

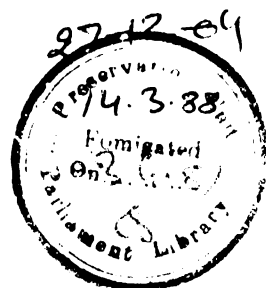
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# COUNCIL OF STATE.

*Wednesday, 26th February, 1941.*

The Council met in the Council Chamber of the Council House at Twelve Noon, the Honourable the President in the Chair.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### PURCHASE VALUE OF THE B.B. AND C.I.R. AND A.B.R.

22. THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA (on behalf of the Honourable Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh): Will Government state what amount, if any, they have to pay for terminating the contracts of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway Company and the Assam Bengal Railway Company, and bringing these railways under State-management from 1st January, 1942?

THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON: B.B. and C.I.R.—£2 million (Rs. 2 2/3 crores at 1s. 6d.). In addition Government will assume liability for £1 million 3½ per cent. debentures raised by the Company).

A. B. R.—£1½ million (Rs. 2 crores at 1s. 6d.).

THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM: May we ask on what basis this sum has been arrived at, Sir?

THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON: In accordance with the contract.

THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM: Was this the amount of the subscribed capital or the value of the assets?

THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON: I require notice of that question, Sir.

### AIR MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INDIA.

23. THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA (on behalf of the Honourable Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh): Is there any proposal to explore the possibility of speeding up the air mail service between England and India; and if so, what is the nature of the proposal, and its main details?

THE HONOURABLE MR. S. N. ROY: The Government of India understand that His Majesty's Government have under consideration measures for speeding up the air mail service between India and the United Kingdom, but they have as yet no specific information about the details.

THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM: May we know, Sir, what is the usual time now-a-days for the air mail?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. S. N. ROY :** It is very difficult to say, Sir. What happens is that the mails to and from Durban go by air and thence by ship. The sailings of ships are uncertain now and the time taken depends on whether the planes make contact with a ship that is sailing immediately or not. In the reverse direction it depends on the sailings from England and the time taken to reach Durban.

#### FEDERAL COURT.

**24. THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA** (on behalf of the Honourable Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh): Is there any proposal before Government to extend with suitable adaptations, if necessary, the jurisdiction of the Federal Court with a view to vest it with powers to hear appeals from High Courts in India in certain specified cases, in order to give relief to the High Courts, and to give more work to the Federal Court? If so, what is the concrete proposal, and will the Central Legislature or public opinion be consulted before Government gives effect to its decision?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** The question of enlarging the appellate jurisdiction of the Federal Court is under the consideration of Government but no final decision has yet been reached. As regards consultation of the Central Legislature and public opinion the Honourable Member's attention is invited to section 206 of the Government of India Act, 1935. Central legislation will be necessary.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** May we know, Sir, whether the High Courts were consulted?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** Yes, Sir.

**THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA :** What time are the Government likely to take in considering this question?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** I am afraid I cannot give any estimate, Sir.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** May we know if the Calcutta High Court is opposed to this proposal?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** It is not the practice to reveal the opinions received by the Central Government from the authorities whom they consult.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** Will the Honourable Member publish those opinions when he brings forward a Bill for this purpose?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** That also is not customary.

#### NAMES OF BRANCH RAILWAY LINES DISMANTLED.

**25. THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA** (on behalf of the Honourable Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh): Will Government give the names of the branch railway lines with their respective length in miles, which have been dismantled or will be dismantled on account of the war?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON :** The following railway lines have been or are being dismantled :—

	Length in miles.
1. Dalmau-Daryapur, E. I. R. . . . .	14.25
2. Akbarpur-Tanda, E. I. R. . . . .	9.98
3. Bijnor-Chandpur Siau, E. I. R. . . . .	21.49
4. Cocanada-Kotipalle, M. & S. M. R. . . . .	28.65
5. Shoranur-Nilambur, S. I. R. . . . .	41.25
6. Darwha-Pusad, G. I. P. R. . . . .	42.80
7. Cawnpore-Khairada, G. I. P. R. . . . .	80.75
8. Lyallpur-Jaranwala, N. W. R. . . . .	21.17

It is not possible to say at present what other branch lines will be dismantled, as the matter depends on factors which are liable to change.

Apart from the method of obtaining track of a certain kind by the lifting of branch lines, the method of releasing suitable track by means of relaying operations is being actively considered but this method requires time for its fruition. In any case before any branch line is selected for lifting, each case is most carefully considered.

**THE HONOURABLE SIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB :** Have the Railway Board received any representation on behalf of sugar merchants living near the Chandpur-Siau-Bijnor railway line, Sir ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON :** The answer is in the affirmative, Sir.

**THE HONOURABLE SIR MUHAMMAD YAKUB :** Have they given any consideration to their representation and do they consider the desirability of reviewing their judgment to dismantle this line ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON :** That was given due consideration, Sir, and the line has been dismantled.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** May we know if the Provincial Governments were consulted and their agreement taken before these lines were lifted ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON :** Provincial Governments were in each case consulted.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** I had asked whether they consented to these lines being lifted.

**THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT :** In any case, I suppose the ultimate power is with the Central Government to decide.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** We know that, Sir. I do not question the power of the Government. We only want to know whether the Provincial Governments objected to it.

**THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT :** That is quite different to what you first said. I cannot press the Honourable Member to give a reply.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** Did any Provincial Government object to the lifting of these lines ?

**THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT** (to the Honourable Mr. L. Wilson) : You need reply only if you think it proper. You are not under any obligation to reply to that question.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. L. WILSON :** I do not intend to disclose what were the opinions given by the Provincial Governments.

**PROPAGANDA BY CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES TO GET THE " SANATAN ADIBASIS " RECORDED AS TRIBAL IN THE PRESENT CENSUS.**

**26. THE HONOURABLE RAI BAHADUR SRI NARAIN MAHTHA** (on behalf of the Honourable Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh) : (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to a statement published in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika*, dated the 17th December, 1940, that " the Christian missionaries are trying their level best so that the Sanatan Adibasis may be shown in the coming census as having no religion or wild, or tribal, and they are making all-round propaganda and falsely preaching to the ignorant Sanatan Adibasis to get themselves recorded as tribal ? The missionaries have tried and succeeded in getting a very large number of Christians appointed as enumerators and supervisors in the Santhal Parganas in Bihar " ?

(b) How many Christians have been appointed as enumerators and supervisors in the area referred to in (a) ; and what steps have been taken by the census authorities to remove this prevailing impression ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** (a) No ; as the statement referred to does not seem to have been published in the *Amrita Bazar Patrika*, dated the 17th December, 1940. Certain statements bearing on this subject have, however, appeared in the press. The Government of India believe that communities other than that mentioned by the Honourable Member are also conducting propaganda to influence the religion return of aboriginal tribes. They have no reason to believe that the alleged efforts of missionary bodies are in any way different from or more pronounced than similar activities by other bodies. The Government of India's position is that the questions are asked and the answers recorded.

