

**Sardar Swaran Singh :** I would require notice for a detailed reply, but I remember one case. A lady social worker by name Shrimati Bagh Mehta was decorated by President's Award about two years ago.

**Shri U. M. Trivedi :** May I know whether any case has been brought to the notice of the Government where an abducted person recovered from Pakistan has been abducted again from Delhi and taken away?

**Sardar Swaran Singh :** It would facilitate my reply if the particulars are given. I could not say anything straight-away; if the particular case is mentioned, I am prepared to look into it.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty :** May I know how often the lady social workers have been called upon by the high-powered committee to give evidence before them or help them in their work of finalising the question as to whether they are to be recovered?

**Sardar Swaran Singh :** I think a number of social workers, both ladies and men, have given evidence before the Fact Finding Commission—not exactly before the Commission, but before the officers who had been appointed to prepare the material which was placed before the members of the Commission.

#### Foreign Sea Mails

\*28. **Shri Gidwani :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign sea mail to India had been delayed following the re-routing of some mail-carrying Liners around the Cape of Good Hope and their consequent inability to touch Indian Ports;

(b) whether it is a fact that cargo of Indian Mail will be un-loaded at Colombo Port;

(c) whether arrangements have been made with the Ceylon Government authorities to ensure that the sea mails are despatched to their destinations in India safely and without avoidable delay; and

(d) if so, what are those arrangements?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, on one occasion.

(b) This may happen occasionally.

(c) Yes.

(d) Ceylon has an International obligation under the Universal Postal Convention to despatch transit mails promptly and securely along with its own mails to India.

**Shri Gidwani :** May I know if there are any further delays now or whether the mails are being delivered at the proper time?

**Shri Raj Bahadur :** As I said, certain mails which were despatched from foreign countries about September-October have been delayed. For example, the Steamship S.S. *Carthage*, S. S. *Chusan* and S.S. *Strathmore* were diverted via the Cape of Good Hope. There have been occasional delays ranging from 9 to 22 days.

**Shri Dhusiya :** May I know whether the rate has been raised because of the change in the route?

**Shri Raj Bahadur.** No, Sir.

**Shrimati Kamalendumati Shah :** Would it not be better if the mails are brought by air than sea?

**Shri Raj Bahadur :** There are different classes of mail. If they are air mails, they are brought by air; if they are sea mails, they are brought by sea by ships.

#### National Council for Training in Vocational Trades

\*30. { **Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:**  
**Shri K. C. Sodhia:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta :**

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Council for training in Vocational Trades; and

(b) if so, when the Council will be set up?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) :** (a) Yes.

(b) It is expected to be set up before the end of the current year.

**Dr. Ramsubhag Singh :** May I know the composition and functions of this Council?

**Shri Abid Ali :** It will have about 50 members. The function will be to establish and award a national trade certificate, prescribe standards in respect of syllabus etc., lay down standards of efficiency, set up examining bodies, recognise training institutions for the award of certificates etc.

**Shri S. C. Samanta :** May I know who will hold the examinations, if the certificate is to be given by this Council, for different classes?

**Shri Abid Ali :** There is a prescribed procedure for it.