

Nuclear Medicine X-Ray Machine

4362. SHRI ARJUN SINGH BHADORIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a machine EMI Scanner or CAT used by Nuclear medicine X-Ray unit for screening and tomography of human brain was imported from Britain at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs in October, 1977 by AIIMS and within two months of its installation in December, 1977 it went out of commission;

(b) whether approximately Rs. 7.5 lakhs annually is paid to a foreign firm towards maintenance of this Unit;

(c) whether it is the only brain screening machine in the region but owing to careless handling and lack of proper supervision people are not getting any benefit out of it; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Expansion of Sangli Telephone Exchange

4363. SHRI ANNASAHEB GOTKHI-NDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to fulfil the promised expansion of Sangli Telephone exchange, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the broad details of the expansion programme for the current year planned to meet the demand of the people on the waiting list for new telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKH-DEO SAI): (a) and (b). 300 lines expansion from 2,100 to 2,400 lines was carried out on 15th March, 1977, and demands upto middle of 1977 have generally been met.

Consistent with the availability of equipment and need to allot it equitably between different stations, further expansions in two phases, from 2,400 to 2,700 lines and 2,700 to 3,300 lines have been planned. It is hoped these will be commissioned during 1979 and 1980 respectively.

Pay of Delivery Agents Mail Carriers etc.

4364. SHRI BALAK RAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether monthly salary of about Rs. 100 is being paid to the Delivery Agents, Mail-carriers and Branch Postmaster of the Branch Post Offices in rural areas of the country particularly hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh are not commensurate to the national wage policy;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to bring their wages at par with the national wage policy and pay them at least Rs. 150 per month according to climatic and topographical conditions; and

(c) if not, the reasons for subjecting such lowest paid employees to social injustice and denying them the benefit of national wage policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKH-DEO SAI): (a) No National wage policy has been laid down by the Government as yet.

(b) There is no such proposal. The allowances are revised once in two years due to increase in cost of living

and periodically due to increase in workload Allowances as on 1st September, 1977 are given in the attached statement.

(c) Allowances are reasonable. The Extra Departmental Agents are part-time employees and expected to have other avocations.

Statement

Statement showing the rates of Remuneration of the Extra Departmental Agents with effect from 1st Sept., 77.

Category of Extra Departmental Agents	Rates of Allowance	
	Minimum	Maximum
1. Extra Departmental SPM / Sorter/Sub Record Clerk	Rs. pm. 140	Rs. p.m. 170
2. Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster	100	120
3. Extra Departmental Stamp Vendors	10 0	120
4. Other Extra Departmental Agents :—		
(a) Below 2 hours	85	(Fixed)
(b) 2 hours and above	100	115

टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज झलीगढ़ की सफाई पर खर्च की गई धनराशि

Lock-out in Jay Engineering, Kanoria Jute Mill and Baranagar Jute Mill, West Bengal

4365. श्री हवाराम शास्त्र : क्या संघार मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

4366. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(क) क्या टेलीफोन केन्द्र, झलीगढ़ की करवरी/माच, 1977 में जो सफाई की गई थी, उस पर 30,000 रुपये की धनराशि का खर्च दिखाया गया था, परन्तु प्राक्कलन की तुलना में कम काम किया गया और क्षेत्रफल अधिक दिखाया गया है।

(a) whether Government are aware that lock-out has been declared in four factories in West Bengal i.e. Jay Engineering two workshops, Kanoria Jute Mill and Baranagar Jute Mill rendering thousands of workers jobless; and

(ख) क्या मंडल अधिकारी ने बंदरों की सफाई के लिये नगर पालिका झलीगढ़ से संपर्क नहीं किया और इस पद पर 10,000 रुपये की धनराशि का खर्च दिखाया है और मोटर वीरुड के निर्माण पर लगभग 16,000 रुपये की धनराशि का प्राक्कलन बनाया गया था और बाद में उक्त राशि घटाकर 11,000 रुपये कर दी गई थी और इस प्रकार काफी धनराशि का सोलबाज किया गया है ; और

(b) if so, whether Government propose to get these lock-outs lifted?

(ग) क्या सरकार इस बारे में जांच करेगी और संबंधित अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करेगी ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) and (b). The matter falls within the State sphere. It is learnt that the Government of West Bengal are making every effort to settle the dispute in the Usha Fan Industries and the Usha Sewing Machine Works of Jay Engineering as also the dispute in the Kanoria Jute Mill.

संघार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद मुकुंदन साहू) : (क) से (ग). सूचना कएन की जा रही है और उसे यथा समय तथा पटक पर रज दिया जायेगा।