

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Tuesday, 1st July, 1952.

*The House met at a Quarter Past
Eight of the Clock.*

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TELEPHONE SYSTEMS AT BUNDI, CAMBAY
AND KISHANGARH

*1343. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made for the acquisition of the telephone systems managed by private companies at Bundi, Cambay and Kishangarh; and

(b) if so, whether all, or any of them, have been acquired?

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

(b) The telephone system of Kishangarh was acquired on the 1st May, 1952. Negotiations for the acquisition of the remaining two systems at Bundi and Cambay are continuing.

RESERVE STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

*1344. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state what was the reserve stock of foodgrains for supply against emergencies on the 31st March, 1952;

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Kidwai): On 31st March, 1952 the Centre had a reserve stock of 34,000 tons of foodgrains. Besides, a total stock of 2,394,000 tons was held by the State Governments.

MOBILE POST OFFICES

*1345. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be 134 P.S.D.

pleased to state whether the experiment of starting Night Mobile Post Offices has proved successful?

(b) What are the towns enjoying this facility at present?

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

(b) Nagpur, Madras, Delhi and Kanpur.

RURAL POST OFFICES

*1346. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for opening rural Post Offices in villages or compact groups of villages with a population of 2000 and above were lying with the Post Master General of West Bengal Circle on the 31st March, 1952;

(b) how many of the applications are from individual villages having a population of 2000;

(c) how many applications are lying with the Post Master General for more than a year; and

(d) in how many cases the applicants of villages are ready to give undertaking to share a portion of the loss that may be incurred in each year?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) 542.

(b) 13.

(c) 331.

(d) 73.

RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK

*1348. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to buy some railway rolling stock and equipment from Japan;