

**Progress of Construction of Idgah Telephone Exchange, Delhi**

9773, SHRIMATI GIRJA KUMARI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of the Idgah Telephone Exchange, Delhi is nearing completion ;

(b) if so, by when is expected to start working ; and

(c) whether applications for telephone connections pending with the Karol Bagh Exchange will be transferred to the Idgah Exchange when it starts working ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. It is only the building which is nearing completion. The building work is likely to be completed by September 1970. The installation of 5000 lines of exchange equipment will thereafter be taken up and it is hoped that it will be possible to commission the exchange by 1972.

(c) A part of the Karolbagh Exchange area will be transferred to the Idgah Exchange, when it is commissioned. It will give relief to the Karolbagh Exchange to the extent of about 900 telephone connections.

**Demand of staff of D. M. S. and their effect on working**

9774. SHRI R. BARUA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the Delhi Milk Scheme has been adversely affected due to frequent agitations by the staff ;

(b) whether such agitations have also affected the regular supply of milk to the consumers ; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to settle the demands of the staff of the Delhi Milk Scheme to ensure its efficient working in order to avoid any hardship to the public in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) and (b). There have been threats of agitations by the Delhi Milk Scheme Employees Union during the last 4 months. These, however, have had no adverse effect on the working scheme except on 25th April, 1970 when the supply of milk was disrupted on account of threat of demonstration on that day and the negotiation which followed with the workers representatives,

(c) Demands of workers are always given a sympathetic consideration by the Management. It is hoped that the instances of disruption in supplies as on the 25th April, 1970 will be avoided in future.

**Number of Newspapers, taking Advantage of A.I.R. News read at Slow Speed**

9775. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of newspapers and other journals in the country which are taking advantage of the news read at slow speed by All India Radio ;

(b) whether Government have made a survey regarding the usefulness of this service ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) whether Government would consider extending this service in the principal languages of the country ; and if not, why not ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) A survey