

represented had approved of the plan but, unfortunately, one thing or another has been going on, with which I am not at all happy.

श्री बबल बर्हान : यह जो प्लान है इसमें साधारण कागज बनाने की योजना है या अक्षबारी कागज बनाने की, और इसकी प्रोडक्शन कैपेसिटी क्या होगी ?

श्री अ० प्र० जैन : जहां तक मुझे याद है, मैं बहुत यकीन से तो नहीं कह सकता, शायद इसकी कैपेसिटी दस टन की है। मुस्तलिफ किस्म का कागज बनाने के लिये इसमें प्रयोग किये जायेंगे और अगर वे सफल हुये तो दूसरे कारखाने वाले भी उनका इस्तेमाल करेंगे।

Oil Pollution of Sea

*1178. **Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state whether India has accepted like other nations the International Convention for the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil, which was drafted at the International Conference held in London on the 12th May, 1954?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): No. So far as India is concerned, the question of ratification of the Convention is still under consideration.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether our sea coast is affected by the oil or not?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I do not think any serious problem of oil menace has appeared on our coast line.

Shortage of Postal Forms

*1179. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is shortage of Money Order

forms. Acknowledgement receipt forms and other forms in many cities and rural Post Offices in Bombay State;

(b) if so, what is the difficulty in supplying the forms; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to remove this difficulty?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Only Money Order forms are reported to have been in short supply.

(b) Inability of the Government Presses to cope fully with the rapidly increasing demand of forms in the P. & T. Department with the growth of traffic. Local printing through private presses could not also be resorted to as the cartridge paper required for printing of Money Order forms is not stocked in the stock depots. Besides, the powers of Heads of Circles to get these forms locally printed are very limited and do not permit printing of such forms in large quantities locally.

(c) The Printing & Stationery Department is adopting necessary measures to expand the capacity of Government presses. Further the Government have set up high power Committee to examine in detail the printing, storage and distribution of forms to P. & T. offices and recommend such measures as may be helpful in improving the situation. In the meantime steps are being taken to get the forms printed in other presses. The Aligarh Press is also being pressed to print the Money Order forms expeditiously. Supplies of one to two lakhs of Money Order forms are now being made daily to the Bombay Circle from Aligarh to meet the shortage. Printing of Money Order forms has also been arranged by the Postmaster-General, Bombay through the Government Press at Kohlapur.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether the forms are printed in all the important language of India?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They are printed in English, Hindi and Hindi-English.