

**TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES**

\*1079. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state the progress made in the implementation of the scheme for opening (i) telephone public call offices at sub-divisional Headquarters and (ii) telegraph offices at Thana Headquarters in Bihar?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (i) Telephone public call offices have been opened at two sub-divisional headquarters stations since April 1953 in Bihar. Proposals relating to 9 more are under consideration.

(ii) Telegraph offices have been opened at two of the thana stations since April 1953. Other cases are under examination.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know, Sir, what are those two places where telephone offices have been opened, and what are those two places where telegraph offices have been opened?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** Telephone offices: new Telephone Link at Saharsa; two telegraph offices one at Tarapur and the other at Kharagpur in Monghyr district.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** May I know what is happening to the other sub-divisions where the offices have to be opened this year?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** Another sub-division?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** As I have said, we have got nine cases under examination, and adequate steps will be taken to see that these offices are opened there, expeditiously.

**Shri Jhulan Sinha:** What are those nine places?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I will not be able to give the names.

श्री एन० एल० जोशी : क्या ऐसी योजना सब राज्यों में लागू की जा रही है ?

राज बहादुर : जी हाँ :

**Shri L. N. Mishra:** The hon. Minister just now said that public call offices have been opened at Saharsa. Are Government aware of the fact that the existing office is not working well and voices are not audible in trunk calls?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** No such complaint has yet been sent to me or this department so far as I know, but in case a proper complaint is made, or even without that I will look into it.

**Prof. D. C. Sharma:** May I know whether it is the policy of Government to open telephone public call offices at every sub-division headquarters, and to open telegraph offices at every thana headquarters, all over India, or only in the State to which reference has been made in this question? If so, what kind of implementation is being done all over India?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member is enlarging the scope of the question to the whole of India. There might be a question on a matter of policy.

The hon. Member wants to know whether this proposal of opening telegraph and telephone offices at particular headquarters of a sub-division or a thana is confined only to the State of Bihar, or is being extended to other States also.

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** An announcement was made on the floor of the House in the course of the budget debate, that this policy extends to the whole of the country. That is our target which we hope to achieve in course of time, maybe, two years or three years.

**Shri A. M. Thomas:** May I know whether as in the case of opening post offices and telegraph offices, any minimum number of population is fixed for opening telephone public call offices?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is fixed, for telephone public call offices, it is, I think 20,000 population.

**Shri G. P. Sinha:** Have the Government opened two telephone offices in one district of Palamau in Bihar?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** How can the hon. Minister remember all these details? Even the hon. Member may not remember, should he become a Minister.

**Shri Sarangadhar Das:** May I know the target date by which this scheme will be fully implemented all over India?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have not yet fixed any rigid target date. That however, obviously depends upon the availability of finances as also of equipment, which are to some extent to be imported from outside, while the rest will be manufactured here.

**CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT  
JAMNAGAR**

\*1080. **Shri Jhulan Sinha:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state whether the proposed Central Institute for Research in the indigenous systems of medicine at Jamnagar has started functioning?

(b) If so, what are its achievements, if any?

**The Deputy Minister of Health (Shrinati Chandrasekhar):** (a) Yes; from the 24th August, 1953.

(b) It is too early to assess its achievements.

**Shrimati A. Kale:** May I know what is happening to the solarium that has been built here, whether the experiments are successful?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** What is it, solarium?

**Shrimati A. Kale:** For treating diseases by making use of sun's rays, they have built a solarium at Jamnagar.

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** This Institute that has been mentioned by the hon. Member may not be the same as the one to which I am referring. This Jamnagar Institute is established in the hospital which was there already.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** This relates to indigenous medicine. A solarium seems to be a discovery.

**Shri B. K. Das:** May I know whether any programme for research has been chalked out, and if so, may I have an idea of the programme?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The Scientific Advisory Committee, which is responsible for chalking out programmes of research, has drawn out different research schemes on anaemia and allied diseases to be investigated. Then there is an investigation on guinea worm, in collaboration with the Director of Ayurveda, Saurashtra. There is a Director who is to draw up necessary *pro formae* for collecting data of treatment and to prepare a scheme for presenting the results. He would also specify the period. Researches are also being done on drugs. Steps are being taken to establish an out-patient department in the same Institute.

**Shri B. K. Das:** How many research workers have been appointed so far?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** That has not yet been finalised.

**Shri T. S. A. Chettiar:** How many of the staff are allopathic doctors, who have been trained in *Ayurvedic* medicine, so that they will have some sympathy in understanding the needs of *Ayurveda*?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** A committee has just met to decide about the technical staff. The information will be obtained and released later.

**Shri Dabhi:** What is the total recurring as well as non-recurring expenditure of this Institute? From which source is it to be met?

**Shrimati Chandrasekhar:** The Institute has just started functioning on the 24th of August, as I said earlier. For 1953-54, Rs. 4 lakhs have been set apart for it. Out of that, about Rs. 67,500 have been paid to the Institute.

**Shri Jangde:** How many *Ayurvedic* research centres in India are receiving