

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: We want to know whether it has been made clear to the prospective recipients that it is without prejudice.

Mr. Speaker: It would be difficult to inform each individual. Everybody is supposed to know the law. How could they go to every dependent and tell him the position?

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: In the case of these fatal casualties why was not the maximum amount of Rs. 500 but a lesser amount offered?

Shri Dasappa: The maximum amount that is open to them to offer on an *ad hoc* basis is Rs. 500.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Why was that not offered?

Shri Dasappa: That was offered.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Only Rs. 250 was offered.

Mr. Speaker: Rs. 250 was given.

Shri Ranga: The question of Shri Kamath was why the maximum amount was not offered.

Shri Dasappa: What my colleague has stated is that Rs. 250 was offered to the injured. Rs. 500 was offered to the dependents of each of the deceased.

Shri D. C. Sharma: May I know whether the government is going to appoint a committee to go into the entire question of unmanned level crossings and, if so, by what time it will be appointed?

Mr. Speaker: We are not concerned with it at the moment.

‘एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी के लिफाफे

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*६६. { श्री मोहन स्वरूप :
श्री रामेश्वर टांटिया :
श्री धवन :
श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरवा :
श्री गोकर्ण प्रसाद :

{ श्री राम हरस यादव :
डा० पू० ना० खां :
श्री सुबोध हंसदा :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डाक और तार विभाग २८ नये पैसे वाले ‘एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी’ के लिफाफे चालू करने का विचार कर रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या साथ ही साथ अलग ‘एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी’ के पोस्टकार्ड भी चालू करने का विचार है ; और

(ग) इन लिफाफों अथवा पोस्ट-कार्डों की बिक्री समस्त देश में कब प्रारम्भ की जायेगी ?

संचार विभाग में उपमंत्री (श्री भगवती) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) ऐसा कोई विचार नहीं है ।

(ग) ‘एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी’ लिफाफे पहले ही ११ मई, १९६४ से जारी किये जा चुके हैं और समूचे देश के डाकघरों को उन्हें क्रमशः भेजा जा रहा है ।

[(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) The Express Delivery envelopes have already been introduced with effect from 11-5-1964 and supplies are being made to post offices all over the country in a gradual manner.]

श्री मोहन स्वरूप : एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी के लिफाफों का रंग क्या होगा ? इन को पूरे भारतवर्ष के डाकखानों में सप्लाई करने में कितना समय लगेगा ?

Shri Bhagavati: We have already made supplies in the important centres like Bombay, Calcutta, Madras

and New Delhi. It has also been supplied to a large number of treasuries and I hope we shall be able to make supplies to all the post offices in a very short time.

श्री मोहन स्वरूप : रंग क्या होगा लिफाफों का ?

Shri Bhagavati: It will be of pink colour.

श्री गुलशन : क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूँ कि एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी लेटर्स के साथ साथ मनीग्रांडर की एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी का भी कोई विचार है ।

Mr. Speaker: Is it contemplated to have express delivery money orders also?—

Shri Bhagavati: No, Sir; express delivery articles only are delivered as such.

Shri Rameshwar Tantia: May I know whether it is a fact that sometimes express delivery letters arrive later than ordinary letters; if so, will Government kindly look into it?

Shri Bhagavati: I do not think that it is so. We receive complaints and we find that the number of complaints has gone down considerably in 1962-63 as compared to 1960. From this we can judge that there is not so much delay in delivering express delivery articles. Moreover, we have taken some more steps to see that there is not unnecessary delay in the delivery of express delivery articles. We have introduced the system of enclosing these express delivery articles in separate bags and covers. That will also help in expediting delivery.

Shri Rama Chandra Mallick: May I know whether it is proposed to introduce distinctive express delivery envelopes and postcards at present only in Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta and why not in all States?

Shri Bhagavati: It will be introduced in all States.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछुवाय : मैं जानना चाहता हूँ कि उन लिफाफों की कीमत क्या होगी । पहले के लिफाफे और अब के लिफाफे की कीमत में कितना फर्क है ?

Shri Bhagavati: There is no difference in price. It will be 28 Paise.

Shri Kapur Singh: May I know whether the Government are cognisant of the popular superstition that the best way to delay or lose a postal article is to send it by express delivery; if so, what impact these new envelopes are likely to have on this superstition?

Shri Bhagavati: The number of express delivery articles has been increasing very much. In 1960-61 it was 23,310,153.

Mr. Speaker: Has the hon. Minister any information as to what impact it would have on the superstition? (*Interruption*)

Shri Bhagavati: That there is no superstition will be seen from the increase in the traffic. It has proved to be very popular.

श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : जिस तरह से मंत्री महोदय ने बतला दिया कि लिफाफे की कीमत २८ पैसे होगी, उसी तरह से जो एक्सप्रेस डिलीवरी कार्ड्स होंगे उन की क्या कीमत होगी ?

Shri Bhagavati: I have already stated that we have no proposal to have separate cards at present because private people also print cards in different colours and that will create confusion.

Shri Subodh Hansda: Since the Minister has stated that these new

envelopes will be introduced in all the States, I would like to know whether this will improve the delivery system of express delivery letters or will the letters be delivered in the same way as the express delivery letters are treated today in the rural areas.

Shri Bhagavati: For delivering express delivery articles and letters we have separate messengers; so, they are not mixed up. For sorting and transmission we hope this will make much improvement.

Shri Subodh Hansda: I want to know about express delivery letters.

Mr. Speaker: Dr. Singhvi.

Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Do Government propose to consider any suggestion for introducing the acknowledgment due procedure for express delivery letters also; if it has already been considered, what is the reaction and if it has not been considered already, will Government be willing to consider such a move?

Shri Bhagavati: If we introduce this system, it may delay delivery. At present the postman or the messenger who goes to deliver express delivery letters takes signature of the person to whom the article is delivered.

Shrimati Savitri Nigam: May I know whether the Government have received complaints regarding the delayed delivery of express delivery letters; if the answer is in the affirmative, what action is being taken to see that express delivery letters reach in time?

Shri Bhagavati: I have already stated that in 1962-63 there were 31,805,916 express delivery articles and out of that the number of complaints that we received was 8,430. The percentage is less than 1; it is .26 only.

श्री राजबिहारी मेहरोत्रा : क्या एक्सप्रेस डिलिवरी लेटर्स को ब्रांच पोस्ट आफिसेज से डिलिवर करवाने का भी इन्तजाम किया गया है ?

Shri Bhagavati: We have no separate messengers here; they are ordinary postmen. They take these express delivery letters also.

Price of Sugarcane

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- Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**
- Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**
- Shri S. C. Samanta:**
- Shri Daji:**
- Shri Subodh Hansda:**
- Shri P. Venkatasubbaiah:**
- Shri Bibhuti Mishra:**

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh and some other State Governments have requested the Central Government to fix the price of sugarcane for the next crushing season (1964-65) at a flat rate of Rs. 2 per maund instead of fixing it on the basis of recovery; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a) Yes Sir, the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(b) Government consider that on the consideration of relevant factors, the price already announced is appropriate and no change is called for.

श्री विश्वनाथ पाण्डेय : क्या सरकार मिल मालिकों के विरोध करने पर फ्लैट रेट निर्धारित न कर के रिकवरी के आधार पर कीमत रखना चाहती है ।

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri Swaran Singh): The formula of fixing the price based on recovery is not opposed by States as such. It is quite another thing that they want a fair price, but there is no opposition as such to the fixing of