

or through special mazdoors. The position regarding the frequency of delivery service as obtaining on 31st October, 1965 is given below:

Frequency of delivery service	Number of villages served on 31-10-65
Daily	20,19
Tri-weekly	18,726
Bi-weekly	7,050
Weekly	497
Over a week	Nil

As regards the extension of postal services by opening Post Offices, there were 16 Head Offices, 377 departmental Sub-Offices, 37 Extra-departmental Sub-Offices and 4255 Branch Offices as on 31st October, 1965.

G.C. & S.T. A.I.R. Artistes at New Delhi

538. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to state the number of staff artistes and employees of the New Delhi Station of the All-India Radio belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on the 30th September, 1965?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Shrimati Indira Gandhi):

	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Staff Artistes	2	1
Regular employees	36	1
TOTAL	38	2

Telephone Revenue in Orissa

539. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of telephone revenue outstanding at present in Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to recover the same?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) As on 1st July, 1965, the amount outstanding, for bills issued upto 31st December, 1964, was Rs. 9.61 lakhs.

(b) Steps, such as, personal contact with the defaulting subscribers, recourse to legal action, where necessary, are taken with a view to secure settlement. Action has also been taken to enforce the disconnection of telephones of defaulting subscribers both private and Government.

Consumers' Price Index Number for Delhi

540. Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bhanu Prakash Singh:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2666 on the 22nd September, 1965 and state:

(a) whether the recommendations made by the Committee on Consumers' Price Index Number for Delhi have since been considered;