

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 16th December, 1953

The House met at Half Past One
of the Clock

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBER SWORN

Shri Manikyalal Varma (Tonk).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

वायरलेस ट्रांसमीटर

*१९४. डा० रामसुभाग सिंह : क्या
संचरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि १९५३ में
कुछ वायरलेस ट्रांसमीटर बरामद किये
गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितने और कहाँ
से ;

(ग) जिन लोगों के पास से यह यन्त्र
बरामद किये गये हैं उन को गिरफ्तार किया
गया है या नहीं ; तथा

(घ) यदि हां, तो अब तक कितनी
गिरफ्तारियां हुई हैं ?

The Deputy Minister of Communi-
cations (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and
(b). So far information regarding sei-
zure of twelve illegal transmitters has
been received viz. (1) one at Dhuri
(PEPSU) (2) one at Patiala (3) one
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at Bikaner (4) one at Kaman (Bharat-
pur) and (5) eight at Delhi City. Full
information is not readily available.
A further statement showing the ac-
tual position will be laid on the Table
of the House in due course.

(c) and (d). Four persons at Dhuri
and Patiala and six at Delhi have
been arrested. Regarding Bikaner and
Kaman, investigation is in progress.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know,
Sir, the place or places where these
arrested persons used to transmit
messages from wireless transmitters
recovered from their possession?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not in a
position to give the names of various
localities and the various places from
which messages used to be transmit-
ted. But the towns from which they
were arrested were Dhuri, Patiala and
Delhi.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Is it a fact
that the arrested persons belong to a
Pakistani spy ring operating in this
country?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Investigations
are in progress and I cannot prejudge
or anticipate the result of the investi-
gations.

श्री एम० एल० द्विवेदी : क्या मंत्री
महोदय बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि जिन
वायरलेस सैटों की चोरी पकड़ी गई है
वह किस देश के बने हुए हैं ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह सब बातें अभी
तफतीश के अन्दर हैं। तफतीश पूरी होने के
बाद सब कुछ मालूम हो जायेगा।

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know, Sir, to what nationality these arrested persons belong?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Presumably Indians. But their nationality may also have to be investigated: they appear to be Indians.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Has it been found out whether all these transmitters came from one source, or from different sources?

Shri Raj Bahadur: In view of the fact that they have been seized at different places, it cannot be said that they have come from one source. But even that I cannot anticipate. That is also a matter for investigation.

BRIDGE AT MOKAMEH GHAT

*995. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenditure on the proposed bridge at Mokameh Ghat; and

(b) when the bridge is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Rs. 16 crores, approximately, for the entire Project.

(b) It is expected that the bridge and the ancillary and consequential works associated with it would be completed by about March, 1960.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know, Sir, whether Government propose to undertake the construction of the bridge at Mokameh Ghat this year or next year?

Shri Alagesan: The chief executive has already been posted and he has taken charge. The Financial Adviser and the Chief Accounts Officer, has also been appointed and he too is in position. The actual work is expected to commence by November next.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: May I know whether the machinery needed for

construction of the bridge has been set up?

Shri Alagesan: Detailed plans, etc., are under preparation.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether tenders for the construction of the bridge have been invited from foreigners also?

Shri Alagesan: This is rather a complicated piece of work and foreign firms also will be given a chance to compete with Indian firms.

Pandit S. C. Mishra: May I know whether lower grade staff and personnel are being recruited on the spot or brought from elsewhere?

Shri Alagesan: If the hon. Member has in mind Class IV staff they are recruited locally. Some perhaps might have been brought from other railways. They are not recruited elsewhere, but those who have been already employed on other railways might have been brought.

LADY HARDINGE MEDICAL COLLEGE

*996. **Shri V. P. Nayar:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have received any complaints against the Chief of the X-Ray Section of the Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi; and

(b) whether Government have made any enquiries about this officer?

The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). Yes; there were some complaints of an administrative nature against the Professor of Radiology, Lady Hardinge Medical College, and enquiries in the matter were made by the Governing Body of the institution.

Shri V. P. Nayar: May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Government of India had given a sum of Rs. 1 lakh for the purchase of a new X-ray plant, and the plant which was purchased in 1949 could be set right