

(c) The equipment will be imported, for the present, like most other transmission equipments.

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : यह तार के नये यंत्र किस किस स्थान पर और कब लगाये जायेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह जो नये यंत्र मंगाये जा रहे हैं वे नई दिल्ली और बम्बई के दरमियान दो सिस्टम लगाये जायेंगे और शेष New Delhi-Bombay, New Delhi-Calcutta, Bombay-Calcutta, Bombay-Madras, Bombay-Ahmedabad, Madras-Kozikode, Calcutta-Allahabad, Bombay—Jodhpur, and Calcutta-Gohati के दरमियान लगाये जायेंगे।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि इन विशिष्ट साधनों के उपलब्ध होने पर जनता को क्या विशेष सुविधा अथवा लाभ होगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इस से लाभ यह होगा कि तार हम तब जल्दी से जल्दी दे सकेंगे और एक समय में एक सिस्टम के ऊपर अगर वह तीन चैनल वाला है तो चार मेसेजेज भेज सकते हैं और अगर बारह चैनल वाला है तो तेरह मेसेज भेजे जा सकते हैं।

श्री भागवत झा आजाद : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जिन यंत्रों के लिये आप ने विदेशों में आर्डर दिया है, वे कब तक आप को उपलब्ध हो सकेंगे ?

श्री राज बहादुर : आशा की जाती है कि जिन के लिये आर्डर दिया गया है वे हम को इस साल के अन्त तक उपलब्ध हो जायेंगे।

ATTACK ON BARBIL POST OFFICE

*1772. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four men armed with revolvers raided the

Barbil Post Office (Orissa) on the 17th December, 1953 and decamped with about Rs. 2,000; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this matter?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. A sum of Rs. 2,180/8/6 was removed by the robbers from the Post Office Cash box, the key of which was obtained at the point of a pistol from the Sub Postmaster.

(b) The matter was reported to Police and is under enquiry. The Post Office has been removed to a safer locality.

Shri Sanganna: May I know whether the amount belonged to a private party or a Government?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is Government money when it comes to a Government post office.

RETRENCHMENT IN JUTE MILLS

*1773. **Shri Ramananda Das:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of jute-mill workers retrenched or discharged in the State of West Bengal in 1953; and

(b) the total number of officers drawing more than Rs. 1,000 per month retrenched from these mills during this period?

The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Shri Ramananda Das: May I know how long the Government will take to collect the information?

Shri V. V. Giri: As short a time as possible.

Shri Ramananda Das: May I know the reasons for this retrenchment?

Shri V. V. Giri: I have already stated that the information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Shri K. K. Basu: May I know whether the Government have information from the State Government that in each and every case of retrenchment, the State Government was consulted or that it has looked into the matter?

Shri V. V. Giri: It must be so.

INDORE AERODROME

*1774. **Shri N. L. Joshi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the proposal to re-open the Indore aerodrome for regular air service is under the consideration of Government?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Indian Airlines Corporation propose to provide an air connection to Indore by a feeder Service after they have purchased aircraft suitable for feeder routes.

Shri N. L. Joshi: May I know how long since has this air service been discontinued and why?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Because it was not found to be remunerative or paying its way.

Shri N. L. Joshi: May I know whether it is a fact that the income from the passenger traffic from Indore to Bombay and back was sufficient to cover the expenses incurred for running the air service?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It was not so.

RAILWAY SERVICE COMMISSION CALCUTTA

*1775. **Shri K. K. Basu:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Service Commission (Calcutta) advertised for the posts of Apprentice Mechanics, Ticket Collectors and Signallers for the Assam Railways in January, 1952;

(b) whether the commission interviewed the candidates at Gauhati in May, 1952; and

(c) whether any of them have since been appointed?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) A statement indicating the number of candidates selected by the Railway Service Commission, Calcutta, offered appointments and those who joined the North Eastern Railway, is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix-VIII, annexure No. 14.]

Shri K. K. Basu: May we know the number of candidates selected out of those who were called for interview at Gauhati by the Railway Public Service Commission?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The number selected is given in the statement Singnallers 32, Ticket collectors 42...

Mr. Speaker: He wants to know the number of candidates interviewed at Gauhati and the number selected out of them. Has he got that information?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not have the number of people who actually appeared for interview. The number selected, I can give.

Mr. Speaker: That is not what he wants. He wants to know the number that was selected from those that were called to Gauhati.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: These are from amongst the candidates who appeared at Gauhati; all from Gauhati.

CENTRAL TRACTOR ORGANISATION

*1776. **Shri R. N. Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the income from the reclamation of land and the amount spent for the maintenance of the Central Tractor Organisation, during 1953-54; and

(b) how many Centres exist in the country and the number of tractors stationed there?

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

(a) The estimated recovery and expenditure are Rs. 2,34,00,000 and Ra.