

(b) if so, by when these are going to be experimented and what is the duration of experiment?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SHANKER DAYAL SHARMA): (a) and (b) Subscriber Trunk Dialling Service during the concessional tariff periods has been introduced on experimental basis between the cities connected to the Trunk Automatic Exchanges in Bombay, Delhi and Madras on the following dates:—

- (i) Delhi-Bombay 15th March, 1975
- (ii) Bombay-Madras 22nd March, 1975
- (iii) Delhi-Madras 31st March, 1975

It is proposed to keep these routes under observation till reliable traffic data is obtained and augmentation of circuits arranged to cater to the traffic.

Anomaly in scales of pay of field publicity officers and field exhibition officers

7360. SHRI PANNA LAL BARU-PAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the scales of pay for the posts of Field Publicity Officers and Field Exhibition Officers before the Third Pay Commission's recommendation;

(b) the scales of pay recommended by the Third Pay Commission,

(c) whether any anomaly in the scale of pay for the posts of Field Exhibition Officers have been brought to the notice of the Government, and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI DHARAM BIR SINHA): (a) Field Publicity Officers; Rs. 270—10—290—15—410—EB—15—485. Field Exhibition Officers; Rs. 350—20—450—25—575.

(b) Pay Commission has recommended the inclusion of the posts of Field Publicity Officer in Grade III of the Central Information Service for which the scale of pay of Rs. 650—30—740—35—810—EB—35—880—40—1000—EB—40—1200 has been notified.

The scale recommended for the post of Field Exhibition Officer is Rs. 650—30—740—35—880—EB—40—960.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Necessary action has been initiated.

Supply of coal to consumers by coal Mines Authority

7361. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why Coal Mines Authority does not supply coal to consumers directly and deals only through middlemen;

(b) the names of middlemen individuals or firms dealing with Coal Mines Authority and the amount they annually earn by way of commission;

(c) the reasons why these middlemen are allowed to supply coal of qualities inferior to those ordered by consumers; and

(d) if not, whether Coal Mines Authority would send its representative to Bagra C Rly to check up the quality of coal supplied to tile works there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (PROF. SIDDHESHWAR PRASAD): (a) The Coal Mines Authority does not engage middlemen or pay any commission to them as a matter of policy.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Issue of Postal Stamp

7362. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THANKAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government have decided to issue a special commemorative stamp in 1975 in honour of the Golden Jubilee of the Vaikom Satyagraha which is being celebrated in a big way in the third week of April this year; and