

HINDI TELEGRAMS FOR CHAPRA TELEGRAPH OFFICE

*1760. **Shri M. N. Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether a list of telegraph offices which receive and deliver telegrams in Hindi has been circulated to all post offices?

(b) Why Hindi Telegrams in Bombay for Chapra Telegraph Office are not received?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) The intimation of the introduction of the Hindi Telegraph Service at Chapra was not sent by the Postmaster-General, Bihar Circle, Patna. The Bombay Telegraph offices were thus unaware of it. Suitable instructions have, however, been issued to all the offices in Bombay Circle. An upto-date list for the whole of India of the Telegraph offices where telegrams in Hindi are booked or delivered is being printed and it will be distributed to all offices throughout the country.

Shri C. D. Pande: Is it a fact that in places where there is provision for Hindi telegrams, the service is not being utilised by the public at all?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I cannot say that it is not at all being utilised, but it is not being utilised to the extent or degree that we would like it to be utilised.

Shri Bansal: Are there separate telegraphists for Hindi?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Where we are not using the trunk telephone for this service, we have to have separate telegraphists specially trained for this purpose.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Is it a fact that Hindi telegrams are unduly delayed in transmission?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No, Sir. On the contrary, they are transmitted somewhat earlier.

Shri Sarangadhar Das: Is the cost of telegrams in Hindi higher than the cost of telegrams transmitted in English?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is so, and in the transitional stage of development, that is bound to be so.

श्री भक्त वसंत : क्या मंत्रालय ने कोई ऐसी योजना बनायी है कि कुछ वर्षों

में सब तार घरों से हिन्दी के तार दिये जा सकें ?

श्री राज बहादुर : योजना बनायी तो नहीं है, लेकिन बनाने का विचार तीव्रता के साथ विचाराधीन है।

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know the number of telegraph offices which receive telegrams in Hindi?

Shri Raj Bahadur: About one hundred.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether the Hindi teleprinter installed at Nanalnagar during the Congress session has been installed in any post office in India?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We are now embarking on an ambitious programme of manufacturing Hindi teleprinters on a commercial scale. We have also been able to complete a few. In course of time, we propose to instal Hindi teleprinters on a wider scale.

Shri Bansal: What is the average of telegrams in Hindi per Hindi telegraphist as compared to a telegraphist who deals with English telegrams?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That depends. It differs from station to station. I could not hear the Question Sir.

PRICE OF U.P. RICE IN MADRAS

*1764. **Shri N. M. Lingam:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Madras Government has represented to the Centre regarding the prohibitive price of Uttar Pradesh rice?

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): Yes.

Shri N. M. Lingam: May I know the reason for the higher price of U.P. rice, and are Government satisfied that the price is commensurate with the better quality claimed for this rice?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: There are four varieties of rice coming from. Only the first variety costs a little bit higher than rice from any other part of India. It is because of its superfine quality. The fine U.P. rice is really fine.

Shri Achuthan: May I know what quantity of rice will be available from U.P. to other States in this year?