(b) Enumerators are appointed from all communities according to suitability and convenience and the Government of India see no reason to call for the figures suggested. They are not aware of any impression of the kind.

**THE HONOURABLE SIR DAVID DEVADOSS :** What is the religion of the Sanatan Adibasis ? Is it Animism ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. E. CONRAN-SMITH :** I regret, Sir, I cannot answer that question. I must ask for notice.



**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES (EUROPEANS, HINDUS AND MUSLIMS) IN ISHAPORE AND COSSIPORE FACTORIES.**

27. THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM : (a) Will Government lay on the table a statement giving the following information in respect of the employees at the Ishapore Factory on the 31st December, 1938, 31st December, 1939, and 31st December, 1940 : the number of Europeans, Hindus and Muslims separately, in each of the following categories, office superintendents, foremen, skilled labour, apprentices and ordinary labour ?

(b) Will Government lay on the table similar information in respect of the Cossipore Factory ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DE C. WILLIAMS : (a) and (b). I place on the table a statement giving the necessary information.

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*Statements showing the number of employees (Europeans, Hindus and Muslims) in Ishapore and Cossipore Factories as on 31-12-38, 31-12-39 and 31-12-40.*

Designation.	Ishapore Factory.						Cossipore Factory.					
	31-12-38.			31-12-39.			31-12-40.			31-12-38.		
	E	H	M	E	H	M	E	H	M	E	H	M
Office superintendents.	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..
Foremen	30	1	..	32	4	..	37	4	..	9	..	14
Apprentices	1	28	1	1	31	3	36	4	..	13	..	19
Skilled labour	..	1,093	283	1,011	437	482	1,090	482	176	88	253	143
Unskilled Labour	..	2,662	445	6,101	1,330	1,850	8,113	1,850	959	209	2,345	706
											4,191	1,542

E = Europeans.

H = Hindus.

M = Muslims.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

28. THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM : Will Government state whether any change has been made in the Department of Supply, since the reply to question No. 20 on 19th November, 1940 was given ? If so, what ? Will Government lay a statement on the lines of question No. 20 ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : *Part I.*—Yes.

*Part II.*—I would draw the Honourable Member's attention to the communiqué, dated the 11th December, 1940 on the subject, a copy of which is in the Library of the House.

*Part III.*—A statement containing the required information has been laid on the table.

*Statement showing the Gazetted Staff employed in the Supply Department (excluding I. S. D., Contracts Directorate and Ordnance Factories).*

S. No.	Name and designation.	Date of appointment.	Salary on which appointment was made.	Position which the Officer occupied before appointment.	Salary drawn just before appointment.	Present salary.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Main Secretariat.</i>							
1	Mr. H. Dow, K. C. S. I., C. I. E., I. C. S., Vice President, War Supply Board.	27-8-39	Rs. 5,000	Secretary, Commerce Department.	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 5,000	Post will be abolished on expiry of leave.
2	Mr. E. M. Jenkins, C. I. E., I. C. S. Secretary.	1-7-40	Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	Chief Commissioner, Delhi.	Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. £13-6-8 Fixed T. A. Rs. 300 Compensatory allowance Rs. 250 and free house.	Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	S. P.=Special pay. S. O. P.=Sterling Overseas Pay.
3	Mr. Ghulam Mohamed, Controller General of Purchase.	3-9-40	Rs. 3,000 in the scale of Rs. 3,000—100—3,500.	Chief Controller, Indian Stores Department.	Rs. 3,000 in the scale of Rs. 3,000—100—3,500.	Rs. 3,000 in the scale of Rs. 3,000—100—3,500.	P. P.=Personnel Pay. D. A.=Duty allowance.
4	Mr. J. A. Mackeown, I. C. S., Deputy Secretary.	26-9-39	Rs. 1,600 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. +S. O. P. £30 +S. P. 400.	Deputy Secretary, Legislative Department.	Rs. 1,600 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. +S. O. P. £30 +S. P. Rs. 400.	Rs. *1,900 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. +S. O. P. £30 +S. P. 400.	
5	Mr. M. Ikramullah, I. C. S., Deputy Secretary.	2-2-40	Rs. 1,500 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. +S. P. Rs. 400.	Deputy Trade Commissioner, London.	Rs. 1,500 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S.	Rs. *1,600 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. +S. P. Rs. 400.	

6	Mr. S. R. Zaman, I. C. S., Deputy Secretary.	20-7-40	Rs. 2,150 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 400.	District Magistrate, Patna.	Rs. 2,050 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S.	Rs. *2,150 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 400.
7	Mr. H. M. Patel, I. C. S., Deputy Secretary.	9-9-40	Rs. 1,500 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 400.	Deputy Indian Trade Commissioner, London.	Rs. 1,500 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S.	Rs. *1,600 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 400.
8	Mr. S. Bhoothalingam, I. C. S., Under Secretary.	2-1-40	Rs. 1,200 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 150.	Sub-Controller and Joint Magistrate, Madanapalle Division, Madras.	Rs. 900 in the junior time scale of the I. C. S. + Rs. 300 Offg. pay.	Rs. *1,275 in the senior time scale of the I. C. S. + S. P. Rs. 150.
9	Mr. G. Corley-Smith, M. B. E., Under Secretary.	17-7-40	Rs. 1,300 (Rs. 1,250 + S. P. Rs. 50).	Asstt. Collector of Customs, Bombay.	Rs. 1,250 + S. P. Rs. 150.	Rs. *1,250 + S. P. Rs. 50.
10	Rai Sahib Dip Chand, Under Secretary.	29-9-39	Rs. 1,200	Administrative Officer, Office of the Controller of Broadcasting, All India Radio.	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 1,200.
11	Mr. J. Byrne, Assistant Secretary.	26-8-39	Rs. 1,000 in the scale of 1,000—50—1,250.	Chief Supdt., Office of the P. S. O. C. (I.).	Rs. 580 in the scale of 500—40—700 plus S. P. Rs. 100.	Rs. *1,050 in the scale of Rs. 1,000 —50—1,250.
12	Mr. F. H. T. Ward, Assistant Secretary (M. P. Branch).	10-9-40	Rs. 1,000 in the scale of Rs. 1,000 50—1,250.	Superintendent, Home Department.	Rs. 800 in the scale of 600—40—800.	Rs. 1,000 in the scale of 1,000—50—1,250.
13	R. B. S. K. Bannerjee, Officer on Special Duty.	22-4-40	Rs. 500 plus pension.	Retired Assistant Secretary.	Rs. 500 plus pension.	Rs. 500 plus pension.

\*Increase on pay shown in column 4 due to annual increment in scale pay.

*Statement showing the Gazetted Staff employed in the Supply Department (excluding I. S. D., Contracts Directorate and Ordinance factories)—contd.*

S. No.	Name and designation.	Date of appointment.	Salary on which appointment was made.	Position which the Officer occupied before appointment.	Salary drawn just before appointment.	Present salary.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	Lt. Col. T. H. Batye, Director of Statistics.	26-8-39	Rs. 1,325 plus pension of £734 per year.	Secretary, P. S. O. C. (I).	Rs. 1,325 plus pension of £734 per year.	Rs. 1,325 plus pension of £734 per year.	
15	Mr. S. N. Mitter, Assistant Director of Statistics.	23-8-40	Rs. 500	Accountant, Grade I, E. I. R.	Rs. 450 in the scale of Rs. 290—20—450.	Rs. 500.	
16	2nd Lieut. D. V. David, Officer on Special Duty.	7-12-40	Rs. 300+Emergency Allowance Rs. 65, Corps Allowance Rs. 40.	Attached Officer in the Contracts Directorate.	Rs. 300+Emergency Allowance Rs. 65, Corps Allowance Rs. 40.	Rs. 300+Emergency Allowance Rs. 65, Corps Allowance Rs. 40.	
17	Mr. C. J. Rusby, Superintendent.	26-8-39	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	Senior Assistant, Office of P. S. O. C. (I).	Rs. 272 in the scale 200—12—440 plus 1/6th of pay as duty allowance.	Rs. *640 in the scale of 600—40—800.	
18	Mr. Mohd. Abdullah, Superintendent.	12-3-40	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	Superintendent, Office of D. C., Gurdaspur.	Rs. 350 in the scale 260—20—350.	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	
19	Mr. A. R. Kapur, Superintendent.	19-7-40	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	Assistant, Defence Department.	Rs. 470 in the scale 200—15—600.	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	
20	Mr. Shiv Dev Singh, Superintendent.	1-7-40	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	Assistant-in-Charge.	Rs. 235	Rs. 600 in the scale 600—40—800.	

<i>Director General of Supply.</i>									
1	Brigadier E. Wood. M. C. Director General.	8-9-39	Ra. 3,000 S. O. P. £13-6-8.	<i>plus</i>	Officer Commanding 2/7th Rajput Regiment.	Ra. 2,070	Ra. 3,000 S. O. P. £13-6-8.	<i>plus</i>	
2	Mr. R. W. Targett, Deputy Director General (I).	1-3-40	Ra. 3,500		Chief Controller, Indian Stores Department.	Ra. 3,200 in the scale 3,000—100—3,500.	Ra. 3,500.		
3	Mr. L. Mason, C. I. E., O. B. E., M. C., I. F. S., Deputy Director General (II).	10-4-40	Ra. 3,250		Inspector General of Forests and President Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun.	Ra. 3,250	Ra. 3,000		
4	Mr. D. M. Pasamore, Director of Textiles.	11-10-39	Ra. 2,250		In business	Previous emoluments not less than present salary.	Ra. 2,250		Was Managing Director of Messrs. Binny & Co., Madras.
5	Mr. D. Stewart, O. B. E., I. F. S., Director, Timber Supplies.	1-5-40	Ra. 1,950 S. O. P. £13-6-8.	<i>plus</i>	Joint Timber Advisory Officer, Railway and Defence Department.	Ra. 1,350 S. P. Ra. 177-12-0 S. O. P. £30.	<i>plus</i> Rs. 1,950 in the scale 1,750—100—2,150 <i>plus</i> S. O. P. £13-6-8.		
6	Mr. A. E. Hampson, Director, Miscellaneous Stores.	24-6-40	Ra. 1,500		In business	Previous emoluments considerably more than present pay.	Ra. 1,500		Was sales Manager of Messrs. Jensen & Nicholson (India) Limited, Calcutta.
7	*Col. F. J. Williams, Director of Clothing.	1-7-40	Ra. 2,205		Director of Clothing, Market General of the Ordnance Branch.	Ra. 2,205	Ra. 2,205		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8	*Mr. R. Wilnot, M. C., E. D., Director, Leather Manufactures.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,750 plus S. O. P. £30.	Director, Leather Manufactures, Master General, of the Ordnance Branch.	Rs. 1,750 plus S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,750 plus S. O. P. £30.	
9	Major E. C. Ormond, (Reserve Officer) Director, Co-ordination.	24-6-40	Rs. 1,530	Direct from Civil Life.	Income considerably in excess of his present emoluments.	Rs. 1,530	Was a practising Barrister-at-Law.
10	*Col. S. M. Cookson I. A., Director, Food-stuffs.	12-12-40	Rs. 1,955. Lodging Allowance Rs. 170, Marriage Allowance Rs. 80.	Deputy Director, Supply and Transport, Eastern Command.	Rs. 1,955. Lodging Allowance Rs. 170, Marriage Allowance Rs. 80.		
11	*Lt.-Col. E. Bader, Director, Vehicles.	6-1-41	Rs. 2,260 (Provisional).	Assistant Director of Mechanisation, Army Headquarters.	Rs. 2,045	Rs. 2,260 (Provisional).	
12	Mr. W. E. Flewett, I. F. S., Deputy Director (Inspection) Timber Directorate.	17-9-39	Rs. 1,750 + S. P. Rs. 300.	Chief Timber Inspection Officer.	Rs. 1,350 + S. P. Rs. 300. S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,750 S. P. Rs. 300.	
13	Mr. P. R. Crenar, Deputy Director, Chemicals.	26-8-39	Rs. 1,200 in the scale of Rs. 1,200—100—1,600.	Assistant Technical Officer, P. S. O. C. (I).	Rs. 1,200 in the scale of Rs. 1,200—100—1,600.	Rs. 1,500.	
14	Mr. J. Walker, Deputy Director, Timber.	19-6-40	Rs. 1,250 + S. P. 250 + S. O. P. £30.	Divisional Forest Officer, Belgaum.	Rs. 1,250 S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,300 + S. P. 250, S. O. P. £30.	



15	Mr. V. S. Kuppaswami, I. F. S. Deputy Director (Timber).	4-10-40	Rs. 1,100 + S. P. Rs. 150.	Deputy Conservator of Forests, Madras.	Rs. 1,100 in the scale Rs. 575—1,350.	Rs. 1,160 S. P. Rs. 150.
16	Mr. M. V. Lauri, Deputy Director, Timber.	11-11-40	Rs. 1,000 + S. P. Rs. 150. S. O. P. £30.	Silviculturist, Forest Research Institute, Dehra Dun.	Rs. 1,000 + S. O. P. £30, S. P. Rs. 150.	Rs. 1,050 + S. O. P. £30, S. P. Rs. 150.
17	Major J. Bleeck, Deputy Director, Leather Manufactures.	22-8-40	Rs. 1,430	Deputy Assistant Director of Con-tracta.	Rs. 1,430	Rs. 1,430.
18	Mr. W. J. Oakley, Deputy Director (Textiles).	3-10-40	Rs. 1,500	From business	Average earning not less than Rs. 1,250 (including perquisites e.g., commission etc.).	Rs. 1,500.
19	Mr. A. G. R. Horton Bennett, O. B. E., I. O. S., Superintendent of Clothing Production.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,550 + S. P. Rs. 200, S. O. P. £30.	Superintendent of Clothing Production.	Rs. 1,550 + S. P. Rs. 200, S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,550 + S. P. Rs. 200, S. O. P. £30.
20	R. B. Kirpa Ram, Assistant Superintendent of Clothing Production.	4-11-40	Rs. 1,800	Deputy Director of Intelligence and Administration, Indian Stores Department.	Rs. 1,800 in the scale of Rs. 1,500—75—1,800.	Rs. 1,800.
21	*Lt.-Col. A. A. Dean, Assistant Superintendent of Clothing Production.	13-11-40	Rs. 2,130	Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Factories, M. G. O.	Rs. 1,530	Rs. 2,130.
22	Mr. S. K. Chaudhuri, Assistant Director, Textiles,	24-4-40	Rs. 800	In business	Average monthly income about Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 800.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
23	Mr. L. Knibb, Assistant Director, Textiles.	12-6-40	Rs. 900	In business	Total earnings approximately the same as pay now drawn.	Rs. 900.	
24	Mr. P. N. Suri, Assistant Director, Timber.	7-6-40	Rs. 700 + Rs. 150.	S. P. Provincial Forest Service, Punjab.	Rs. 700 in the scale of Rs. 250 —750. S. P. Rs. 50.	Rs. 725 + Rs. 150.	S. P.
25	Rai Sahib Bishamber Dass, Assistant Director, Miscellaneous Stores.	16-10-40	Rs. 800 + Rs. 200.	S. P. Officiating Assistant Financial Adviser, Military Finance.	Rs. 1,000 in the scale 1,000—50 200.	Rs. 800 + S. P. Rs.	
26	Dr. L. A. Bhatt, Assistant Director, Chemicals.	7-1-41	Rs. 370 + S. P. Rs. 100.	Chemist, Chief Inspector of Stores & Clothing, Cawnpore.	Rs. 370	Rs. 370 + S. P. Rs. 100.	
27	*Mr. Mohd. Shafi, Technical Officer, Clothing.	1-7-40	Rs. 700	Technical Officer, Master General of the Ordnance Branch.	Rs. 700	Rs. 700.	
28	Mr. S. S. Venkatakrishnan, Technical Assistant.	1-1-40	Rs. 250 in the scale Rs. 250—275.	Direct from Civil scale Rs. 250—25 Life.		Rs. 250.	
29	Mr. N. K. Thedani, Technical Assistant.	24-6-40	Rs. 250 in the scale Rs. 250—275.	Direct from Civil scale Rs. 250—25 Life.		Rs. 250.	

30 Mr. T. V. Siva, Superintendent. 8-9-39 Rs. 500 in the Clerk in the Upper Rs. 175 in the Rs. 520. scale Rs. 500—20 Division, C. E. scale Rs. 125—10 —600. Office. —175+12-8-0 as duty allowance.

*Directorate General,  
Munitions Production.*

1	Sir Guthrie Russell, K. C. I. E., D. G. M. P.	16-7-40	Rs. 5,000	Chief Commissioner Railways.	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000.
2	*Mr. G. S. Butler, C. I. E., D. D. G., A. P.	1-7-40	Rs. 2,750	D. O. F. A. H. Q.	Rs. 2,350+S. O. P. Rs. 2,750.	£13-6-8.
3	Mr. F. G. S. Martin, D. D. G. (E).	22-8-40	Rs. 2,750+£13-6-8	Controller of Supplies.	Rs. 2,750+S. O. P. Rs. 2,750+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	
4	Mr. G. A. B. Trimming, D. D. G. M. T. & Cr. of M. T.	17-1-41	Rs. 3,000+£13-6-8	Chief Controller, Standardization, Railway Board.	Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	
5	*Mr. T. F. Borwick, C. I. E., D. S. O.	1-7-40	Rs. 2,350+£13-6-8	D. D. O. F., A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,750+S. O. Rs. 2,350+S. O. P. £30+D. A. P. £13-6-8.	150.
6	Mr. R. C. Case, I. S. R., D. C. P.	3-7-40	Rs. 1,950+S. P. 800+£13-6-8.	C. M. E., G. I. P. Railway, Bombay	Rs. 1,950+S. P. Rs. 1,950+S. P. 800+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	
7	Mr. J. Humphries, Dir. of Engineering.	15-7-40	Rs. 2,500+£13-6-8	Dir. Mech. Engineering, Rly. Board.	Rs. 2,500+S. O. Rs. 2,500+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	
8	Mr. R. A. MacGregor, Director of Metals.	29-7-40	Rs. 2,000+S. P. Rs. 350.	Metallurgical Inspector, Tata Nagar, I. S. D.	Rs. 2,000+S. P. Rs. 2,500.	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	Engr. Comdr. J. Beggs, Director of Shipbuilding.	19-9-40	Rs. 1,830	Retd. R. I. N.	Rs. 1,830	Rs. 1,830.	
10	Mr. G. H. Welford, Dir. Civil Production.	22-1-41	Pay not fixed	Suptd. G. & S. Factory.	Rs. 1,750+S. O. P. £30.	O. Under consideration.	
11	Mr. C. W. Budd, Dir., M. T.	1-2-41	Rs. 2,000	New employee	Approximately the same as now.	Rs. 2,000.	
12	*Lt.-Col. M. H. Cox, Dir. of Fy. Expn.	1-7-40	Rs. 2,230	Asst. Dir. of Ord. Fy. M. G. O's A. H. Q.	Rs. 2,230	Rs. 2,230.	
13	Mr. S. M. K. Alvi, Dy. Dir. of Metals (Steel Control Office).	8-6-40	Rs. 375+S. P. Rs. 100.	Asstt. Engineer, I. S. D. (Inspection).	Rs. 375	Rs. 375+S. P. Rs. 175.	
14	*Mr. R. K. Innes, D. D., C. P.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,350+£30	A. D. O. F. A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.	
15	Mr. H. Sparrow, Dy. Dir. of Engineering.	17-6-40	Rs. 975+ Offg. pay Rs. 50+S. P. Rs. 250+£30.	Senior Assistant, Technical, N. W. R.	Rs. 975+ Offg. pay Rs. 50+S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 975+ Offg. pay Rs. 50+S. P. Rs. 250+S. O. P. £30.	
16	Mr. J. R. Walton, Dy. Dir. of Steel.	15-7-40	Rs. 500	Private employee	Rs. 500	Rs. 500.	

