

been placed and the equipment is expected to be received by the end of the current year. The factory, it is anticipated, will start production by the middle of 1953.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is the construction to depend entirely on foreign imports or are we purchasing some at present also?

Shri Buragohain: The position is as stated by the hon. Member. We have to depend entirely on imports.

Shri Hukam Singh: What was the amount of foreign exchange that was exhausted on this particular item during the last year?

Shri Buragohain: India's requirements are estimated at a value of about Rs. 80 lakhs in a year.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is the contract with the Standard Telephone Cables Company simply for the construction of this factory or would they have any further interest in the running as well?

Shri Buragohain: According to the agreement the consultants will prepare the drawings, designs and estimates etc., for the erection of the factory, supervise its erection, provide engineers at their cost for initial construction period and take special responsibility for putting into service the plant and machinery erected. They will also supply technical information required for the manufacture and train Indian personnel in their works in the United Kingdom.

Shri A. V. Thomas: Is it the intention of the Government to instal telephones and provide public call offices in all the post offices in India?

Shri Buragohain: How does it arise out of this question?

Shri A. C. Guha: Will it be a purely Government factory or the Standard Telephone Cables Company will also have some interest in it?

Shri Buragohain: It will be a purely Government factory, but the company will earn some royalty on the sales.

Shri A. C. Guha: What will be the rate of the royalty?

Shri Buragohain: Two per cent. on the sales.

INDIANS PENALISED IN SOUTH AFRICA

*98. **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state the number of Indians who have so far

been penalized by the Government of South Africa for participating in the passive resistance movement against the Apartheid policy of that Government?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): According to the Government of India's information, the proposed passive resistance movement by the African National Congress and the South African Indian Congress has not yet started, though meetings and demonstrations were held by these two organisations on the sixth April, 1952, in different parts of South Africa, to record their protest against racial laws.

पंडित ए० आर० शास्त्री : क्या

सरकार कृपा करके यह बतायेगी कि दक्षिण अफ्रीका में भारतीयों के प्रति जो दुर्व्यवहार हो रहा है उसको रोकने के लिये सरकार ने कोई कार्यवाही की है या नहीं, और अगर की है तो क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

[**Pandit A. R. Shastri:** Would the Government be kind enough to inform the House whether they have taken any steps to prevent the bad treatment being meted out to Indians in South Africa; if they have taken any steps, what are they?]

श्री सतीश चन्द्र : यह एक दूसरी गवर्नमेंट का मामला है। वहां के लोगों की जो स्ट्रगल है गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया की मारल सपोर्ट ही उसके साथ हो सकती है।

[**Shri Satish Chandra:** Another Government is involved in the matter. The Government of India's moral support is with the people's struggle there.]

सेठ गोविन्द दास : जो आन्दोलन दक्षिण अफ्रीका में चल रहा है उसकी निस्वत क्या भारतीय सरकार के पास वहां की कांग्रेस समय समय पर कोई रिपोर्ट भेजती है और इस रिपोर्ट से क्या इस बात का भी पता लगता है कि वहां के इस आन्दोलन में वहां के मूल निवासी कितनी दूर तक भाग ले रहे हैं ?

[**Seth Govind Das:** Does the South African Indian Congress send any reports to the Government of India in connection with the movement going

on there? If it does, do the reports mention as to how far the indigenous population takes part in that struggle?]

प्रधान मंत्री (श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू) : भारतीय सरकार का वहाँ की कांग्रेस से सीधा कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं है, और न कोई रिपोर्ट उसकी कांग्रेस से मिलती है। हमारे वहाँ एक एजेंट रहते हैं। एक सेक्रेटरी, और उनके जरिए से वहाँ की खबरें आती हैं।

[The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): There is no direct contact between the Government of India and the South African Indian Congress, nor do we get any report from that organisation. We have an Agent and a Secretary stationed in South Africa, through whom we get news about the situation there.]

सेठ गोविन्द दास : क्या इस सम्बन्ध में भी कोई खबर प्राप्त हुई है कि वहाँ के मूल निवासियों का इस आन्दोलन में कितना भाग है?

[Seth Govind Das: Has any news been received as to how far the indigenous population takes part in that movement.]

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : ऐसी हज़ारों खबरें आती हैं, अखबार के जरिये से, एजेंट के जरिये से जो खबरें आती हैं, वह सब आती हैं।

[Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: We get lots of such news, through newspapers, also through our Agent.]

डा० रामसुभाष सिंह : अभी वहाँ की इंडियन कांग्रेस के सभापति श्री दादू के विरुद्ध वहाँ एक आर्डर जारी किया गया है कि वे वहाँ की अफ्रीकन कांग्रेस के सभापति के पद से त्यागपत्र दे दें और उन का मूवमेंट दो वर्ष के लिये केवल ट्रांसवाल में ही रहे, तो क्या इससे यह माना जा सकता है कि वहाँ के पैसिव रजिस्टर्स मूवमेंट को रोकने के लिये यह आर्डर जारी किया गया है ?

[Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: The President of the South African Indian Congress, Shri Dadoo has recently been ordered to resign from the Presidentship of the African Congress and to confine his movements to Transvaal only, for two years. Can it be taken to mean that the order has been issued with a view to check the passive resistance movement there?]

श्री जवाहरलाल नेहरू : इसके समझने में तो कोई तेज़ दिमाग की जरूरत नहीं है कि वहाँ की हुकूमत की तरफ़ से इसको रोकने की कोशिश की जा रही है।

[Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: One does not require a keen mind to realise that the Government of that country is trying to stop this movement.]

REGISTRATIONS AT EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*99. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees in the various categories registered with the Employment Exchanges of Ernakulam, Calicut and Trivandrum respectively;

(b) the number of persons who got employment; and

(c) whether any complaint was received from the public regarding the working of these Employment Exchanges?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram): (a) The number of employment-seekers on the Live Registers of the Employment Exchanges at Ernakulam, Trivandrum and Kozhikode at the end of March, 1952 were :

Category	Ernakulam	Trivandrum	Kozhikode
1	2	3	4
Technical	458	713	314
Clerical	1448	1021	1445
Unskilled	1948	4580	2201
Others	509	426	494
TOTAL	4363	6740	4454