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खाडा, कृषि, सानुरायिक विकास तथा सहकरा मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री स० चु॰ जमीर): (क) से (ग). प्राप्त सूचना का विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा जाता है। [ग्रन्थालय में रख विया गया। वेखिये संख्या -3876/70] अन्य राज्य सरकारों से भभी सूचना प्राप्त होनी है जिन्हें आवश्यक ब्यौरा भेजने के लिए लगातार निवेदन किया जा रहा है।

Correction of a News-item, Broadcast by A. I. R.

1669. SHRI MOHAN SWARUP: SHRI P. VISHWAMBHA RAN: SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the All India Radio refused to correct a newsitems of the broadcast regarding elections to the Praja Socialist Party in Parliament in May, 1970;
  - (b) if so, the reasons, thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken against the Director of News for his failure to do so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). The original brodcast was based on a news agency's report. The correction was received from the Office Secretary of Praja Socialist Party a few days later and it was not considernd appropriate to make a broadcast correction so late. However, the Office Secretary was informed that in all future broadcasts, the correction would be kept in mind.

(c) Does not arise.

Theft in General Post Office, Ahmedabad

1670. SHRI D. R. PARMAR: Will

the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of thefts with the amount that took place at Ahmedabad General Post Office during 1969;
- (b) whether it is a fact that concerned authorities have issued instructions that no outsider should be allowed to enter the office on whatever pretext;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the subordinate staff has been penalised by the Post Master, General Post Office, Ahmedabad for sincere observation of the said order; if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (d) whether he proposes to make a detailed enquiry in the matter and supply the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) Two thefts involving Rs. 9,810/-.

- (b) Yes Sir. In connection with certain theft cases that took place in Ahmedabad GPO, the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Ahmedabad, issued these instructions.
- (c) An official of the G. P. O. was warned in one case.
- (d) The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Ahmedabad GPO is being asked to modify his orders. Enquiry will also be made in respect of the case referred to in item (c) above and suitable action will be taken, if necessary.

Construction of Houses for P & T Employees in Smaller Towns

1671. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR:
SHRI JHARKHANDE RAI:
SHRI J. M. BISWAS:
SHRI RAMAVATAR
SHASTRI:
DR. RANEN SEN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNI- phone centres in the near future; and CATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been prepared for constructing houses for R. M. S. employees in smaller towns;
- (b) if so, the number of houses to be constructed and the towns where they are to be completed; and
  - (c) the estimated cost of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE IN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) In general, the number of staff quarters planned for construction at a place is on the basis of the total staff strength in all arms of the service and are allotted according to prescribed rules.

(b) and (c). As a special case, it is proposed to construct 12 quarters at Allahabad exclusively for RMS staff, at a cost of Rs. 1.15 lakhs. Also there is a proposal to acquire land at a cost of Rs. 8570 from Railways at Dehri-on-Son and construct 10 quarters for RMS staff at a cost of Rs. 1.14 lakhs.

## Telephone Centres covered under "Own Your Telephone" Scheme

SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: 1672. SHRI ISHAQ SAMBHALI: SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI K. HALDER: SHRI C. JANARDHANAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of telephone centres that have been covered by "Own Your Telephone" scheme at present;
- (b) the total number of telephones so far provided under the scheme;
- (c) the revenue so far raised through the scheme:
- (d) whether there is any proposal to introduce the scheme in the remaining tele-

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DE-OF COMMUNICATIONS PARTMENT (SHRI SHER SINGH): (a) 105.

- (b) 1,70,140.
- (c) Rs. 43,15,82,532.
- (d) and (e). The Tariff Enquiry Committee set up by the Government in 1961 had recommended extension of the scheme to a large number of places. The relevant recommendation is under consideration of the department.

## Closure of Cold Storages in West Bengal

1673. SHRI K. M. MADHUKAR: SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: SHRIK, HALDER: SHRI J. M. BISWAS: DR. RAMEN SEN:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AG-RICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that about ten cold storages in West Bengal have already been closed down and many more are in bad economic shape:
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps taken to help the cold storage industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY DEVFLOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNBSAHIB SHIN-DE): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

## खरजा में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए अनिर्णीत पडे द्यावेदन पत्र

1674. श्री ज्ञारदा नन्द : भी जगनाथ राद जोशी: