the 17th September, 1962 for a favourable consideration of Dr. Elmer J. Brody's request for an innerline permit to enable him to participate in Nilgiri expedition; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dr. Brody's request could not be accepted.

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पाकिस्तानियों द्वारा अपहृत भारतीय मछलियों

***२९३. श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले २८ सितम्बर की रात को पाकिस्तानी राइफल-धारी सैनिक कुछ मछलों को अपहृत करके ले गये जो २४ परगना जिले में हिंगलगंज पुलिस थाने के निकट इच्छमती नदी में मछली मार रहे थे; और

(ख) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर 'हाँ' हो तो घटना का विवरण क्या है और इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

†[INDIAN FISHERMEN KIDNAPPED BY PAKISTANIS]

***293. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Riflemen kidnapped on the night of the 28th September last some fishermen who were fishing in the river Ichhamati near Hingalganj Police Station in the district of 24-Parganas; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative what are the details of the incident and what action has been taken in the matter?]

वैदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री दिनेश सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) २८ सितम्बर, १९६२ को पाकिस्तानी पुलिस का एक दल तेज चलने वाली नाव में बैठकर इच्छमती नदी के भारतीय जलक्षेत्र में घुस आया और तीन भारतीय राष्ट्रियों को उनकी किश्ती और मछलियों के जाल सहित जबर्दस्ती पकड़ कर ले गया ; ये भारतीय राष्ट्रिक वहाँ मछलियाँ पकड़ रहे थे ।

†[] English translation.