

the Military Engineering Services are as follows:—

	No. of cases	No. of officers involved	
		Gazetted	Non-Gazetted
(i) New cases taken up for inquiry/investigation	50	28	47
(ii) Cases disposed of by the C.B.I. upto 30-6-66	19	10	17
(iii) Cases in which prosecutions have been launched	1	1	
(iv) Cases in which reports for departmental action were sent	12	6	12
(v) Cases which were recommended for such action as may be considered fit by the Department	6	3	5

(c) Investigation in a case against a former Chief Engineer, Military Engineering Services, has been completed and the case has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for advice regarding the further action to be taken in the matter.

Expenditure on Commissions

3741. Shri Gulshan: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the amount so far spent by government on "commissions" appointed to look into various charges, complaints and administrative study, accidents, or otherwise since 1956; and

(b) the number of recommendations of those Commissions not accepted by Government since 1956?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) and (b). The

information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Telephone Services in Patna

3742. Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the *Indian Nation*, published from Patna, dated the 6th June, 1966 under the heading "Deep Malady grips Patna Phone services";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the services?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri Jagannatha Rao): (a) Yes.

(b) The investigations carried out reveal that the telephone service at Patna continues to be satisfactory.

(c) A continuous watch is kept on the quality of service and steps are taken to improve the same. Some of the steps taken are:—

- (i) expansion of the existing exchanges and setting up of the new exchanges to the extent possible;
- (ii) replacement of the present manual exchange at Dinapur by an automatic exchange;
- (iii) expansion of the trunk exchange;
- (iv) tightening of the supervision at various levels etc.

The expansion of the telephone service in Patna, as in other towns in India, is, however, restricted to the extent possible with available resources.