of cities on the India-Pakistan border with Delhi are so poor that it is almost impossible to get through. I was told by the hon. Minister that this is caused by a great deal of theft and wirecutting. May I know what steps the Government are taking to restore the communication between the border cities and Delhi so that no such trouble occurs?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): It is true. We have brought this matter to the attention of the Chief Ministers there, and I have received some replies also from the concerned Chief Ministers, and they are taking suitable steps. I also know that Bikaner City is very difficult to get at, but we are taking steps to overcome the difficulties.

Shri R. Barua: May I know whether the hon. Minister is in a position to cover the entire eastern region with the micro-wave system and, if not, how long will it take for the Government to cover the entire eastern region with this system?

Shri I. K. Gujral: As at present, most of the eastern region is covered by the micro-wave system and is connected with Calcutta; we are further extending the system to cover the whole region.

श्री यशपाल सिंह: क्या मैं यह जान सकता हूं कि श्रव भी ऐसे टेलिफोन लोगों के पास हैं कि जब उन का टेलिफोन मिलता है तो दूसरे टेलिफोन श्रावाज नहीं देते श्रीर यह डिस्पैरिटी श्राप कब तक दूर करेंगे जिससे जनता को एक समान लाभ पहुंच सके ?

Shri I. K. Gujral: I think the hon. Member is justified in his complaint that the telephone service is not as efficient as it should be. The main reason for this is that we are unable to supply or equip the telephones to the standards as they should be, due to the paucity of funds. I am sure if

more funds are available, the telephone service will improve.

श्री नीतिराज सिंह चौबरी: ग्रमी
मंत्री महोदय ने बतलाया कि 50 नगरीं
में यह डाइरैक्ट डायलिंग टेलिफोन सिस्टम
लागू हो जायगा तो क्या उन 50 नगरीं में
क्या हर एक प्रान्त की राजधानी शामिल
है ?

Shri I. K. Gujral: The hon. Member has asked for the list of towns; it is a long list; but I think most of the important towns are connected.

श्री श्रोंकार लाल बेरवा: कई सालों से हम यह सुनते चले ग्रा रहे हैं कि टेलिफोन डाइरेक्टरी हिन्दी में बनेगी या हिन्दी ग्रोर ग्रंग्रेजी दोनों में बनेगी। मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या हिन्दी भाषा भाषी राज्यों में हिन्दी की टेलिफोन डाइरेक्टरी बन चुकी है। ग्रगर नहीं बन चुकी है तो इस के बारे में सरकार क्या सौच रही है?

श्री इ० कु० गुजराल: सरकार की यह पालिसी है कि जहां हिन्दी बोली जाती है वहां हिन्दी डाइरेक्टरी छापी जाये। इस के श्रनुसार हिन्दी की डाइरेक्टरी छप भी चुकी है।

12.00 hrs.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION
Postal Racket

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S.N.Q. 23. Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha: Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a postal racket has been recently unearthed in Calcutta; and
- (b) if so, the extent of loss suffered by the public and Government as a result of the activities of the gaug?

The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No loss to the Covernment has come to light so far, as the contents appear to have been abstracted from unregistered articles. The loss suffered by the public, from the information of the contents recovered and the complaints received by the police, amounts to \$413344 in bank drafts and £2 in British Postal Orders. Police investigations into the case are still in progress.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha. This concerns loss of dollars, which means this is part of a foreign exchange racket May I know how many persons have been suspended from the department and what action Government have taken to see that this entire gang is broken up?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: 3 persons have been arrested The PMG. Calcutta has also asked the SPE to go who the matter. We will keep a strict watch on it, so that this might be stopped.

Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha May I know whether, apart from the departmental personnel, some of the persons who have bought these drafts have been brought to book and whether this investigation has revealed that this is part of a very big foreign-exchange racket going on? May I know that measures Government are taking to find out how this big transaction in foreign exchange takes place?

बी राम सेवक बादव : नवा दो जिहारी हिन्दी नहीं बोन बच्छे है ?

gro राज बुक्य सिंह : हम यू. पी. बाकों से की हिन्दी में बोनेंगे।

वैसा मैंने पहले बतनावा पुनिस प्रति-कारियों से निवेदन किया नवा है कि इस बात की सच्की तरार से वेब रेब करें। इस में विश्व कारेन एनस्वेन्स इन्नास्ट्स है नवोंकि 4100 कावर के वैक शुन्छ की बात है। चिटिठयों में जो छोटी छोटी रकमें मेची जाती हैं उन्हीं को लोग निकासने की कोश्रिक करते हैं।

Shri D. C. Sharma: While I congratulate the PMG, Calcutta for unearthing this racket. I wish to point out that this kind of gangsterism is going on all over India May I know whether this kind of racket will be unearthed and entrusted for investigation to the SPE not only in West Bengal, but all over India. so that this foreigrexchange racket comes to an end very soon

Dr. Ram Subhag Slagb: I agree with him This has been done in Punjab also In Juliundur some persons have been arrested in a case similar to this

Shri Hem Barua: Is it not a fact that this gang operating in Calcutta is part of an international gang having their tentacles in this country, if so, may I know what steps Government have taken to see that the connection between this gang and the international gang is broken?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: As I said earlier, we have approached the puice authorities and they have arrested about nine employees who have been suspended Regarding the international gang. It is not within our competence to take any action but whatever possibly can be done at this end will be done.

