

Shri L. B. Shastri: No, but the Shroff Committee report had suggested that the checking may be made in the case of a few Railways at least, so that future checking may be made on the same pattern by the Railway officers.

Shri S. C. Samanta: With reference to the answer to part (a) of the question, may I know how much stores were directly purchased by the Railway department, how much through the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and how much through the Communications Ministry?

Shri L. B. Shastri: I shall require notice.

ALIPORE POST AND TELEGRAPH FACTORY

*1483. **Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the Alipore Post and Telegraph Factory;

(b) if so, details of the changes proposed; and

(c) the estimated expenditure involved in the removal?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SCHEDULED TRIBES (LITERACY)

*1484. **Shri R. B. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy among the Scheduled Tribes in the different States; and

(b) where it is the highest and the lowest?

The Minister of Home Affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) and (b). The information asked for is not available at present.

श्री आर० बी० परमार: क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि संविधान के अनुसार दस वर्ष में आदिवासियों को समान दर्जे पर लाने के लिये सरकार ने कोई योजना बनाई है या बनाने की इच्छा रखती है ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय: मैं समझता हूँ कि इस के बारे में जानरेबिल मेम्बर ने अलग से कुछ क्वेश्चंस टेबिल किये हैं। Is that so ?

श्री आर० बी० परमार: मैं ने तो नहीं किया।

अध्यक्ष महोदय: तो किसी दूसरे ने किये होंगे।

डा० काटजू: सवाल तो यह है या था कि परसेंटेज क्या है, जवाब यह है कि मालूम नहीं। अब मेरे दोस्त यह पूछ रहे हैं कि योजना बनी है। शायद आप को मालूम है कि हर एक स्टेट गवर्नमेंट्स ने शिक्षा के प्रबन्ध के लिये योजनाएँ बनाई हैं, और उन पर काम चल रहा है।

Shri Natawadkar: May I know whether it is a fact that the Government of India have declared a war against illiteracy among the tribals in this country with the help of the State Governments?

Dr. Katju: I thought we were very peace-loving people. We are trying to do our best to eradicate illiteracy.

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know what steps the Government have taken in order to assess the illiteracy amongst the tribal people?

Mr. Speaker: He does not want figures; he wants to know the steps.

Dr. Katju: I mentioned just now that schemes have been prepared to eradicate illiteracy at the earliest possible time within practicable means. My hon. friend knows that grants are made by the Central Government and the State Governments also spend moneys on the schemes. Progress depends very much upon the enterprise of the State Governments and social welfare workers.

Mr. Speaker: We go to the next question.

Shri Velayudhan: One question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: These questions are beyond the scope of this particular question.

Shri Velayudhan: It is a very important question.