

P. & T. Services Selection Board

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- *45. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to enlarge the scope and functions of the P. & T. Services Selection Board; and

(b) if so, the precise nature of proposals under consideration?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The Board started functioning a few months back. At present its scope has been restricted to 4 Circles, namely, U.P., Delhi, Punjab and Rajasthan. On the basis of experience gained, its scope will be enlarged.

(b) This question does not arise.

Shri Shree Narayan Das: May I know whether any programme is proposed to be framed in this regard to increase the scope and functions of this board?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Not at present. The intention is to gain some experience and then expand its scope.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या शासन ने यह अन्वेषण लगाया है कि देर से देर कितना समय इस बोर्ड को काम करते हो जायेगा जबकि उस की और शाखायें फैलाई जा सकेंगी ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : यह तो सिर्फ पिछले तीन या चार महीनों से ही शुरू हुआ है और प्रारम्भिक अवस्था में है। जब हमें दो चार या छः महीनों का और अनुभव हो जायेगा तब इस पर विचार किया जायेगा।

Shri S. C. Samanta: On 2nd December, 1960 we were told in the consultative committee that the details of the proposal as approved were being worked out. The hon. Minister even

now says that these are being worked out. May I know why such delay has occurred?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: The details had already been worked out for these four circles and the scheme has been introduced. As to its expansion, the experience gained in the working in these four circles will be examined and then the scheme will be expanded.

श्री रामेश्वरानन्द : अभी माननीय मंत्री ने कहा कि इस की प्रारम्भिक अवस्था है मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि इस प्रारम्भिक अवस्था में कितने वर्ष लग जायेंगे। कुछ कठिनाई जो मंत्रियों को है, मैं ऐसा बात नहीं कहता कि उस को अनुभव नहीं किया जाना चाहिये, किन्तु जो सदस्यगण हैं उन की कठिनाई को भी तो अनुभव किया जाना चाहिये। इसलिये हिन्दी के प्रश्नों का उत्तर हिन्दी में ही देना चाहिये।

श्री जगजीवन राम : हिन्दी के प्रश्नों के उत्तर हिन्दी में मिल जायेंगे। लेकिन माननीय सदस्य महोदय को यह समझना चाहिये कि मास और वर्ष में अन्तर होता है। अभी तीन या चार मास ही इस को आरम्भ हुए बीते हैं इसलिये यह प्रारम्भिक अवस्था में ही है।

डाक द्वारा तारों का भेजा जाना

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- *४६. { श्री स० ला० द्विवेदी :
श्री रामेश्वर दांडिया :
श्री स० चं० सामन्त :

क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान राष्ट्रीय डाक-तार कर्मचारी संघ के सभापति के उस वक्तव्य की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है जिस में उन्होंने ने कहा है कि देश के सभी तारघरों से लगभग एक लाख तार डाक द्वारा भेजे जाते हैं ;

(क) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस की जांच की है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस के क्या कारण हैं ;

(ङ) क्या इस का मुख्य कारण कर्मचारियों का असन्तोष है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो असन्तोष का क्या कारण है और सरकार उसे दूर करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

परिचयन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री जगजीवन राम) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) जी हां ।

(ग) से (ङ) डाक द्वारा भेजे जाने वाले तारों की संख्या वक्तव्य में दी गई संख्या से बहुत कम है । कुछ तारों को लाइन और उपस्कर की ग्राम खराबियों के कारण डाक द्वारा भेजना पड़ा । मई, १९६१ में तार कर्मचारियों के प्रोत्साहन के लिए दी जाने वाली रकम में हाल ही में संशोधन करने की जो योजना लागू की गई है उस के कारण बड़े-बड़े तारघरों में काम करने वाले कुछ प्रचालक स्टाफ ने सामान्य रूप में जितना काम उन्हें करना चाहिये था, उतना काम नहीं किया और इस वजह से भी कुछ गड़बड़ हुई । डाक-तार यूनियनों के साथ बातचीत चल रही है ।

Shri Hanumanthiah: The English answer may also be read.

Mr. Speaker: Yes.

Shri Jagjivan Ram.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) to (e). The number of telegrams sent by post was far less than indicated in the statement. Some telegrams had to be sent by post because of normal line and equipment failures. Some dislocation was also caused by a section of the operative staff in the large telegraph offices not giving their normal output because of

the recent modification to the telegraph incentive money scheme introduced in May, 1961. Discussions are being held with the Unions.