बी क्रिबनाराज्यः सरकार की जो व्यवस्था तार विचान वा मनी धाईर की प्रवा पैते की है वे प्राचिक काम हैं बीर इस देश में बड़े बड़े गैयस्टर्स काम कर रहे हैं....।

Shri Ram Barns: Sir, did be say 'gangsters' or 'ministers'?

वी सिवनाराज्य: मैं वानगा पाहता हुं कि बार का जो पुलिस विनाय है वह इक के सिके क्या ऐनवान में रहा है। 9489 Oral Answers

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : श्रमल में यह सवाल बड़ा माकुल है, लेकिन यदि माननीय प्रश्नकर्ता ध्यान देंगे तो पता चलेगा कि कितनी तत्परता से पुलिस ने काम किया है। 17 तारीख से 22 तारीख तक 9 म्रादिमयों को पकडा

श्री मोलह प्रसाद : मेरी शिकायत यह है कि गोरखपूर जिले के राजधानी पोस्ट ग्राफिस के जो पहले के पोस्ट मास्टर थे उन पर गबन का मुकदमा चला ग्रीर उन की बर्खास्तिगी हो गई । उन की जगह महेन्द्र प्रताप सिंह चन लिए गये 24-5-67 को पोस्ट मास्टर के तौर पर वह काम करते रहे परन्त मेरे पास चिटठी आई है कि अभी तक उन्हें 'वार्ज नहीं दिया गया। ग्राज इत तरह का गड़बड़ घोटाला वहां पर चल रहा

Mr. Speaker: The hon. Minister may make a note of it.

Shri S. S. Kothari: Does the Government have any departmental machinery to ensure that the postal employees perform their duty properly and that letters, packets, registered letters and money orders are properly delivered? I ask this question because there have been reports that in Calcutta some letters were thrown into a pool and they were not delivered at

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: We are taking all steps to tighten the working of the department and if any complaint of this nature is brought to my notice I shall definitely take proper action.

श्री विभित्त मिश्र: मंत्री जी ने कहा कि डियटिनैटल कार्रवाई कर र हे हैं । लेकिन ऐसा ही नेपाल बार्डर पर रक्सौल में होता है। इन्श्योर्ड कागज वगैरह ग्राते हैं ग्रौर गम हो जाते हैं। जिस तरह से कलकत्ते में निकला है बैसे ही यहां से निकलता है। वया सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में कोई कार्रवाई कर रही है ताकि पुलिस एन्क्वारी शीघ्रता हो ?

डा० राम सुभग सिंह : पुलिस एन्क्वारी में कितनी शीव्रता होती है यह तो

माननीय प्रश्नकर्ता महोदय इसी से जानेंगे कि 17 तारीख को एक ग्रादमी पकडा गया श्रौर 22 तारिख तक, यानी पांच दिन में 9 घादमीयों को पकड लिया गया। जिन बाकी लोगों का इस में कोल्य-जन होगा उन की भी छान बीन की जा रही है। जहां तक रक्सील की बात उन्होंने , बतलाई, भ्रगर वह कोई केस देंगे तो तत्काल उस की जांच कराई जायेगी।

Shri K. Narayana Rao: May I know, Sir, how foreign exchange is involved in a postal racket? Is it possible that some foreign exchange has been smuggled in through ordinary post? If such is the case, one can understand it. Then it is not merely a question of ordinary postal racket, there is also the question of violation of foreign exchange regulations involved in it. Therefore, I would like to know what is the mechanism involved in this particular case?

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Actually, in these cases some persons from America and England have sent some money in the form of postal order, cheques or bank drafts along with their letters to their relatives or their missionary etc. Those things were taken away by persons who are involved in this.

## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

विद्रोही मिजो लोग

\* 932. श्री हकम चन्द कछवाय : श्री यशवंत सिंह कुशवाह: श्री राम सिंह ग्रयरवाल:

क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री 29 मार्च, 1967 के तारांकित प्रक्त संख्या 110 के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

- (क) क्या विद्रोही मिजो लोग की गतिविधियों को रोकने के लिये पुनर्गंठित योजना का कार्यं ग्रारम्भ कर दिया गया है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो किस प्रकार इस का पूनगंठन किया गया है; और
- (ग) सुरक्षा सेना में हाल में किवने धौर कर्मचारी बढाये गये हैं ?