17	Mr. S. W. White, Dy. Dir. of Engineering.	2-11-40	Ra. 1,000 .	Retired Officer (Re-employed).	Was drawing con- siderably more as Bridge Engr. E. I. R. than pre- sent salary.	Ra. 1,000.
18	Mr. J. Oswald, Deputy Director of Engineer- ing.	12-8-40	Ra. 1,000 .	New employee .	Ra. 1,700 .	Ra. 1,000.
19	Mr. P. C. Mukerjee, Deputy Director of Engineering.	29-8-40	Ra. 1,025 .	I. R. S. E., E. I. R.	Ra. 1,025 .	Ra. 1,025.
20	Mr. A. Paxton, Deputy Director of Shipbuild- ing.	13-1-41	Ra. 1,200 .	New employee .	Ra. 1,050+ free quarters paying nominal rent of Rs. 75.	Ra. 1,200.
21	Mr. G. C. Mills, Deputy Director of Metals.	23-9-40	Ra. 1,350+£30 .	Analytical Chemist and Metallur- gist, M. S. M. Rly.	Ra. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.
21(a)	Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Deputy Director, M. T.	1-2-41	Ra. 1,500 .	New employee .	Approximately the same as now.	Ra. 1,500.
22	Mr. R. J. Dunderdale, A. D. O. F. (Admn.).	10-8-40	Ra. 1,750+£30 .	Suptd., Metal and Steel Factory.	Ra. 1,750+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,750+S. O. P. £30.
23	Mr. J. B. Durning, I. O. S., A. D. C. P.	1-8-40	Ra. 1,350+£30 .	Works Manager, Gun and Shell Factory.	Ra. 1,250+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.
24	*Mr. F. C. Foreman, A. D. O. F.	1-7-40	Ra. 1,450+£30 .	A. D. O. F.	Ra. 1,450+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,450+S. O. P. £30.
25	Mr. R. C. Frain, M. C., I. P. O., Main Office.	25-7-40	Ra. 1,250+£30 .	Works Manager, Metal and Steel Fy.	Ra. 1,250+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,250+S. O. P. £30.
26	*Mr. C. W. Clarke, In- dustrial Planning Officer.	1-7-40	Ra. 1,350+£30 .	Civil Engineer Advisor to D. O. F.	Ra. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.	Ra. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.

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27	*Mr. E. W. F. Johnson, Industrial Planning Officer.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,100+Rs. 150 D. A.+£30.	Production engineer.	Rs. 1,100 D. A. Rs. 150+S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,100 D. A. Rs. 150+S. O. P. £30.	
28	Mr. T. D. Welby, I. P. O., Bengal Circle.	3-7-40	Rs. 850+D. A. Rs. 100+L. A. Rs. 50+£30.	Works, Manager, Aluminium Mg. Co.	Rs. 1,361 . . .	Rs. 850+D. A. Rs. 100+L. A. Rs. 50+S. O. P. £30.	
29	Mr. W. H. Abel, I. P. O., Punjab Circle.	23-10-40	Rs. 960+S. P. Rs. 100+£25.	Chief Inspector of Factories, Pun- jab.	Rs. 960+S. O. P. £25.	Rs. 960+S. P. Rs. 100+S. O. P. £25.	
29(a)	Mr. F. A. Stott, Ind. P. Officer.	1-7-40	Rs. 850+£30+ Rs. 100 D. A.	A. W. Manager, Or. Factories.	Rs. 850+£30+ Rs. 100 D. A.	Rs. 850+£30+ Rs. 100 D. A.	
30	*Major G. B. Viny- comb, I. A. O. C., A. I. P. O.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,530	A. C. E. A. to D. O. F. A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,530 . . .	Rs. 1,530.	
31	Mr. J. M. Smith, A. I. P. O.	30-9-40	Rs. 1,000	New employee	.. .	Rs. 1,000.	
32	Mr. J. Aitken, A. I. P. O.	14-8-40	Rs. 600+£25	A. W. M., Rifle Fy.	Rs. 600+S. O. P. £25.	Rs. 600+S. O. P. £25.	
33	Mr. A. D. Wilks, A. I. P. O.	21-10-40	Rs. 600+£25	A. W. M. M. & S. Fy.	Rs. 600+S. O. P. £25.	Rs. 600+S. O. P. £25.	

34	Mr. G. Richards, A. I. P. O.	19-8-40	Rs. 675	Foreman, G. & S. Fy.	Rs. 675	Under considera- tion.
35	Mr. M. A. Cook, A. I. P. O.	30-11-40	Rs. 675	Foreman, G. & S. Fy.	Rs. 675	Under considera- tion.
36	Mr. V. S. Chopra, A. I. P. O. (Under training).	12-10-40	Rs. 375	Loco & Carr. Dept., B. B. & C. I. Rly.	Rs. 375	Under considera- tion.
37	Mr. A. H. Marley, A. I. P. O. (Under training).	29-10-40	Rs. 525	Asst. Suptd. Roll- ing Stock, E. I. R.	Rs. 525	Under considera- tion.
38	Mr. W. C. Blackeney- Britter (Under training).	25-11-40	Rs. 475	Asst. Loco. Suptd., E. B. Rly.	Rs. 475	Under considera- tion.
39	Mr. G. E. Hoare, A. I. P. O., Punjab Circle.	18-9-40	Rs. 800+S. Rs. 160.	Officer from Mech. Section from N. W. R.	Rs. 800	Rs. 800+S. P. Rs. 160.
40	* Mr. K. H. T. Gilbert- son, C. E. A. to D. O. F.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,350+£30	Civil Engineer Ad- viser to A. D. O. F.	Rs. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,350+S. O. P. £30.
41	* Mr. C. C. Meadmore, Civil Engineer Ad- viser to the Director of Ordnance F. (Expn.).	1-7-40	Rs. 950+£30+ Rs. 100 D. A.	C. E. A. to the D. O. F.	Rs. 950+S. O. P. £30+D. A. Rs. 100.	Rs. 950+S. O. P. £30+D. A. Rs. 100.
42	* Mr. A. D. McClancy, A. C. E. A. to the D. O. F.	1-7-40	Rs. 700+£25.	Assistant Civil Engineer Ad- viser to the D. O. F.	Rs. 700+S. O. P. £25.	Rs. 700+S. O. P. £25.
43	* Mr. A. M. Leiper, Assistant Engineer Adviser to the D. O. F. (Expn.).	1-7-40	Rs. 650 +£.25+ Rs. 100 D. A.	A. E. A. to D. O. F.	Rs. 650 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.	Rs. 650 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
44	* Mr. A. B. James, A. E. A. to D. O. F. (Expn.)	1-7-40	Rs. 600 + £25 + Rs. 100 D. A.	A. E. A. to D. O. (Expn.)	Rs. 600 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.	Rs. 600 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.	
45	* Mr. G. H. Whyte, A. C. E. A. to D. O. F.	1-7-40	Rs. 600 + £25 + Rs. 100 D. A.	A. C. E. A. to D. O. F.	Rs. 600 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.	Rs. 600 + S. O. P. £25 + D. A. Rs. 100.	
46	Lt.-Col. J. J. L. MacKirdy, O.S.D.	3-12-40	Rs. 2,045	D. A. M. G. O. A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,830	Rs. 2,045.	
47	Mr. W. L. D. Martyn, O.S.D.	22-7-40	Rs. 925 + Rs. 100 Offg. pay + £30.	Offg. D. E. N., N. W. R.	Rs. 925 + S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 925 + Rs. 100 Offg. pay + £30.	
48	* Mr. Madhusudan Singh, Officer Supervisor.	1-7-40	Rs. 900	Officer Supervisor	Rs. 900	Rs. 900.	
49	* Mr. C. E. Jolly, Officer Supervisor.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,100	Officer Supervisor	Rs. 1,100	Rs. 1,100.	
50	Mr. G. V. Dorsey, Office Superintendent.	26-8-40	Rs. 600	P. A. to the Controller of Supplies, Bengal.	Rs. 600	Rs. 600.	
51	* Mr. H. I. Mathews, M.C., Co-ordin. Officer.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,750 + £30	A. D. O. F., A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,750 + S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,750 + S. O. P. £30.	
52	* Major W. J. K. Viney, R. A. O. C., Assistant Co-ordin. Officer.	1-7-40	Rs. 1,530	A. C. E. A. to D. O. F., A. H. Q.	Rs. 1,530	Rs. 1,530.	



