

the passengers as the overbridge of the said station is narrow and has no shed in the half portion of it;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter;

(d) whether it is a fact that the said overbridge was not remodelled at the time of the electrification of Howrah-Burdwan line; and

(e) what is the breadth of the middle of the northern portion and the length of the said overbridge?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) About 27 lacs of passengers (both inward and outward) passed through Burdwan Station in 1958.

(b) Some inconvenience is being experienced by passengers.

(c) Replacement of the narrow portion of the bridge by a wider bridge with covering has already been sanctioned.

(d) Yes.

(e) The breadth is 4 ft. 10 inches and the total length is 147 ft.

Passenger Traffic at Belanagar Station

2209. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of inward and outward passengers and monthly ticket holders in Belanagar Station, Eastern Railway in each month till today since its opening; and

(b) what is the monthly income received and cost of maintenance of this station?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahaswar Khas): (a) Belanagar station was opened on 23.11.1958. The number of inward and outward

passengers and monthly ticket holders at this station are as under:

	No. of Passengers.		Monthly Ticket holders.
	Inward	Outward.	
November, 1958 (From 23-11-58 to 30-11-58).	468	1631	Nil
December, 1958	694	1950	155
January, 1959	709	2017	182

(b) The monthly earnings and the cost of maintenance of this station are as given below.

(i) Monthly income—(from 23-11-58).

November 1958 to 30-11-58)	. Ra. 240.43 nP.
December, 1958	. Ra. 966 60 nP.
January, 1959	. Ra 1081 44 nP

(ii) Average cost of staff & maintenance per month (excluding cost of stopping trains) . Ra. 712 00 nP.

Telephone Exchange, Burdwan

2210. Shri Subiman Ghose: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General Posts and Telegraphs had sanctioned the construction of building for expansion of Telephone Exchange, at Burdwan (West Bengal);

(b) if so, when the sanction was given; and

(c) the reasons for not starting the construction so far?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). No. The construction of building is a component of the project expansion of Telephone Exchange. The original project was sanctioned in October, 1956 for replacement of 250 lines non-multiple exchange by 300-line multiple exchange. The cost of the building provided was Rs. 99,000. The present proposal is for expansion of the exchange to 500-lines. The cost

of the building has also increased to Rs. 1.52 lakhs according to actual estimate.

(c) Sanction to the revised scheme is being processed. The building work will be taken up after the project and building estimates are sanctioned.

Non-Departmental Telephone Operators

2311. Shri Subman Ghose: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-departmental Telephone Operators in the Posts and Telegraphs Department in West Bengal, Madras and Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that such operators who have two years of aggregate service and one year continuous service at their credit are absorbed as regular telephone operators;

(c) if so, how many of them have not been absorbed up-till now, (State-wise);

(d) whether it is a fact that those employees who have not fulfilled the qualifications mentioned in part (b) above were discharged although they were to be provided with alternative lower grade jobs;

(e) if so, the number of such employees in each State; and

(f) how Government propose to help them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The number of Non-Departmental Telephone Operators as on date is as follows:

West Bengal	164
Madras	95
Delhi	8

(b) Yes. Those Non-Departmental Telephone Operators who have put in 1 year of continuous service or 2 years of aggregate service as on 1-2-58, could under certain conditions, be

absorbed as regular Telephone Operators.

(c) West Bengal	146
Madras	176
Delhi	8
TOTAL	229

(d) No. As contemplated in the general orders, every effort has been made to provide them with alternate jobs, wherever possible.

(e) West Bengal	14
Madras	82
Delhi	7

(f) Every effort was made to provide them with alternate jobs. If no vacancy was either available or the offer of alternate appointment was refused, there is nothing that could be done.

Setting up of Power Plant in Public Sector

2312. Shri Anobindo Ghosal: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to set up a power plant in the public sector in the Third Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, where?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) and (b). The programme for the establishment of power plant during the Third Five Year Plan period has not yet been finalised.

प्रजाज का तस्कर व्यापार

२२१३. श्री नवल प्रभाकर :

क्या साज तथा कुबि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) १९५८ में दिल्ली से कितने व्यक्ति चोरी छिपे प्रजाज बाहर ले जाते हुए पकड़े गये; और

(ख) यह तस्कर व्यापार सामान्यतः किन किन नार्कों पर होता है ?