

(b) the number of Indians who have been sent for training in the factories and laboratories of this firm in England;

(c) whether arrangements for the supply of all manufacturing and engineering information by this company have been completed; and

(d) the progress, if any, made so far in regard to the Indian Telephone Industries Limited having its own section for developing 12-Channel Carrier Equipment Section?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XII, annexure No. 50].

(b) 2.

(c) Yes.

(d) Building is under construction, machinery has been ordered and staff is being trained.

Shri S. N. Das: What is the time limit within which the orders that have been placed are to be complied with?

Shri Raj Bahadur: By March 1956. The orders that were placed in 1954 are expected to be complied with.

Shri S. N. Das: Arising out of the answer to part (b) of the question, why have only two persons been sent? What is the subject that they have been asked to learn there?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The object is training for the manufacture of the 12-channel carrier instrument, which includes training in the electrical side and the testing side also. So far, two persons only have been sent. Four more persons will be sent some time afterwards. Two other engineers will be sent for a period of two months to settle some other details regarding the manufacturing programme.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether before the I.T.I. are in a position to manufacture these 12-channel carrier equipment, the persons required for the purpose will be available?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The programme drawn up in consultation with the A.T. and E. envisages that.

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*२६६०. श्री भक्त वरुण : क्या संचार मंत्री १० दिसम्बर, १९५४ को दिये गये तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या १४०४ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उसके बाद से डाक व तार विभाग के लिये दूसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के बनाने में अभी तक क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

संचार उपमंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : सुभाषों को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है ।

श्री भक्त वरुण : क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सब सर्कलों से सम्मेलितियां मांगी गई हैं और क्या इस सम्बन्ध में पोस्ट मास्टर जनरलों से कहा गया है कि अपनी सम्मति भेजने से पहले रीजनल एडवाइजरी कमेटीयों से भी परामर्श कर लिया जाये ?

श्री राज बहादुर : विभिन्न विभागीय कर्मचारियों से अवश्य परामर्श किया जायेगा और जनता के प्रतिनिधियों और पी० एंड टी० एडवाइजरी कमेटीज से भी विचार विमर्श किया जायेगा ।

श्री भक्त वरुण : क्या यह सत्य है कि कुछ महीने पहिले भूतपूर्व डायरेक्टर जनरल, श्री जेरथ, ने एक प्रेंस कॉन्फ्रेंस में यह वक्तव्य दिया था कि दो हजार की आबादी के बदले एक हजार की आबादी के लिये एक डाकघर खोला जायेगा ? अगर यह सत्य है, तो इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : इस सदन में इस मद्द् पर एक निश्चित प्रश्न किया गया था और मैं ने उसका उत्तर दिया था कि उनके ये विचार उस समय के थे जब कि वह रिटायर हुए थे और मैं समझता हूँ कि वह अपने शब्दों में सोच रहे थे । यह नहीं कहा जा सकता है कि इस सम्बन्ध में निश्चित रूप से कोई निश्चय कर लिया गया है ।

श्री भक्त वरान : अगर वह वक्तव्य अधिकृत नहीं था और विभाग से उसका कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं था, तो उसका प्रतिवाद क्यों नहीं किया गया ?

श्री राज बहादुर : उसका प्रतिवाद कहिये या उस विषय में एक स्पष्टीकरण कहिये, वह तो इस सभा में किया जा चुका है। यही सब से अच्छा माध्यम है, जिसके द्वारा किसी भी मुद्दे के ऊपर सही बात कही जा सकती है।

RAILWAY QUARTERS

*2661. **Shri Krishnacharya Joshi:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of quarters constructed for the Railway staff during 1954; and

(b) the amount spent thereon?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) Record of quarters is maintained for financial years and not calendar years. The total number of quarters expected to be completed for railway employees during the year 1954-55 was 10,407.

(b) Rs. 4,62,88 lakhs approximately.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know the total number of railway employees and may I also know the number of employees who have been allotted quarters so far?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The total number of persons employed by the Railways is in the neighbourhood of one million. In September 1954, only about 4,00,000 railway employees were accommodated in quarters built by the Railways.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: Have the Government assessed the need of quarters for employees and in how many years they will complete the construction?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: We are spending very nearly Rs. 5 crores annually on building quarters for the Railway staff. The Railways are very hard pressed for funds because they have to do so many other things in addition to building quarters. In addition to all these, one of the main difficulties that comes in the way of constructing quarters rapidly is the shortage of cement and steel. Nevertheless, the Railways are fully aware of the urgency of providing quarters and we are doing whatever is possible.

Shri Krishnacharya Joshi: May I know whether any rent is charged for the quarter?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Rent is charged from all Railway employees other than class IV staff. Those Railway employees who are not provided with Railway quarters are given accommodation allowance.

Shri Muniswamy: May I know whether it is a fact that an essential list is maintained for the allotment of quarters to Railway staff, and if so, whether any changes have been made recently and some of the staff who have been kept in the essential list were removed? If so, have any representations been received in that respect?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: According to the policy that is being followed by the Railways, the essential staff have priority so far as provision of quarters is concerned. Essential staff are those staff who have to live near the site of their work because they might be called at any moment.

मोकामा घाट पर पुल

*२६६२. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मोकामा घाट पर पुल के बन जाने की कब तक सम्भावना है ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन मंत्री के सहायीचय (श्री शाहनवाज खान) : अनुमान किया जाता है कि यह पुल दिसम्बर १९५६ तक बन कर तैयार हो जायेगा।