

The Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri M. V. Krishnappa): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Shri Dasaratha Deb: Is it not a fact that since the Government of Tripura have taken the licensed guns from the tribal people, this elephant and tiger menace has increased in various parts? Do Government propose to return all these guns without delay?

Shri M. V. Krishnappa: It may be part of the information that we may get.

INDIAN POSTAGE STAMP CENTENARY EXHIBITION

*1216. **Shri Ram Saran:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the expenditure incurred on the recently held Indian Postage Stamp Centenary Exhibition?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Rs. 10 lakhs 90 thousands roughly. Exact figures are not ready.

श्री राम शरण : खर्च की मुख्य मुख्य मद क्या हैं ?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Construction of the philatelic hall, construction of the theatre, organisation of the International Philatelic Exhibition, organisation of the International children's postage stamp designing competition organisation of Postal Exhibition, hospitality to foreign guests, expenditure on printing, transport charges, insurance of exhibits, cost of frames, travelling expenses, lighting charges, pay of staff, rent etc.

श्री राम शरण : उस हाल के निर्माण में कितना रुपया खर्च हुआ और उसका क्या उपयोग हो रहा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : हाल में रुपया जो खर्च हुआ वह लगभग दो लाख ५० हजार से ऊपर खर्चा हुआ और वह हाल भिन्न भिन्न उपयोगों में लाया जायेगा, एंग्लोबीशंस के लिये और विभाग के और भी कामों के लिये ।

Shri S. N. Das: What was the income from the sale of tickets or otherwise?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It was to the tune of Rs. 6,52,457 on the first day sale of commemoration stamps in all the post offices in India. It is the first day's sale.

Shri Thimmaiah: How many new types of stamps were issued during the Centenary Exhibition?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Four, which the hon. Member might have seen.

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION

*1218. **Shri Ibrahim:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is a member of the Administrative Council of the International Telecommunications Union; and

(b) if so what are the advantages of being a member of this Union?

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

(b) The chief advantages of being a member of the International Telecommunications Union are:

(i) ensuring international co-operation for the improvement and rational use of all telecommunications in general and those of India in particular;

(ii) obtaining information regarding the latest developments in technical facilities and their most efficient operation with a view to improving the efficiency of Indian telecommunication services and increasing their usefulness in making them available to the public.

(iii) securing an equitable allocation of the radio frequency spectrum for the Indian Radio Services and registration of their frequency assignments