

### हैलीकोप्टर विमान

९३४. श्री भक्त बर्षान : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय उड्डयन विशेषज्ञों ने पर्वतीय इलाकों में हैलीकोप्टर का प्रयोग करने के बारे में अब तक कौन कौन से परीक्षण किये हैं ; और

(ख) हैलीकोप्टरों के सर्वसाधारण द्वारा प्रयोग के सम्बन्ध में क्या प्रगति हुई है ?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) No experiments have so far been made for the use of Helicopters for civil air transport purpose in hilly tracts. Indian Air Force have carried out certain initial trials with helicopters acquired by them. These trials were for the purpose of determining the operating capabilities and limitations of this type of aircraft under varying climatic and topographical conditions obtaining in the Delhi area. Preliminary work for advanced operational trials in hilly regions is in hand.

(b) Indian Airlines who are operating scheduled services in the country do not, at present, propose to introduce helicopters for public air transport. The Bombay Government have imported one helicopter for their use and a few helicopters have been imported by an Oil Company in connection with their survey work. It is understood that a few helicopters of that Oil Company were engaged by the Assam Government for flood relief work.

### INCREASED POSTAL RATES

935. **Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the additional net income which the Government of India have been able to make as a result of the increase in the rates of (i) book-post, (ii) parcel-post, and (iii) registration in the year ending 31st March 1954;

(b) whether there has been any reduction in the export of books and other publications in the year 1953-54;

(c) whether Government will lay on the Table of the House a statement showing export of books and other publications to foreign countries in the years 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, and 1953-54; and

(d) whether the loss so caused is offset by the income?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Separate accounts of revenue derived from any particular category of postal traffic are not maintained. Based on a fortnight's count of the traffic in the two years, the additional income during 1953-54 works out roughly as follows:—

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| (i) Book, pattern and sample packets | Rs. 74 lakhs. |
| (ii) Parcels                         | Rs. 69 lakhs. |
| (iii) Registration fee               | Rs. 70 lakhs. |

(b) to (d). The reference is apparently to books sent through the post to foreign countries. Statistics of such traffic are not maintained as considerable time and labour are involved in their collection.

### TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN BHATAPARA TOWN

936. **Shri B. N. Misra:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate time when the Telephonic Exchange will begin functioning at Bhatapara Town; and

(b) the total amount of revenue collected by Government by way of Trunk call charges from Bhatapara Public Call Office during the year 1953 and upto the 31st July 1954?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) November, 1954.

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| (b) During the year 1953 | ... Rs. 8,779/8/-. |
| Upto 31st July, 1954.    | } Rs. 4,554/3/-.   |
| in 1954.                 |                    |