53	* Col. F. B. Pigott, Chief Engr. Fys.	15-8-40	Rs. 2,305	S.O.R.E. (F) (I) E.-in-C.'s Branch.	Rs. 2,360	Rs. 2,305.
54	* Major I. H. F. Boyd, R.E., S.O.R.E. (II).	15-8-40	Rs. 1,195	S.O.R.E. (F) (III) E.-in-C.'s Branch.	Rs. 1,195	Rs. 1,620.
55	* Lieut. A. N. Daniell, I.R.E.M. (F.).	15-8-40	Rs. 760	I. R. E. M. E.-in- C.'s Branch.	Rs. 760	Rs. 760.
56	2/Lt. J. F. Bagnal, S.O.R.E. (III).	22-12-40	Pay not fixed	Private employee	Not known	Under considera- tion.
57	Mr. N. Hackney, I.S.R., Dev't. Officer.	2-7-40	Rs. 1,300 + P. P. Rs. 75+£30.	Metallurgist, N.W. R.	Rs. 1,300+P. P. Rs. 76+S. O. P. £30.	Rs. 1,300+P. P. Rs. 76+S. O. P. £30.
58	* Mr. T. A. Miller, Surveyor of Works.	15-10-40	Rs. 450+£20	S. of W.	Rs. 450+S. O. P. £20.	Rs. 450+S. O. P. £20.
59	Mr. L. A. Hoyle, Works Manager, Kanchrapara.	7-11-40	Rs. 1,950+£13-6-8	Traction Superin- tendent, G. I. P. Railway.	Rs. 1,950+S. O. P. £13-6-8.	Under considera- tion.
60	Mr. R. W. Moon, A. W. M., Kanchrapara.	10-10-40	Rs. 600 + £25 (Provisional).	Foreman, G. C. Factory, Jubbul- pore.	Rs. 675	Under considera- tion.
61	Mr. H. M. Mathews, Electrical Commis- sioner with the Gov- ernment of India.	14-1-41	Rs. 3,000+£13-6-8	Officer on the Roger Mission.	Average per annum about £1,750.	Rs. 3,000+S. O. P. £13-6-8.
62	Mr. A. J. Cunningham, Accounts Officer, Civil Production.	4-2-41	Rs. 700—50— 1,000.	Accounts Officer, E. I. Railway.	Rs. 700—50— 1,000.	Rs. 700—50— 1,000.

NOTE.—\* Officers transferred from the M. G. O. Branch and E.-in-C.'s Branch (Defence Department) to the Department of Supply for the duration of the war.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					
<i>Mica Organisations.</i>												
1	Mr. J. Podger, Mica Inspector.	18-1-40	Rs. 1,500		Private employment.		Not known		Rs. 1,500.			
2	Mr. W. J. U. Turnbull, Mica Examiner.	16-5-40	Rs. 500		Ditto		Ditto		Rs. 500.			
3	Rai Sahib B. C. Mukherji, Additional Mica Inspector.	24-12-40	Grade pay + S. P. Rs. 300		Deputy Collector and Deputy Magistrate, Gaya.		Grade pay Rs. 500		Rs. 800.			
<i>Controllers of Supplies.</i>												
1	Lieut.-Col. J. R. Marriott, Controller of Supplies, Bengal, Calcutta.	22-7-40	Rs. 2,150		Deputy Director, Indents and Priority.		Rs. 1,530		Rs. 2,150.			
2	Mr. G. E. Bennett, Controller of Supplies, Bombay.	10-6-40	Rs. 1,950		Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust (Retired).		Rs. 3,000 on retirement.		Rs. 1,950.			

3	Mr. E. M. Souter, Controller of Supplies, United Provinces, Cawnpore.	19-6-40	Ra. 2,500 . . .	In business . . .	Ra. 2,500 . . .	Ra. 2,500.
4	Mr. M. A. Sreenivasan, Controller of Supplies, Madras.	24-6-40	Ra. 1,600 . . .	Mysore State ser. vant.	Ra. 1,300 . . .	Ra. 1,600.
5	Ch. Beahir Ahmad, Controller of Supplies, Punjab, Lahore.	5-7-40	Ra. 1,000 . . .	P. C. S. (Judicial Branch).	Ra. 640 . . .	Ra. 1,000.
6	Mr. S. C. Latif, Controller of Supplies, Sind, Karachi.	17-7-40	Ra. 1,150 in the scale of Ra. 1,000—60—1,200 + 8. P. Ra. 250.	Indian Stores Department Officer.	Ra. 1,150 . . .	Ra. 1,150 in the scale of Ra. 1,000—50—1,200 + 8. P. Ra. 280.
7	Mr. E. C. Forbes, Deputy Adviser to Government, Woollen Industry, Cawnpore.	7-1-40	Ra. 2,000 . . .	Private employment.	Income not less than his present salary under Government.	Ra. 2,000.
8	Mr. J. A. Stuart Williams, Assistant to the Adviser on Engineering Supplies, Calcutta.	1-2-40	Ra. 1,000 . . .	Private employment.	Ra. 1,000 . . .	Ra. 1,200.
9	Mr. S. M. Homain, Personal Assistant to the Controller of Supplies, Bengal.	26-8-40	Ra. 450 . . .	Superintendent, Controller of Supplies, Bengal Circle.	Ra. 390 . . .	Ra. 450 . . . (Fixed).
10	Mr. P. A. Davies, Personal Assistant to the Controller of Supplies, Bombay.	1-8-40	Ra. 500 . . .	Deputy Docks Manager, Bombay Port Trust.	Ra. 1,350 . . .	Ra. 500.

