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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Monday, 14th July, 1952

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

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Dak Sewak SCHEME

*1710. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experiment of *Dak Sewak* scheme started in a few circles during the year 1951-52 has proved successful; and

(b) whether it is proposed to extend it in suitable areas throughout the country?

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

(b) The question does not arise.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Was there a proposal to try it, and may I know the reason why it was withdrawn?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The proposal was tried both as a matter of economy and convenience for the public, and it was proposed that the functions of a Branch Postmaster, a postman and a mail carrier may be merged and vested into one official. In view of the fact, however, that the system has been found to be more difficult, more inconvenient and more expensive, we do not think it can be said to have proved a success.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Was it tried anywhere?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It was tried.

COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF
MAILS BY FLYING CLUBS

*1711. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

pleased to state whether the agency of Flying clubs is being utilised for the collection and distribution of 'all up' mails in various parts of the country?

(b) If so, which are those clubs and what are the areas of their operation?

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

(b) Does not arise.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Is the mail being carried by any day service so far, or are the night services carrying the mails?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I think, Sir, day service is also carrying some of the mail, but this question relates to the proposal that flying club aircraft be used for the purpose of carrying mails.

KEY FARM CENTRES

*1712. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) how many Key Farm Centres for the development of Cattle were opened in different States in 1950-51 and 1951-52 and how many are proposed to be opened in 1952-53;

(b) whether private centres have been encouraged and financed;

(c) what are the terms and conditions to help private centres; and

(d) which of the centres already opened have become self-supporting?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar): (a) No centres were opened during 1950-51. Out of 92 centres sanctioned by the Central Government during 1951-52, 55 are reported to have been started so far, and the rest are in the process of being started. During 1952-53, these 92 centres will be continued and no new centres will be started.