

**SOME HON. MEMBERS:** No, no!

**SHRI C. M. STEPHEN:** I know this reaction. I am bound to debunk this reaction, which is not based on statistics. (*Interruptions*).

In a few areas, it may fail. but there is no use raising noise like this about it. (*Interruptions*). This sort of total condemnation will not be contributory to keeping up the morale of the staff. Even if they try their utmost, if this is the condemnation coming, it will not be good. I am on strong ground, based on figures. (*Interruptions*). It is no use merely expressing an opinion or a feeling. If there are calls failing, the information may be passed on to me. I do not say that the calls are coming just on the tip of it. I do not say that every call is coming without fail. There will be calls which will be failing. If that information is passed on to me, we will make an analysis about it. This is all I have to say. *Interruptions* I am prepared to sit with anybody and analyse it. I agree that it can be improved, but this sort of total condemnation will not do. (*Interruptions*).

**MR. SPEAKER:** The question Hour is over.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Employment Opportunities for Women

\*615. **SHRI MANPHOOL SINGH CHAUDHARY:** Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development in a workshop organised recently in New Delhi had suggested for larger employment opportunities for women to help raise their economic status;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take for the development of women in the society?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI):** (a) The Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development (APCWD) under the ESCAP recently held at New Delhi, a Workshop of representatives from different countries in the Region in which various issues relating to the position of women in human settlements were discussed and certain views were expressed. It will be before the APCWD/ESCAP to address any communication based on the Report of the Workshop, to the countries of the Region, if necessary. No such communication has been received by Government of India so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various programmes are already under implementation

### Delivery of Dak in Remote Areas

\*616. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the remote areas particularly where the Adivasis are living, days are fixed for the delivery of mail and especially when Sunday or other holiday intervenes, there is a long gap in resuming postal delivery services; and

(b) if so, will Government consider this problem and arrange that on holidays falling on Saturdays and Mondays, which lead to large accumulation of mail bags at various post offices and transit points, postal delivery services are resumed without delay?

**THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):** (a) and (b). No, Sir. Except for about 1250 villages, all other villages in India are covered by the Daily Delivery Scheme. According to this

scheme, mail received in a Post Office for any village covered by that Post Office, is sent out on the day of its receipt and there is no detention of mail overnight in that Post Office.

As regards arrangements of mails on Sundays and holidays, there are restricted despatches of mails on Sundays and holidays. Consequently, the transmission of mail is held over to some extent but delivery of mail is effected on every working day without any gaps. To cope with the heavy volume of mail on a working day following Sunday or holiday; special arrangements are made for delivery and no mail is held up in any Post Office.

#### **Revised Scales to Teachers of Colleges Affiliated to Sanskrit Universities**

\*617. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that even after seven years since introduction of the new revised UGC grades of pay for college and university teachers, teachers in colleges affiliated to Sanskrit Universities are denied benefit of the same;

(b) whether college and university teachers having been given strange designations like Asstt. Lecturers, Associate Lecturers, Method Masters, Cartographers are being denied the benefit of revised scales; and

(c) what does the Government propose to do about it?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to information available, the U.G.C. scales have not been sanctioned to the teachers of institutions affiliated to the two Sanskrit Universities in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh by the State Governments.

(b) and (c). The U.G.C. scales do not cover non-teaching staff in universities and colleges. However, it is for the State Governments to con-

sider whether the duties, responsibilities and qualifications attached to certain posts in teaching departments entitle them to be placed in the U.G.C. scales. Posts of Assistant Lecturers, Associate Lecturers and Method Masters in some States have been sanctioned the scales recommended by the U.G.C. for different categories.

#### **Dissemination of Composite Fish Culture to Farmers**

\*618. SHRI SATISH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology with respect to Composite Fish Culture developed by the ICAR is being disseminated to the farmers and fishermen;

(b) if so, how this is being done; and

(c) success, if any, achieved so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The transfer of technology is effected through the Centres of the All-India Coordinated Research Project on 'Composite Fish Culture and Fish Seed Production' located in various States, Rural Aquaculture Project, Lab-to-Land Programme, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and *ad hoc* training programmes conducted from time to time.

(c) The fish farmers employing the traditional practice of carp culture used to obtain an average production of about 600 kg. per hectare per year. The new technology of composite culture involving indigenous and exotic varieties of carp led to production ranging from 3,000 to 6,500 kg. per hectare per year in different regions.

#### **Food Shortages**

\*619. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY: Will the Minister