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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Friday, 25th July, 1952

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

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

"O.Y.E." SCHEME

*2103. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state whether it is a fact that "O.Y.E." Scheme announced in 1950 could not make any satisfactory progress?

(b) What were the reasons for its not becoming popular?

(c) What is the total number of exchanges where this scheme is in operation?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) (1) Inability or unwillingness of parties to advance the required deposit of Rs. 50,000/-.

(2) Unremunerative nature of the project where the subscription of Rs. 50,000/- was forthcoming.

(3) Rate of interest allowed, namely, 2½ per cent, on the investment being considered too low.

(4) Period of loan being considered too long.

(c) Three.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Do the Government contemplate any liberalisation of the terms in view of the fact that the present rate has not been so encouraging or successful?

Shri Raj Bahadur: To a certain extent, we have liberalised the terms already. In the previous instance, one person had to make a deposit of

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Rs. 50,000. We have now provided that 25 persons can join together and pay each Rs. 2000 under this OYE scheme.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know the total number of exchanges so far opened, since the inception of the scheme in June 1950?

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said, Sir, it is only three. These exchanges are in operation in Malegaon, Kapadwanj, Badaum.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Do these people who have these exchanges, get any concession?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They get an interest of 2½ per cent. on the deposit made.

Sardar Hukam Singh: When and how is this loan repayable?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is repayable in 20 years' time.

MESSAGE RATE SYSTEM

*2104. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of **Communications** be pleased to state whether the message rate system has decreased the load on the telephone exchanges?

(b) What is the number of stations that are on the message rate system at present?

(c) Have the receipts on account of calls on these stations decreased or increased since they were put on the message rate system?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) 12.

(c) No call charges were levied before the Message Rate system was introduced and so the question does not arise.

Sardar Hukam Singh: Have any complaints been received about the preciseness of the recording of messages?