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**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Was there a proposal to try it, and may I know the reason why it was withdrawn?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

(b) The 92 centres mentioned in reply to part (a) include 22 private institutions.

(c) For private institutions, the Central Government will provide the entire non-recurring expenditure and 75 per cent. of the recurring expenditure.

(d) Does not arise, as no receipts are anticipated under this scheme.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know, Sir, whether these key farm centres were opened according to the recommendations of the Gosamvardhan Committee?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I think, Sir, they were opened according to the recommendations of the State Governments, but I should like to have notice.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether further applications were received by the Government for giving aid to those private key farm centres?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Further applications beyond the 22 now mentioned?

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** Yes.

**Shri Karmarkar:** I should like to have notice.

**Shri Dabhi:** Which are the places in Bombay State where these centres have been started?

**Shri Karmarkar:** In Bombay State, the Centres started under Government institutions are seven, and under private one, but I should like to find out which are the particular places where these are started.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know if the function of the Central Council of the Gosamvardhan Committee comes within the jurisdiction of the development of these key farms?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I could not follow the question.

**Shri S. C. Samanta:** May I know whether the Central Gosamvardhan Committee deals with this matter?

**Shri Karmarkar:** No, Sir, the Government deals with this matter. I should like to find out if we have consulted the Gosamvardhan Committee in this matter. Very possibly we have.

**Shri S. V. Ramaswamy:** Are there any centres in Madras State? If so how many and where?

**Shri Karmarkar:** Private institutions—six centres; Government insti-

tutions—seven centres, but regarding the places I should like to have notice.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know, Sir, whether the scheme is entirely financed by the Centre or whether the States also bear part of the burden?

**Shri Karmarkar:** As I said earlier in my principal reply, Sir, the Centre subsidises to the extent of providing the entire non-recurring expenditure, and 75 per cent. of the recurring expenditure so far as private institutions are concerned. So far as Government institutions are concerned, so far as I see, the States do share the expenses.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know, Sir, the number of institutions in the State of Orissa?

**Shri Karmarkar:** So far as Government institutions are concerned, two.

**Shri N. Somana:** May I know how many centres are there in Coorg?

**Shri Karmarkar:** I shall lay the statement on the Table of the House regarding the States.

#### LOCUST INVASION

**\*1713. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether India was invaded by swarms of foreign locusts this summer;

(b) if so, how many times locusts incursions were made; and

(c) whether any damage has been done to crops and plants by these locust incursions?

**The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Karmarkar):** (a) Yes.

(b) Six.

(c) No, Sir.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** May I know whether Government have taken effective measures to fight this locust menace, and how far they have succeeded in stopping these incursions?

**Shri Karmarkar:** We have a definite machinery by which we receive warnings, and spread the warnings, and the States have also a definite machinery to keep a watch and take effective steps. As hon. Members are probably aware, the Government of India conducted some classes for training officials, and during 1950-51 and also in May, 1952, the State officials were trained in these anti-locust operations.