

outlay on residential buildings as treated as productive while outlay on office buildings and roads is treated as non-productive. The outlay on office buildings, however, is not really nonproductive inasmuch as it saves rent which Government would otherwise have to pay for hiring private accommodation. I place on the Table of the House a statement giving the total outlay on civil works during the last four years indicating the amounts spent on (1) residential buildings and (2) non-residential buildings and roads.

(c) Yes, Sir.

#### STATEMENT -

*Total outlay on civil works during the last four years indicating amounts spent on (i) residential buildings and (ii) non-residential buildings and roads.*

1951-52— (In lakhs of rupees)

Residential Buildings	5.01
Non-residential Buildings plus Roads	3.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.96</b>

1952-53—

Residential Buildings	4.20
Non-residential Buildings plus Roads	7.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.50</b>

1953-54—

Residential Buildings	3.68
Non-residential Buildings plus Roads	9.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.10</b>

1954-55—

Residential Buildings	7.51
Non-residential Buildings plus Roads	17.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.51</b>

\*The figures do not include departmental charges.

DR. R. P. DUBE: What is the interest charged on these? Are they built on loans or are they grants?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: Most of these assets, particularly the productive items, are met from the borrowings of the Central Government and there are no specific loans raised against this expenditure. This is from the general borrowings.

DR. R. P. DUBE: Does this Department pay any interest to the Government to the General Fund or is it utilized from the capital?

SARDAR SWARAN SINGH: The Department does not itself pay any amount to the General Revenue. As I said, this is from Capital Account.

#### SCALES OF PAY OF NEWS ANNOUNCERS

\*575. SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) what are the scales of pay of the News Announcers in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu employed in the All India Radio; and

(b) what is the minimum qualification required for the above posts?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): (a) There are no separate scales of pay prescribed for News Readers according to languages. News Readers are screened by a committee consisting of officers of the All India Radio and some eminent outsiders and on the basis of their grading and also the length of their service in All India Radio, their scale of pay is fixed.

(b) There is no minimum academic qualification necessary, nor is one prescribed for this work which is of a practical nature. The committee

which grades the News Readers from practical point of view examines them in respect of—

- (i) suitability of voice for purposes of reading news bulletins;
- (ii) command over the language in which the news bulletins are broadcast and fluency; and
- (iii) ability to render names of persons, places, etc., foreign or Indian.

A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha giving the scales of pay of News Readers and Announcers.

#### STATEMENT

*Scales of pay of News Readers and*

*Announcers News Readers—*

Rs. 300—20—500—25—

600—40—1,000. Announcers—Rs.

150—10—300—20—

500—25—600.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: Is it not a fact that the Telugu and Tamil Announcers are getting lesser salaries than the Hindi and English Announcers?

DR. B. V. KESKAR: I don't think that the pay, if less, is due to the fact that they are Telugu or Tamil News Readers. Most probably it might be due to the fact that they have been more junior in service or for some Other reason. No discrimination is made on account of languages.

SHRI V. VENKATARAMANA: May I know whether the Telugu and Tamil News Announcers are getting lesser scales than the Hindi and English Readers?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He gave an explanation.

PROF. G. RANGA: For how many years are they in employment? Are they temporary or permanent?

SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN: Normally on a three-year contract.

#### आल इंडिया रेडियो की समाचार सेवाएं

\*५६९. श्री नवाब सह चौहान (श्री कृष्णकान्त व्यास के लिए): क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि अखिल भारतीय आकाशवाणी की समाचार सेवाओं को शक्तिशाली बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

#### t[NEWS SERVICES OF THE ALL INDIA RADIO

\*569. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN (ON BEHALF OF SHRI KRISHNAKANT VYAS): Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to strengthen the news services of the All India Radio?

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्री (डा० बा० वि० कंसकर): न्यूज सर्विस को ज्यादा ताकतवर बनाने के लिए जो विशेष काम किए गए हैं वे ये हैं : लखनऊ, नागपुर, मद्रास, बम्बई और कलकत्ता स्टेशनों से रीजनल न्यूज को आरम्भ किया है। इसके अलावा, रीजनल न्यूज ज्यादा अच्छे तरीके से मिल सकें इसके लिए भी इंतजाम किया जा रहा है। न्यूज रीडर्स अच्छे तरीके से खबर पढ़ें इसके लिए कमेटी बनाई गई है ताकि हम अच्छे से अच्छे न्यूज रीडर रिक्लूट कर सकें। यह भी तय किया गया है कि आल इंडिया रेडियो से जो समाचार प्रसारित होते हैं उनके लिए दो नए २० किलोवाट शार्टवेव के शक्तिशाली ट्रांसमिटर दिल्ली में लगाए जाएं ताकि उनकी शक्ति बढ़ जाए। इस्टीमेट्स कमेटी ने जो एक रैफरेंस लाइब्रेरी बनाने का सुझाव किया है उसकी भी इस वक्त परीक्षा हो रही है और शायद वह जल्दी ही बन जाएगी।

f[THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (DR. B. V. KESKAR): The particular actions which have been taken to strengthen the news services are these: Regional news bulletins have been introduced

fEnglish translation.