

(d) the quantity of the rice to be imported during 1962-63?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Food & Agriculture (Shri A. M. Thomas): (a). No import of rice into India on trade account is allowed and all imports of rice from abroad are made by the Government of India only.

(b). About 415 thousand metric tons.

(c). About Rs. 20 crores.

The break-up of the quantity country-wise is as follows:—

United States of America—about 183 thousand metric tons.

Burma—about 202 thousand metric tons.

United Arab Republic—about 30 thousand metric tons.

(d) It is not in the public interest to disclose this information.

**Bifurcation of Kanpur Engineering Division of P. & T.**

1502. { Shri Buta Singh:  
Shri Gulshan:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kanpur Engineering Division of Posts and Telegraphs has been bifurcated into D.E.T. Kanpur Division and D.E. Phones Division, Allahabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that staff of D.E.T. Kanpur Office was transferred to Phones Division, Allahabad on 4th April, 1962 under the formula framed by the Postmaster-General, Lucknow;

(c) if so, the total number of officials transferred to Allahabad Phones Division; and

(d) the number of Scheduled Castes employees who have been transferred to Phones Division, Allahabad?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):

(a) Yes. The new Division is, for the present, headquartered at Kanpur. The Allahabad Phones Division has since been redesignated as Telegraph Engineering Division.

(b) Yes—with effect from 12-4-1962.

(c) Thirteen.

(d) Three.

12.07 hrs.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:**

**EXPLOSIONS IN DELHI**

Shri Hem Barua (Gauhati): Sir, under Rule 197, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the following matter of urgent public importance and I request that he may make a statement thereon:—

“The two explosions reported to have occurred on 14th and 15th May, 1962 in Delhi.”

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): Sir, on the 14th May at about 8.15 P.M. an explosion occurred in the Lal Kuan Bazar, Delhi, near the shop of some bangle-sellers situated in the vicinity of the show-room of the Hamdard Dawa Khana. The Bazar was crowded at the time with people making purchases on the eve of Id-ul-Zuha. It appears that some explosive substance burst inside a bottle near a place where the bangle-sellers were doing their business. Splinters from the blast caused two holes in the glass pane in the window of the Dawa Khana show room. A man and his family of four children who were purchasing bangles received some minor injuries while two bangle-sellers and three women suffered from superficial scratches. The police reached the spot of the explosion soon after the incident and the injured persons were immediately taken to