

"Provided that a question not reached.....

**Shri Sonavane:** On a point of information, Sir. I want to know whether the provision....

श्री मधु लिमये : सभी में नियम पढ़ रहा हूँ, व्यवस्था का प्रश्न घाप बीच में कैसे उठा सकते हैं ?

**Shri Sonavane:** He has allowed me to speak.

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Madhu Limaye was already reading the rule.

**Shri Sonavane:** I thought you allowed me.

**Mr. Speaker:** No, no; he was already reading it.

श्री मधु लिमये : मैं उसका जो प्रोवीजो है, केवल उस को पढ़ता हूँ :

"Provided that a question not reached for oral answer may be answered after the end of the Question Hour with the permission of the Speaker if the Minister represents to the Speaker that the question is one of special public interest to which he desires to give a reply."

**Mr. Speaker:** That is quite clear. The Minister has not done so. He should write to me and not to you.

श्री मधु लिमये : मंत्री जी जवाब देने को तैयार हैं ।

**Mr. Speaker:** He has not done it. We now take up the Short Notice question. **Shri Indrajit Gupta.**

श्री मधु लिमये : मैं उन से पूछ कर ही यह कह रहा हूँ ।

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION  
Telegraph Check Office, Calcutta

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S.N.Q. 6. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri S. M. Bamerjee:**  
**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:**

**Shri Vasudevam Nair:**  
**Shri Bhagendra Jha:**

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to close down the Telegraph Check Office, Calcutta, which has been working for about a hundred years;

(b) whether this decision has been taken on the advice of a so-called "expert" from U.K.;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) whether over 700 employees are going to be retrenched as a result thereof?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh**): (a) No.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether there is any proposal to reorganise the work of this Telegraph Check Office so that a large number of staff who are at present employed there will have to be transferred elsewhere and if so, what is the future trend of this Telegraph Check Office?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** With a view to increasing efficiency, we shall have to reorganise everything including this Office. But I may say that the interests of the staff will be fully protected.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether it is not a fact that this Telegraph Check Office is the only one of its kind in India and it has been performing a very useful function for over a hundred years and whether this proposal for reorganization has come only as a result of the advice given by any so-called foreign expert?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** It is a fact that this is the only Office. But the lapse of hundred years does require some re-thinking.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** I asked whether this proposal for reorganisation is the result of the advice given by any so-called foreign expert.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** The advice was sought because there was original thinking here.

**Shri S. M. Banerjee:** I would like to know whether it is a fact—part (d) of the question—that over 700 employees are going to be retrenched as a result of this. I want to know whether there is going to be any retrenchment as a result of this.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** He said that their interests would be fully protected and that covers this question.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** May I know why it is that after more than a hundred years of working the telegraphic system in our country, we still appear, according to Government, to stand in need of assistance from British experts whose advice in this kind of thing need not be regarded by us at all?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** As the hon. Member knows, a hundred years' time does require improving the situation. Therefore, we are thinking how best to reorganise it. But I again categorically say that the interests of the staff will have our full sympathy.

**Shri Vasudevan Nair:** I should like to know whether there is a specific recommendation by the British expert that the staff can be reduced in this Check Post Office and if so, by how many.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** I do not know why they are time and again trying to say something which I do not intend to do. There would not be any impact on the interests of the staff.

**Shri Bhogendra Jha:** Among the suggestions, was there a suggestion for closing it?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Suggestions may include so many things. But we shall have to take a decision.

**Shri Bhogendra Jha:** Was there any suggestion for closing it?

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** There may be so many suggestions, but it does not mean that they are going to be accepted.

#### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

##### Whitley Council Scheme

\*263. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Whitley Council Scheme has been working satisfactorily; and

(b) if so, how far it has been successful?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). The Scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration was inaugurated on 28th October, 1966. After the inauguration of the Scheme the National Council held a special meeting on 5th December, 1966 and an ordinary meeting on 30th and 31st January, 1967. It is proposed to hold the next meeting of the National Council on 26th and 27th May, 1967. So far it has been functioning well.

##### अध्यापकों के वेतन-कम

\*264. श्री प्रकाशचौर शास्त्री :

श्री वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् :

श्री सुकन्येय कन्याश्रम :

श्री विमलिका शिवालय :

श्री क. व. शिवालय :

क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अध्यापकों के वेतन-कम बढ़ाने में अब तक और क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) अध्यापकों के वेतन-कमों को बढ़ाने के बारे में केन्द्रीय सरकार की राय के अनुसार किन-किन राज्य सरकारों ने तथा संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों ने अपेक्षित निर्णय कर लिया है;

(ग) क्या इस प्रयोजन के लिये कीर्ची संवर्धन योजना में कोई राशि निवृत्त की गई है; और