

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
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>

**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;

(b) if so, with what result; and

(c) if not, the time by which its consideration is likely to be finalised?

**The Minister of Labour and Employment (Shri D. Sanjivayya):** (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration.

(c) The decision is expected to be taken very soon.

**परमाणु विज्ञान की प्रगति**

541. डा० राम मनोहर लोहिया :

श्री किशन पटनायक :

श्री रामसेवक यादव :

क्या प्रश्न मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि चीन ने अपने पहले अणु बम का विस्फोट यूरेनियम-237 से किया था, प्ल्यूटोनियम से नहीं ;

(ख) क्या यह तथ्य इस क्षेत्र में चीन की तकनीकी प्रगति का परिचायक है ;

(ग) परमाणु विज्ञान तथा प्रौद्योगिकी (टेक्नालोजी) के क्षेत्र में चीन की तुलना में भारत ने कितनी प्रगति की है ; और

(घ) क्या सरकार को 'गैस डिफ्यूजन प्लांट' स्थापित करने का ज्ञान है तथा उसकी अनुमानित लागत क्या होगी ?

प्रश्न मंत्री तथा अणु शक्ति मंत्री (श्री लाल बहादुर शास्त्री) : (क) यह विदित है कि चीन ने अपने पहले परमाणु बम के परीक्षण में यूरेनियम-235 का प्रयोग किया था ।

(ख) तथा (ग). भारत और चीन की तुलना का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता, क्योंकि

भारत का कार्यक्रम पूर्णतः परमाणु ऊर्जा का शांतिमय कार्यों के लिए प्रयोग करने की दिशा में है, जबकि चीन का कार्यक्रम सैनिक उद्देश्यों की पूर्ति करने के लिए है ।

(घ) यदि भारत सरकार ऐसा संयंत्र स्थापित करने का निर्णय करे तो परमाणु ऊर्जा संस्थान को उसका विकास करने और उसे बनाने के लिए काफी जानकारी है ।

**Firing by Naga Hostiles**

542. **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of occasions on which the armed Naga Hostiles fired on our Security Forces during September-October, 1965; and

(b) the extent of damage caused by the Naga Hostiles?

**The Minister of External Affairs (Shri Swaran Singh):** (a) During September-October, 1965, Naga Hostiles fired on our Security Forces on three occasions in areas outside the area covered by the suspension of operations.

(b) No damage to property has been caused by the Naga Hostiles during this period.

**Migration from Burma of Persons of East Pakistan Origin**

543. **Shrimati Renuka Barkataki:**

**Shri Yashpal Singh:**

**Shri Ravindra Varma:**

**Shri P. Venkatasubbalah:**

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons of East Pakistan origin, who had settled in Burma, have applied to the Indian Embassy in Rangoon for permission to migrate to India; and

(b) if so, the action taken on their request?