

दिल्ली की नवनिमित्त विस्थापित बस्तियों के लिये भी चालू करने का विचार है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : दिल्ली में यह सेवा पहले ही चलती है और हम यह आशा करते हैं कि जो नये प्रकार के पोस्टल बॉक्स तैयार किये गये हैं उनमें से दो यहां पर रखे जायेंगे, जिस के जरिये से एक जो पुराना यहां पर है वह हटा दिया जायगा और उसकी जगह एक नया आ जायगा। और इस के अलावा एक और बढ़ा दिया जावेगा।

Shri Veeraswamy: May I know whether there are mobile post offices in Madras City and if so, whether they cover the entire city or not?

Shri Raj Bahadur: There is a mobile post office service obtaining in Madras from 1st August 1951.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: May I know by what time Patna will be included?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have started these services in places from where the night airmail service has been introduced. To begin with we are considering only such places.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

*196. **Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the Report of the Officer on Special Duty (Co-operation) under the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that credit facilities to the shareholders of the Employees Co-operative Societies on Railways are to be discontinued; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Most of the recommendations contained in his Report have been accepted.

(b) and (c). Yes; but the matter is being reviewed and it is proposed to provide credit facilities. Rules are at present being framed for the purpose.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether it is a fact that 95 per cent. of the sales to shareholders from the co-

operative stores are on credit and if so, whether the officer who made the enquiries knew it?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: I do not know. I will take the information from the hon. Member.

Shri Nambiar: May I know, Sir, why the question of stopping the credit facilities was raised, and have the Government reviewed the question and if so, why?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The reasons why the credit facilities were stopped to consumers were that it would unnecessarily lock up the capital of the society, it would create bad debts which might have to be written off, and it would increase the clerical work and also the idea was to inculcate the habit in the railwaymen to live within their means, because if they are given credit, they might buy too many things and live beyond their means.

Shri Nambiar: May I know whether Government are aware that if the credit facilities are stopped, these co-operative stores of the railways will meet with their natural death?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The hon. Member has made a representation to the hon. Minister, and his representation is being considered with the due respect that it deserves.

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

*197. **Shri Bheekha Bhai:** Will the Minister of Transport be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress in the construction of National Highway No. 8 (Udaipur-Modasa Section) is very slow;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that a bridge over River Kagdar has not been constructed despite the lapse of three years; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the construction of this Highway?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (d). The alignment of National Highway