

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Consequent on Federal Financial Integration of States, the fair weather landing ground at Nabha, formerly maintained by the Nabha State, was taken over by the Punjab Government.

(b) No permission was necessary.

Jute Production

2107. Shri Mohammad Tahir: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what are the jute growing areas in the country, State-wise;

(b) what is the percentage of jute production in each such area; and

(c) the place where the office for the development of jute mill industry in India is located?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Jute is grown in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Tripura. A statement showing the jute growing districts (State-wise) in India is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II annexure No. 82].

(b) The percentage of jute production in each State in relation to the total production of jute in India varies from year to year. However, on an average, West Bengal accounts for 50.5%, Bihar 20.7%, Assam 20.6%, Orissa 4.8%, U.P. 2.0% and Tripura 1.4% of the total production. Information regarding percentage of production district-wise is not readily available.

(c) The development of jute mill industry is looked after by the Jute Commissioner to the Government of India whose office is located in Calcutta.

P. and T. Employees

2108. Shri Kolla Venkaiah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Post and Telegraph Mechanics made permanent

since 1958 (in each year) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of persons who have been confirmed as Post and Telegraph Mechanics in Andhra Pradesh since 1958 in each year up to 1962; and

(c) the reasons for disparity, if any, between posts made permanent and persons confirmed in the posts?

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	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
(a)	23	24	18	26	17
(b)	31	25	10	..	50

(c) Confirmations against posts made permanent from 1960 onwards could not be made earlier than 1962 because of the need for preparation of a combined gradation list of Mechanics of the former Andhra and Hyderabad Circles, consequent on merger to form present Andhra Circle.

Delivery of Express Letters in Trivandrum

2109. Shri P. Kunhan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delivery work of Express letters has been transferred from Trivandrum Central Telegraph Office to the General Post Office from 15th July, 1962;

(b) if so, whether any employees of the C.T.O. have been transferred to the G.P.O. for the work; and

(c) whether it is a fact that six persons of Extra Departmental messengers have been appointed to do the delivery work?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. Seven officials were transferred.

(c) Yes.