*Statement showing the Gazetted Staff employed in the Supply Department (excluding I. S. D., Contracts Directorate and Ordnance Factories).—concl.*

S. No.	Name and designation.	Date of appointment.	Salary on which appointment was made.	Position which the Officer occupied before appointment.	Salary drawn just before appointment.	Present salary.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	Mr. C. V. Kinsville, Personal Assistant to the Controller of Sup- plies, United Pro- vinces.	12-8-40	Rs. 400	Assistant Secre- tary (U. P. Gov- ernment).	Rs. 1,100	Rs. 400	Worked in an Hono- rary capacity up to 26th November 1940, thereafter he was granted Rs. 400 a month <i>plus</i> his pension from U. P. Govern- ment.
12	Mr. J. L. Chopra, Technical Assistant to the Controller of Supplies, Bombay.	21-12-40	Rs. 350	Examiner (Indian Stores Depart- ment).	Rs. 200	Rs. 350.	

**SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.**

29. **THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** Will Government give the following information in respect of the officers directly recruited in the Supply Department from private life, since its formation up to 15th February, 1941 : the date of appointment, name, nationality, province of origin ; actual pay, or income-tax assessment of monthly income on the day of appointment to the Supply Department (including I. S. D.) and the pay on 1st February, 1941 ; special qualification for the post to which appointed ; the method of recruitment, whether advertised or not ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS :** Information is being collected and will be laid on the table in due course.

**SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.**

30. **THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** (a) Will Government state to which officers under the Supply Department the powers of Additional Secretary have been given ? The date and the reasons for which this power has been given ?

(b) Will Government state the number of cases disposed of by each of these Additional Secretaries since their appointment up to 15th February, 1941 and the numbers of cases referred to the Secretary and the Honourable Member ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS :** (a) The Director General Munitions Production and the Director General of Supply were appointed *ex officio* Additional Secretaries to the Government of India with effect from the 15th December, 1940. The object of this is decentralization.

(b) No record is kept of such cases.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** If those are the only two effective parts of the Supply Department, when they have been decentralized what is left to the Secretary ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS :** Decentralization need not be complete for one thing. Further, this will not be the only Department of the Government of India which has an Additional Secretary in addition to the Secretary. It does not imply that the Secretary has no work left to do.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** In regard to part (b) of my question, are there any cases referred to the Secretary from these Additional Secretaries or not ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS :** Of course some cases will be sent to him. I am only pointing out that it is not the custom in the Government of India in the Supply Department and as far as I know in the majority of other Departments to keep a record of cases which actually reach the Secretary or the Honourable Member.

**THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM :** Is there any differentiation between the powers of the Secretary and the Additional Secretary ?

**THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS :** The Additional Secretary has the powers of a Secretary.

THE HONOURABLE PANDIT HIRDAY NATH KUNZRU : What are their powers with regard to the giving out of contracts ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : I should require a separate question to answer that, Sir.

CONTRACTS OF RS. 1,000 AND ABOVE MADE WITHOUT CALLING FOR TENDERS.

31. THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM : Will Government lay on the table a list of orders of Rs. 1,000 and above placed in the last ten months of the fiscal year 1940-41, without calling for tenders, by mutual negotiation, giving the following information in respect of each order : value, rate, name of the article, name of the supplying firm or person, reasons for not calling tenders, the tendered rate immediately before or after the negotiated contract ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : Contracts of the kind referred to by the Honourable Member are normally entered into only in respect of proprietary articles and such specialized manufactures as Defence Services Motor Vehicles and Aircraft. They are also entered into in respect of articles belonging to categories other than those mentioned above, when the demand is excessive or more than the normal available supply and it is felt that better rates can be obtained by negotiations. In such cases the rates are approved not only by the appropriate purchase officer, but also by the corresponding Planning and Finance officers. Contracts of Rs. 1,000 and above made without calling for tenders are not numerous, but the preparation of a list, as desired by the Honourable Member, would involve heavy clerical labour as such contracts would have to be picked out from thousands of orders which have been placed in the last ten months.

THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM : Is it a fact that all these contracts are published in the *Indian Trade Journal* of the value of Rs. 1,000 and above ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : If that is the case, Sir, I do not know why the Honourable Member wants any statement from me.

THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM : I want the statement because the Journal does not differentiate between those contracts which have been given after calling for tenders and those which are given without tenders.

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : Then I see no relevance in the Honourable Member's supplementary question.

THE HONOURABLE PANDIT HIRDAY NATH KUNZRU : Can the Honourable Member indicate the value of the contracts entered into without calling for tenders ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : If the Honourable Member will put down a question in that sense it would be considered.

THE HONOURABLE PANDIT HIRDAY NATH KUNZRU : Has not that information been practically asked for by the Honourable Mr. Hossain Imam in his question ?

THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT : In other words, the Honourable Member wants notice ?

THE HONOURABLE MR. A. DEC. WILLIAMS : Yes, Sir.

THE HONOURABLE PANDIT HIRDAY NATH KUNZRU : But is the Honourable Member entitled to ask for notice of a question involved in this question ?

THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT : I quite agree the reply was not quite to the point, but the Honourable Member did intend to ask for notice.

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BILL PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY LAID ON TABLE.

SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL : Sir, in pursuance of rule 25 of the Indian Legislative Rules, I lay on the table copies of the Bill further to amend the Petroleum Act, 1934, which was passed by the Legislative Assembly at its meeting held on Tuesday, the 25th February, 1941.

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INSURANCE DEPOSITS (TEMPORARY REDUCTION) BILL.

THE HONOURABLE MR. H. C. PRIOR (Labour Secretary) : Sir, I move :

“ That the Bill to provide for the reduction temporarily of the amounts payable as instalments of the sum to be deposited by an insurer under section 7 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Before the Insurance Act of 1938 was enacted life insurers were required to make second and subsequent instalments of deposits at one-third of the premium income of the insurer and their liability to pay such instalments annually continued until the full deposit had been made. The 1938 Act however required that the annual instalments of deposits should be a fixed sum bearing no relation to premium income. Unfortunately the war has come at a time when many young insurance companies who started business before the Act of 1938 was enacted have still not paid their full deposits, and it is a normal result of war that the anticipated growth in premium incomes of companies is retarded as there is less new business and more frequent lapses. Therefore young proprietary insurance companies are now faced with some slowing down of their anticipated progress and find it difficult to pay in full the fixed amounts of the periodical instalments of deposits required by the Insurance Act of 1938, and in present conditions it is considered inadvisable to require them to do so. The Bill which I have the honour to move seeks therefore to give such insurance companies some relief from the more stringent deposit provisions introduced by the 1938 Act. The Bill provides for the reduction, for the duration of the war and one year thereafter, of the instalments of deposits due from young proprietary insurers who carry on life insurance business only. It is necessary to give this relief only to young insurers (that is, those who started business not more than 10 years before the outbreak of war), as insurers who started business before that date are in a position to pay their instalments in full. The amount of relief proposed is that the annual instalments of deposits should be reduced by one-half, but provision is included to prevent insurers from dissipating unjustifiably moneys which they would otherwise have had to pay as deposits. The concession is not extended to companies receiving a premium income in excess of Rs. 30,000 per annum since the instalment of deposit they are required to make is within their means, even after allowing for reasonable expenses and settlement of

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claims. It is also not necessary to extend the concession to mutuals as their instalments are payable on a percentage basis. It is thought therefore that the Bill gives such relief as is required.