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो नये नियम अधिक तार भेजने के लिए कर्मचारियों को प्रोत्साहन देने के सम्बन्ध में बनाये गये थे क्या वे पुराने नियमों के मुकाबले कर्मचारियों के लिए हानिकर थे । यदि हां, तो उन को लाभप्रद बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या कर रही है ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : जो अधिक तार भेजने में प्रोत्साहन देने के लिए अभी रकम दी गई है उस को देखने से पता चलता है कि नये नियम हानिकर नहीं हैं । लेकिन जैसा कि मैं ने कहा, अभी डाक तथा तार वालों की यूनियन से हमारी बात चीत चल रही है और शायद एक दो दिन में उन का अन्तिम फैसला हमारे पास आ जायगा ।

श्री म० सा० द्विवेदी : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो डाक द्वारा तार भेजने की संख्या बढ़ती जा रही है उस में इन तीन महीनों में क्या कुछ सुधार हुआ है, यदि हां, तो किस हद तक ?

श्री जगजीवन राम : अब तो हम स्वाभाविक स्थिति पर पहुँच गये हैं । साधारण अवस्था में जितने तार डाक से भेजे जाते हैं अब हम उस संख्या पर आ गये हैं । इस में अब कोई बढ़ोतरी नहीं है ।

Shri Hem Barua: May I know whether it is a fact that these norms have been arbitrarily fixed, without consultation with the workers and, if so, whether it is not a fact that these new norms are depriving the workers of their legitimate earnings and whether the Government have examined this aspect of the problem also?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Many of the presumptions of the hon. Member are incorrect and are without any basis. As I have already explained in Hindi, the incentive money as fixed by the

new method has given them more earnings. But, as I have already said, discussions are being held with the union of the employees, and their working committee is meeting either today or tomorrow, and their final decision will be forthcoming.

I may inform the House that the position has come practically to normal, and the number of telegrams being sent by post is not abnormal. They are as many as are normal.

Shri Hem Barua: Sir, I would like to make a personal explanation.

Mr. Speaker: There is no ambiguity about what the hon. Member has asked. Why should he offer personal explanation?

Shri Hem Barua: I should like to offer a personal explanation, because the point is this. The hon. Minister said that my information is wrong. It is not so. The norms has been fixed at 25. Now it is 37 messages per hour and the workers have been resisting this increase in the norm, and they want this to be revised.

Mr. Speaker: He may be holding a different opinion, and the Minister may be holding another opinion. Both are entitled to hold their opinions. So, that does not arise out of the question; it does not arise during the Question Hour.

Shri Harish Chandra Mathur: The crux of the question is, these incentives are given to the workers for better output. But is it not correct that the workers or their representatives are first consulted and the incentives are introduced only afterwards?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: That should be the procedure. I agree with the hon. Member that it should be done.

Export of Telecommunication Equipment

*47. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Telephone Industries Limited, is intending to export tele-communication equipment to foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. During 1961-62, orders to the extent of Rs. 1.05 lakhs were secured from Ceylon, Burma and Sikkim. Efforts are also being made to obtain orders from other countries.

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह: मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि इन दो देशों के प्रतिरिक्त और कहीं से भी प्राप्त के पास ऑर्डर प्राप्त हैं ?

श्री जगजीवन राम: हम और देशों के लिए भी प्रयत्न कर रहे हैं, लेकिन अभी तक ऑर्डर तो नहीं आये हैं ।

Shrimati Renu Chakravarty: How does the price of our telephones and other equipment compare with such equipment in the foreign markets? May I know whether the equipment supplied to the south-eastern markets is cheaper than those which are available in the western market?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: Our quotations are quite comparable with those of other countries, and we are trying to compete with other countries on a competitive basis.

Shri Yajnik: May I know if any equipment has already been sent or whether the equipment will be sent in the next few months?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: They have been exported and they are also in the process of being exported.

Shri Heda: May I know whether we are exporting full telephone exchanges or only part of the equipment?

Shri Jagjivan Ram: We are exporting telephone instruments, exchanges, carrier equipment, PBX boxes, etc.

Shri F. C. Borooah: May I know whether the Federation of India