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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

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

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

IMPORT OF TELEPHONE STORES

*2288. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the essential stores requirements for telephones during 1951-52 were obtained from the local markets or any imports had to be made from outside countries?

(b) If they had to be imported, what was the value of imports and which were the countries of supply?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The requirements were obtained both from local markets and by imports from abroad.

(b) The value of raw materials imported for the manufacture of telephones was about Rs. 5.85 lakhs, the U.K. being the country of supply. Figures of imports of telephone equipment, accessories and maintenance parts are being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course.

Sardar Hukam Singh: What was the value of the purchases made here locally?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The figures are being collected for certain items required for P. and T. I can give the figure for the Indian Telephone Industries, Bangalore. It comes to Rs. 9,59,183.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether all the purchases were made through the DGSD or departmentally?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is the normal channel for purchases.

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Shri M. R. Krishna: What is the total value of the telephone equipment that has been taken from Hyderabad State and may I know whether the Government of India have paid for the same?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Sir, the question relates only to purchases from abroad or from local markets.

Sardar Hukam Singh: May I know whether any part of our demands was met by our departmental stores?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Some of our demands were met by the Bangalore factory and other workshops.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: May I know what percentage of our demands is met locally and what percentage is imported?

Shri Raj Bahadur: With the exception of dials and condensers all other parts of telephone instrument at least are manufactured locally.

Shri T. S. A. Chettiar: Then may I take it that the items that have to be imported are only dials and condensers?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Oh, no. quite a lot of others also.

TELE-COMMUNICATIONS SUBJECTS
(DEPUTATION)

*2289. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether any deputations of Officers were sent abroad during 1951-52 for the study of tele-communications subjects in Western Countries?

(b) What was the amount spent and the number of officers trained?

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

(b) Amount spent—Rs. 77,300 approximately. Number of officers—16 trained.