

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What were the countries to which our officers were sent

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The countries were different. For instance, one officer was sent to U.K., six again to U.K., one to Sweden, four to U.K. again, three to U.K. again, one to U.K. again, and one officer to U.S.A.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Were all the expenses met by us or was any portion met by any world organisation.

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I have stated that the amount spent by us was Rs. 77,300 approximately.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Was anything contributed by any world organisation?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Yes, Sir.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Which were those organisations?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Under the U. N. Fellowship scheme the following charges were met by the U.N. organisation in respect of one officer who was sent to Sweden: Half the cost of to and fro passage, a monthly living allowance of 300 U.S. dollars, (according to local cost of living to cover normal living expenses), cost of essential travel in the country of study, and a limited amount for purchase of indispensable technical publications. Some expenses were also met in the case of other officers. The list is big enough.

#### TECHNICAL AID SCHEMES

\*2290. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether the services of any experts in special communication engineering problems were made available from foreign countries during 1951-52 under the Technical Aid schemes?

(b) If so, who were they and how have their services been utilized?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes. The services of one expert on communication Engineering have been secured under the Colombo Plan.

(b) Mr. A. B. Beattie, Teleprinter Engineer British Post Office. The services of the officer are being utilised for training teleprinter maintenance personnel in India and to inspect and improve the maintenance of Teleprinters.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** How many persons are trained just now by these specialists?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I cannot give the exact numbers.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** May I know whether the other experts that were to arrive from U.K. have also arrived?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We are getting the experts under two schemes. One is under the Technical Aid Scheme. The other is the ICAO scheme under which we have entered into an agreement with ICAO. Under the ICAO scheme we are getting one expert, Mr. Hord for cost accounting of airlines operations.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What is the term of tenure of these specialists from U. K.?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I said we are getting the specialists under the Technical Aid Scheme and the Colombo Plan scheme. Of course in regard to the Colombo Plan scheme and the ICAO scheme the terms are settled by agreements or conventions laid already.

**Shri M. R. Krishna:** May I know whether the advice given by these foreign experts has really been accepted and implemented by the Government of India?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** They come for training our personnel here, and they do of course train them.

#### POSTAL COMPLAINTS IN BIHAR CIRCLE

\*2290-A. **Shri S. N. Das:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) What was the total number of complaints in Bihar Circle regarding non-payments of money orders to the actual payees while payments were shown to have been made by the Department during 1951-52;

(b) the number of such cases in which payments were found to have been made fraudulently by the Postal employees; and

(c) the number of such of them as were prosecuted and the number of such of them as were convicted?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 311

(b) 37

(c) Prosecuted 14

Convicted 1

Pending in Courts 9

**Shri S. N. Das:** May I know the number of cases in which departmental actions were taken?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Departmental action was taken in 147 cases.