

(b) if so, how many more hours of work these employees are required to put in and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether they are paid any allowance for the extra hours of work they put in;

(d) if so, the extent thereof;

(e) whether these employees enjoy all the declared Government of India holidays; and

(f) if not, whether they are given any compensatory holidays or concession in lieu thereof?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) The duty hours in the Telegraph Branch of the P. & T. Department are different for different categories of staff. Similar is the case in respect of employees of other Central Government Departments. The duty hours of the various categories of staff in the Telegraph Branch of the Department broadly speaking do not compare unfavourably with the duty hours of similar categories of staff in other Departments of the Central Government.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

(e) The staff in administrative offices get all the holidays declared by the Government of India. The staff in Telegraph Traffic Branch get 12 holidays in a year. The Telegraph Engineering staff get 2 holidays.

(f) Compensatory off is given in lieu of the holidays admissible to them.

City Booking Agency at Bhiwani

2245. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state at what stage is the proposal to open City Booking Agency for Bhiwani City (Punjab)?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): The proposal is under scrutiny by the Northern Railway.

टेलीफोन की बढ़ी हुई दरों से प्राप्त होने वाला राजस्व

२२४६. श्री पहाड़िया : क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हाल ही में जो टेलीफोन की दरें बढ़ाई गई हैं उस के परिणामस्वरूप प्रति वर्ष कितना अधिक राजस्व प्राप्त होगा; और

(ख) क्या इन बढ़ी हुई दरों में आवश्यक सेवाओं जैसे चिकित्सकों, पत्रकारों और अन्य समाज सेवा संस्थाओं को कुछ छूट दी गई है ?

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Waltair Railway Station

2247. Shri Madhusudan Rao: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to remodel Waltair Railway station and to construct an island platform; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Due to non-availability of adequate funds this work is not proposed to be taken up during the Second Five Year Plan.

Promotion of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

2248. { Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri R. C. Majhi:
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order issued by the Railway Board in 1955, in regard to