Sir, I move.

\*THE HONOURABLE MR. HOSSAIN IMAM (Bihar and Orissa : Muham madan) : Mr. President, this Bill has been brought forward by the Government with a generous motive, viz., that new companies, or young companies as they are termed, should not find it difficult to deposit their instalments. The Honourable Mr. Prior mentioned the fact that the Government have extended this facility to those companies which have an income of Rs. 30,000 as premium income. That is mentioned, Sir, in clause 5. Now the question is, is this Rs. 30,000 the income in the year in which they have to make the deposit or is it income in the previous year on which you will base this concession? If it is on the basis of the previous year, the result will be that those who are losing business, as has happened in some cases, will not be able to take advantage, although their income may have fallen from that of the previous year. I am afraid the Bill as it is framed will lead to this procedure that the Government cannot make the concession to those who have come down below Rs. 30,000 in the year 1941-42. I therefore ask the Government to keep in view their generous desire and if they find that this Bill is not giving relief to young companies they may come forward with an amending Bill during the next session.

THE HONOURABLE MR. H. C. PRIOR : Sir, I think that the answer to the question put by the Honourable Member will be found in sub-clause (1) of clause 5 of the Bill which says :

" An insurer otherwise entitled to the benefits of this Act shall cease to be so entitled in any year if in the preceding year his total premium income, including annuity considerations, as shown in the revenue-account prepared under the Insurance Act, 1938, exceeded rupees thirty thousand ".

The view of Government is that if the income exceeds Rs. 30,000, as I said in my opening speech, it will be well within the means of the company to find the requisite deposit, even allowing for its expenses and for meeting any claims that may have to be met.

THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT : Motion made :

" That the Bill to provide for the reduction temporarily of the amounts payable as instalments of the sum to be deposited by an insurer under section 7 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration."

Question put and Motion adopted.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 were added to the Bill.

Clauses 6, 7 and 8 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

The Title and Preamble were added to the Bill.

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\*Not corrected by the Honourable Member.



THE HONOURABLE MR. H. C. PRIOR : Sir, I move :

“ That the Bill to provide for the reduction temporarily of the amounts payable as instalments of the sum to be deposited by an insurer under section 7 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be passed.”

The Motion was adopted.

## INDIAN MERCHANDISE MARKS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

THE HONOURABLE MR. H. C. PRIOR (Labour Secretary) : Sir, I move :

“ That the Bill further to amend the law relating to fraudulent marks on merchandise as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration ”.

This Bill seeks to amend an Act which was passed more than fifty years ago, at a time when competition in business was less intense. That Act served well the needs of that time—it protected the consumer against misrepresentation in respect of goods purchased by him, it safeguarded the trading community from the risk of purchasing goods falsely passed off as the manufacture of a particular person or country, and it gave some measure of protection to British and Indian traders. But it has for some time been felt that the growing complexity of trading conditions in this country and the great increase in our commerce and industries make it necessary to provide greater protection than is given by the present Act. A special officer was accordingly appointed in 1938—his report was circulated to Provincial Governments and commercial organizations, their comments and suggestions were carefully considered and the result of these various discussions is the Bill which I have the honour to move.

The Bill has two main objects. The first is to ensure that cotton piece-goods should be properly marked by the manufacturer or wholesale merchant and that similar provision should be made for yarn whether imported or made in Indian factories.

Secondly, the Bill gives power to the Central Government to issue notifications requiring the marking of the country of origin in any cases where this should be found necessary.

Opportunity has also been taken to alter the definition of the term “ trade mark ” to bring it into line with that in the Indian Penal Code and Trade Marks Registration Act. This will result in the removal of an anomaly which deprived Indian trade marks of protection unless they were actually in use.

It is hoped that these amending provisions will make the Act of 1889 suitable for the more complex modern trading conditions and satisfactory both to the consuming public and the mercantile community.

Sir, I move.

The Motion was adopted.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were added to the Bill.

THE HONOURABLE MR. SHAVAX A. LAL (Nominated Official) : Sir, with your permission, I beg to move two amendments to clause 7. The first is :

“ That in clause 7 of the Bill, for the heading preceding proposed section 12, the following heading shall be substituted, namely, ‘ Stamping of Piece-goods, Cotton Yarn, and Thread’.”

This is a purely formal amendment to add the word “ Thread ”.

THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT : I don't think there can be any objection to the Honourable Member moving his two amendments. He has not given the required notice but I will permit him.

THE HONOURABLE MR. SHAVAX A. LAL : Sir, I move my first amendment.

The Motion was adopted.

THE HONOURABLE MR. SHAVAX A. LAL : My second amendment is :

" That in clause 7 of the Bill, for sub-section (1) of section 12, the following shall be substituted, namely,—

" Piece-goods, such as are ordinarily sold by length or by the piece, which have been manufactured, bleached, dyed, printed or finished in premises which are a factory, as defined in the Factories Act, 1934, shall not be removed for sale from the last of such premises in which they underwent any of the said processes without having conspicuously stamped in English numerals on each piece the length thereof in standard yards, or in standard yards and a fraction of such a yard, according to the real length of the piece, and, except when the goods are sold from the factory for export from British India, without being conspicuously marked on each piece with the name of the manufacturer, or of the occupier of the premises in which the piece was finally processed or of the wholesale purchaser in India of the piece."

Sir, this amendment too is purely formal, the only real change being the insertion of the word " printed ". It was left out in the other House merely by an oversight and is being inserted here. Opportunity has also been taken to improve the drafting of the sub-section.

Sir, I move.

The Motion was adopted.

Clause 7, as amended, was added to the Bill.

Clauses 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1 was added to the Bill.

The Title and the Preamble were added to the Bill.

THE HONOURABLE MR. H. C. PRIOR (Labour Secretary) : Sir, I move :

" That the Bill, as passed by the Legislative Assembly and amended by this House be passed."

The Motion was adopted.

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The Council then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock on Thursday, the 27th February, 1941.

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