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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. SPEAKER: I have to inform the House of the sad demise of Shri M. V. Krishnappa, one of our former colleagues who passed away at Bangalore on 1st August, 1980 at the age of 62. Shri Krishnappa was a Member of the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Lok Sabha from Karnataka during 1952—62 and 1967—79. He had also been elected to the Third Lok Sabha but resigned his seat before taking oath and was subsequently elected to Mysore Legislative Council and became Minister of Revenue, Food and Animal Husbandry in the Government of Mysore during the years 1962—67.

Earlier he was Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture in the Central Government during 1952—62.

A freedom fighter, he participated in the 'Quit India' Movement and was imprisoned.

An active parliamentarian, he took keen interest in parliamentary activities.

An agriculturist, he was appointed Chairman, Agricultural Prices Enquiry Committee in 1953.

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A widely travelled person, he had visited many countries. He was leader of delegation which studied the Agricultural Leap-forward in China. He led an Indian delegation to Japan and Norway to study Fisheries in order to encourage their development in India.

He was a Member of the Indian Delegation to the U.N.O. in 1973. A social worker, he organised adult literacy campaign among mining labour in Mysore.

He evinced keen interest in the development of dairying, fisheries and poultry.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while to express its sorrow.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Modernization of Telecommunication System in Haldia Industrial Complex

*817. SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the telecommunication system of Haldia Industrial complex is far from the expectation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposals of Government to modernise the telecommunication system of Haldia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON):

(a) and (b). Although Haldia Industrial Complex has been provided with two automatic exchanges at Haldia Industries and Haldia Township, both having STD facilities to and from Calcutta, calls between the two Haldia exchanges have to be established manually.

(c) Plans have been approved and equipment ordered to permit automatic dialling of the inter-exchange calls between Haldia Industries and Haldia Township. This is likely to be installed and commissioned during the current financial year.

SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA:

The problem of the telecommunication of Haldia Industrial Complex is that there are three telephone exchanges situated at Chaitanyapur, Durgachak and Haldia. If a person wants to make a contact with his neighbour through telephone it becomes a trunk call. Recently the State Government of West Bengal has given recognition to the Haldia Development Board as a statutory body. In this context I want to know from the Minister through you, Sir, whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Central Government, and how long it will take, to cover the Haldia Industrial Complex and the area under the Haldia Development Board through single telephone exchange with self-dial system.

SHRI KARTIK ORAON: Sir, as has been said, although Haldia Industrial Complex Exchange and Haldia Township Exchange are connected through Calcutta and from Calcutta to these two places, the inter-exchange calls between these two places, Haldia Industries and Haldia Township, are manually operated, and it will take some time before subscriber trunk dialling system could be provided between these 2 places. In any case there is another place called Durga-

chak at a distance of 5 k.m. from this complex and there a 100 Line MAX III exchange has been located. This has been opened at Durgachak. It has at present 57 working connections and 49 waiting list. There is a possibility of its replacement by MAX II and providing dialling facilities between this place and Haldia. This is under consideration. There is also another manual trunk exchange working from Haldia industries which consists of two positions of T-43 type. That is long-distance Trunk Board. That is in addition to the inter-exchange call at Haldia. These centres handle trunk calls for other parts of the country also. Obviously therefore the hon. Member's proposal is also covered by this arrangement.

SHRI SATYA GOPAL MISRA: Sir, it is also an urgent necessity to connect Haldia directly to Tamluk Sub-divisional H.Q., Kalaghat Thermal Power Project and Midnapore district H.Q. I want to know from the hon. Minister:

(a) Whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to connect Haldia directly to Tamluk Sub-divisional H.Q. and to Kolaghat where the power project is under construction; and

(b) Whether Government is thinking to have direct telecommunication line from Haldia, Tamluk and Kolaghat to Midnapore and Calcutta?

SHRI KARTIK ORAON: It is proposed to connect Haldia Trunk Exchange with Midnapore district headquarters and also with Kharagpur. These two trunk circuits are expected to be provided shortly. Regarding the other proposal of the hon. Member, they have been noted for future consideration.

श्री राजेन्द्र प्रसाद बरहवा : मंत्री जी के जवाब को देखने से लगेगा कि "सवाल दीगर, जवाब दीगर" का यह बेहतरीन

नमूना है। आप सबाल को देखने कृपा कर के जिस में लिखा है—

Whether Government are aware that the telecommunication system of Haldia Industrial Complex is far from the expectation...

इस का जवाब न दे कर तीन चार लाइन का एक स्टेटमेंट दे दिया है। माना है इस बात को जरूर लेकिन इनडायरेक्टली माना है और इस के बारे में कुछ नहीं कहा है कि वास्तव में एक्सपेक्टेडेशन से परे है या नहीं। मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि हल्दिया की जो स्थिति है उस को वह मानते हैं कि वास्तव में दो आटोमैटिक एक्सचेंज होने के बाद भी मैन्युअली घुमाना होता है तभी बात होती है, यह हल्दिया की जो स्थिति है वही स्थिति देश के दूर संचार व्यवस्था की है, तो इस बात को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए कि देश में दूर-संचार व्यवस्था की हालत बदतर है और दिल्ली की उस से भी बदतर है, क्या उस को इम्प्रूव करने की कृपा करेंगे ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): The reply given by my colleague is absolutely exhaustive. The Question was whether the Government is aware that the telecommunication system of Haldia Industrial Complex is far from the expectation. He has pin-pointed this and he said this is being manually operated. These two complexes can have a STD connection to Calcutta. But between these two complexes which is practically in the same place, somehow, it so happened that it was not connected up. That was a mistake that happened at the original planning level. Now it is being rectified, and these two are being connected. He said that in the financial year these two will be connected with

facilities and with respect to the other township, he also mentioned that that would also be connected.

SHRI R. P. YADAV: What about part (a) of the question?

SHRI C. M. STEPHEN: Part (a) of the question is: "whether Government are aware that the telecommunication system of Haldia Industrial complex is far from the expectation?" The answer is that there are two automatic exchanges which are in existence now. There are two exchanges—one is at Haldia township and the other is at Haldia Industries. Both are automatic exchanges. Both are connected with Calcutta. But there is one defect. Although they are connected with Calcutta, these two exchanges which are nearer to each other, are not connected. Now, this is being rectified.

प्रो. सत्य देव सिंह : अध्यक्ष महोदय; ससत्सदस्या का दो टेलीफोन मिले हुए हैं—एक दिल्ली में और एक निर्वाचन क्षेत्र में। फार्म में यह प्रेस्क्राइब्ड है कि दस किलोमीटर की दूरी तक लोकल काल मानी जायेगी लेकिन जनता के लिए 5 किलोमीटर से अधिक की दूरी होती है तो पी सी ओ हो जाता है :सलिए क्या सरकार का प्रस्ताव है कि जो सुविधा संसत्सदस्यों को प्राप्त है कि दस किलोमीटर की दूरी तक लोकल काल मानी जायेगी

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यहां पर इसका क्या ताल्लुक है। अगला प्रश्न।

Students Learning Hindi in Non-Hindi Speaking States

*818. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of non-Hindi speaking States which have shown their interest in learning Hindi language;