- (ii) High quality safety appliances conforming to BIS specifications are supplied free to all employees.
- (iii) Modern techniques like risk analysis, job safety analysis and safety audit are being applied to improve safety.
- (iv) Regular Shop floor inspections are done and unsafe conditions liquidated. Use of safety appliances is also enforced.
- (v) All accidents minor or major are investigated and remedial measures are taken.
- (vi) VSP has unique Safety Incentive Scheme whereby all employees in specified Departments get a cash benefit for achieving a Zero Reportable Accident in any month.
- (vii) Joint participation in safety is being encouraged through the functioning of 39 Departmental Safety Committees and Apex Central Safety Committee. Equal number of workers representatives with Management representatives are in these Committees.
- (viii) Safety Promotional activities like safety weeks, inter-departmental house keeping competitions and other safety competitions are held throughout the year. Safety representatives and safety captains have been nominated in all Departments.
- (ix) A major thrust is continuing on the safety education and training of regular employees as well as contractors' workers. Specified Safety Training programmes are also con-

ducted in assistance with Specialist Agencies.

[Translation]

Misuse of Telephones

1951. SHRIMATI KESHARBAI SONAJI KSHIRSAGAR: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunications is proposed to be armed with the right to conduct raids in order to check the misuse of telephones; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b). At present there is no such proposal under consideration. Central Bureau of Investigation assistance is taken in raids on private premises.

[English]

Indian Missions

1952. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries where Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate has been opened during the last two years;
- (b) the number of Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Consulate Generals etc. who were posted in Indian Missions abroad;
- (c) the number out of them belonging to IFA, IAS and other Central Services, service-wise;
- (d) the number out of them who are non-officials;