

separately. In fact, this team went to Canada, studied the co-operative system there, and made certain observations and recommendations. In framing the general scheme for setting up of co-operative organisation in India, we took note of these recommendations, and the decisions were influenced by the report of this team.

Shri Bansilal : May I know whether the Government is contemplating to send a mission to study the industrial co-operative movement there?

Shri A. P. Jain : Not the industrial movement alone, but the development of the productive co-operative societies and in particular the agricultural productive co-operative societies.

Shri Bansilal : May I now whether any decision has been taken in regard to the selection of personnel for such a mission?

Shri A. P. Jain : Not yet.

Shri H. G. Vaishnav : What expenditure was incurred over this mission?

Shri A. P. Jain : The expenditure was nominal—about Rs. 800—because the rest of the expenditure was borne by the Government of Canada under the Colombo Plan.

Buddha Jayanti

***878. Shri Bishwa Nath Roy :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to instal telephones in Kasia on the occasion of Buddha Jayanti in May next?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): Telephone facility already exists at Kasia.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : No, Sir. It is quite wrong.

Shri Raj Bahadur : My information is—I shall stand corrected if my hon. friend can prove it to be wrong—that a P. C. O. was opened on 11-7-55 from the Padrauna-Deoria exchange.

Shri Bishwa Nath Roy : I may say for the information of the hon. Minister that Kasia has got telegraph connection, but not telephone connections.

Mr. Speaker : The hon. Minister will make enquiries.

MADRAS CENTRAL STATION

***880. Shri Jhulan Sinha :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are inadequate arrangements for bath at the Madras Central Railways Station which is having one first class bath room only although the number of passengers there has been fairly large; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the number of bath rooms at the station?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). The question of providing additional bath rooms is under examination.

Shri Jhulan Sinha : May I know whether in arriving at any decision in this matter the average number of persons visiting this station daily will be taken into consideration?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Yes, Sir.

Shri Jhulan Sinha : May I also enquire if the Government will take into consideration the provision for bath in other places formerly known as presidency towns like Bombay and Calcutta?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan : Yes, Sir. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to see that every possible facility and amenity is given to the travelling public. The whole situation is constantly under review.

CATERING ON RAILWAYS

***882. Shri Dabhi :** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to items 27 and 28 of statement (ii) referred to in the reply given to Starred Question No. 757 on the 13th December, 1955 and state:

(a) whether Government have now taken a decision on the recommendations of the Commercial Committee

of the Railways regarding (i) standardisation of prices for tea and coffee and for meals served from dining or buffet cars, and (ii) scope for reduction in prices of vending articles; and

(b) if so, the decision arrived at by Government?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) and (b). Yes. The recommendations of the Commercial Committee, which are shown in the attached statement, have been accepted by the Government and necessary orders for their implementation issued to Railway Administrations. [See Appendix V, annexure No. 42].

Shri Dabhi: I had asked regarding the prices of meals served from dining cars, but information has been supplied regarding meals supplied from refreshment rooms.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is given there. The price of meals served in a dining car is 4 annas over and above the price of meals served in the refreshment room.

Shri Dabhi: I had asked for information regarding the rates of meals served from dining cars.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: It is Re. 1-4-0.

Shri Dabhi: Is it not a fact that Rs. 2-4-0 is being charged?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There is some misunderstanding about it. The meal served from a restaurant car is quite distinct from a meal served in the dining car. They are different, and also there is difference in menu. The restaurant menu contains more items. It also contains *kheer* and *phirani*.

Mr. Speaker: Should hon. Members spend the time of Parliament in finding out whether it is Re. 1-4-0 or Re. 1-6-0? This can be ascertained either from the time-table or by getting the information or, when the hon. Member goes there he can just get a ticket and then know it. My only point is this. If there is any matter of policy

as to why there ought to be such a great difference between the one and the other, it may be asked, but to find out whether it is Re. 1 or Re. 1-4-0, 13 annas or 12 annas—has Parliament to spend its time over small matters like this? Hereafter I will not admit these questions.

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* ८८५. श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या संचार मंत्री १२ अगस्त, १९५५ को पूछे गये अतारंकित प्रश्न संख्या ३१९ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या डाक व तार विभाग के बहिर्विभागीय कर्मचारियों की सेवा की शर्तों और वेतन क्रमों को संशोधित करने के प्रश्न पर तब से अन्तिम निर्णय किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या उसके बारे में विवरण सभा के टेबल पर रखा जायेगा ?

संचार मंत्रालय में मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) :

(क) जी नहीं

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

श्री भक्त बर्षान : आप की कठिनाइयां क्या हैं जिनके कारण अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं हो पा रहा है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : कठिनाइयां तो प्रत्यक्ष हैं । अतिरिक्त विभागीय कर्मचारियों की संख्या ७०,००० से ऊपर है और अगर एक कर्मचारी की तन्स्वाह पांच रुपये भी बढ़ाई जाय तो आप इसका अन्दाज लगा सकते हैं कि लगभग ४२ लाख रुपये के खर्चा आ जाता है ।

श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या यह आशा कि जा सकती है कि दूसरी पंच वर्षीय योजना की समाप्ति तक कम से कम इस सम्बन्ध में निर्णय हो जायेगा ?

श्री राज बहादुर : मैं यह निवेदन कर सकता हूँ कि इस के लिये भी मौलिक सिद्धांत है और वह यह कि यह कोई तन्स्वाह नहीं है । यह एक तरह का प्लान्स है और ऐसे व्यक्ति को दिया जाता है जो स्वयं इस काम को करने आता है वह एक या दो घंटे काम करता है और उस के लिये प्लान्स पाता है ।