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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Friday, 4th July, 1952

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

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri N. M. Lingam (Coimbatore).
Shri Jaswant Rai Mehta (Jodhpur).

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR GENERAL
ELECTIONS**

*1465. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any additional staff was employed to cope with the additional election traffic handled by the Posts and Telegraphs Department during the recent General Elections;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred for this purpose; and

(c) whether any of the old staff was also engaged on an overtime basis?

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

(b) About Rs. 32,000.

(c) Yes.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know in what part of the postal services the increase was the greatest?

Shri Raj Bahadur: If the question refers to area, I think, mostly in Punjab, Bombay, West Bengal, Madras, the Central and U.P. Circles it was the greatest.

Sardar Hukam Singh: My question referred to the services and not the area.

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Shri Raj Bahadur: It was in all categories of staff: particularly postmen, postal runners, etc.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the additional expenditure that was incurred?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have mentioned it. It was Rs. 32,066-1-11.

ELECTION POSTERS

*1466. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any candidates or parties in the recent General Election availed of the facilities provided for the display of election posters in the premises of Post Offices; and

(b) if so, what was the revenue collected on that account during the recent General Elections?

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

(b) Rs. 2,300.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Was this concession freely availed of?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It was not free. It was Rs. 50 for a candidate in a single-member constituency for State Assembly; Rs. 100 in a double-member constituency; and Rs. 250 a candidate in a constituency for the House of the People.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Have the Government inquired into the causes why this concession was not availed of—whether the rates were exorbitant, or due to some other causes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: No occasion for such inquiry has arisen. If the hon. Member wants it, inquiry will be made.

SAHARANPUR TRAINING CENTRE

*1467. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred for the big residential training centre at Saharanpur for thorough training of new recruits to the cadres of Postal Clerks and R. M. S. sorters in 1951-52;

(b) how many trainees came out successful in the year;

(c) whether the training work will continue in 1952-53; and

(d) if so, in which place?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Non-recurring Rs. 4,42,796; Recurring Rs. 2,37,251.

(b) Postal	...	457
R.M.S.	...	133
TOTAL	...	590

(c) Yes.

(d) At Saharanpur. Efforts are also being made to open Training Centres at Hyderabad and other places.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know how far the experiment for training newly recruited Class I officers has been successful?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As a matter of fact, Class I officers are not wholly trained here. It is only for a part of their training that they are sent here, say, for four months out of a total period of two years of training.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Was it not in experimental centre for the establishment of training centres for Class I officers?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is essentially and primarily meant for Postal and R.M.S. employees.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know when the Government is going to start such centres in the Eastern Circle?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I have already referred to that in the course of my reply to earlier question. I think we might start one in Chhota Nagpur.

Sardar Hukam Singh: How does this institution at Saharanpur differ from the ordinary teaching institution? Has any new type of training been introduced here which had not been introduced in other institutions before?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Systematic and scientific training is given to the prospective employees of the department; and it differs from other educational institutions in so far as specialised technical training is also given to them.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Is admission restricted to regions, or are trainees from all parts of the country admitted?

Shri Raj Bahadur: A beginning has been made, and for the present the Punjab Circle, the U. P. Circle, the Rajasthan portion of the Central Circle, and Delhi are covered.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : इस ट्रेनिंग सेंटर में कौन से लोग लिये जाते हैं और उनकी शिक्षा कहाँ तक होती है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इसमें जो लोग कि पोस्टल क्लर्क और आर० एम० एस० के सार्टर्स के इन्तिज़ान में पास हो जाते हैं उनको ट्रेनिंग दी जाती है ।

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : क्या इन लोगों के रिट्यूमेंट में शेड्यूल्ड कास्ट का कुछ खयाल किया गया ?

Mr. Speaker: Order, order.

श्री पी० एन० राजभोज : शड्यूल्ड कास्ट के बारे में पूछने पर आप...

Mr. Speaker: Order, order. Next question.

RAILWAY STORES ENQUIRY COMMITTEE (INSPECTORS FOR STOCK-TAKING)

*1468 **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Railway Stores Enquiry Committee to employ a firm of auditors or special inspectors for stock-taking on East Indian Railways and others, have been accepted; and

(b) if so, what was the value of stores on the 31st of March, 1950, 1951 and 1952 on different Railways?

The Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri L. B. Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) The inventory of total stores holdings, recommended by the Railway Stores Enquiry Committee, was specially compiled for the 31st March 1951 and a statement giving the position by principal railways is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix VII, annexure No. 28].

Information regarding 1950 and 1952 is not readily available.