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

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TRUNK LINES

***1951. Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to take the important trunk lines underground in cables; and

(b) if so, whether any important lines have been so laid up till now?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The overhead trunk lines Bombay-Thana and Calcutta-Asansol are being replaced by trunk cables. The question of replacement of open wire sections in other places by trunk cables is under consideration.

(b) Orders have been placed for the cables to replace the open wire routes in the above sections, and the stores are being received. The work is expected to be taken in hand this year.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What are the specific advantages of having these overhead lines over and above these open lines?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Greater economy; it also provides stable fault-free communications.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Could there be any advantage in the shape of having lesser interruptions?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes; it will be so.

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"O.Y.T." SCHEME

***1952. Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the "Own Your Telephone" scheme has been extended to all important stations?

(b) What was the deposit received under this scheme during the year 1951-52?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) It has been extended to 16 stations only.

(b) Rs. 59.90.500.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know the total number of connections so far given under this scheme?

Shri Raj Bahadur: 12,021.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Have Government provided all the connections that were desired under this scheme? Are there any applications pending so far? If so, how many?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Certain applications are pending. We hope to be able to satisfy the demand made under this particular scheme.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Were there any cases in which such applications were refused?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not aware of that.

Shri A. C. Guha: Can the hon. Minister give a break up of this number 12021 city-wise?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Amritsar—137, Bombay 4968, Calcutta 2844.—I have given this information more than once.

Mr. Speaker: I think it had better be placed on the Table of the House. Next question.