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### PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

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## HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Monday, 23rd June, 1952.

The House met at a Quarter Past eight of the Clock.

[Mr. Speaker in the Chair]

### ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

POSTAL EMPLOYEES (PUNISHMENT)

\*1095. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any case of punishment to any member of the staff of Posts and Telegraphs Department during the year 1951-52 for his being discourteous to the public; and
- (b) if so, what was the punishment given?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes, there have been several cases.

The punishments ranged from censure to removal from service.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the number of complaints received during this period?

Shri Raj Bahadur: In all 114 complaints came to our notice.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Were the others not substantiated?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I have said, this is the number of complaints that came to our notice.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Who were the officers that personnally went during the Courtesy Week and demonstrated to the officials how that courtesy was to be shown?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I cannot give detailed information, but the category of officers who participated actually 116 P.S.D.

ranged from the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, himself down to junior officers.

Sardar Hukam Singh: In future, is this courtesy going to be a factor to be considered, when promotions are to be given?

Shri Raj Bahadur: While we attach due importance to courtesy, I cannot say that the promotions can be based entirely on this factor. Of course, it will also be taken into consideration.

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: Is it a fact that on 17th May 1952, some of the officials in Mysore who were dismissed from service, had sent a representation to the hon. Prime Minister?

Mr. Speaker: How does that arise out of the main question?

Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy: It refers to the postel employees who have been dismissed.

Mr. Speaker: That question is rather wider.

#### PRODUCTION OF JUTE

\*1096. Sardar Hukam Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target for production of Jute was overreached during the year 1951-52;
  - (b) if so, by how much; and
- (c) what is the target for the present year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra):
(a) Yes.

- (b) 1.17 lakh bales approximately.
- (c) The tentative target of additional production for the current year is 5 lakh bales.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What is the total target of additional production