

major bridge across the river Mahanadi. May I know when the construction of that bridge will be taken up or has it already been taken up?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: For the information of the hon. Member, I would like to tell him that on this line there are seven important, twentyfour major and 388 minor bridges and work on almost all the bridges is in progress.

Mr. Speaker: Adverting to my suggestion made earlier, I would say this about the discussion of the report. I would like the hon. Ministers themselves to share with the hon. Members the time. Private time has to be found after the official business is over. I would request the hon. Ministers themselves to ask the House to take important reports into consideration—all major ones. They send these reports for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the House. I leave it to them to decide which of them they can introduce. So far as the others are concerned, if hon. Members feel that some other reports are also to be taken into account, I shall, on their request allow, time. Thus, if time is distributed between official and non-official business, I think we can get through a number of reports. So far as this report is concerned, in as much as it covers a crore of rupees, I would like the hon. Minister himself to move that this report be taken into consideration. It is not a question of accusation of the Minister. Anything may happen, whoever might be the Minister.

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I have not kept anything secret, Sir; the report is before the House.

Mr. Speaker: This is a case where the hon. Minister himself may table a motion that the report may be taken into consideration and invite the views of the House for future guidance.

Shri Jagjivan Ram: I will have a talk with you: As I said, there is nothing to hide; the report has been placed on the Table of the House. If

the House is willing to discuss it, we will have to see what the procedure is and so on.

Printogram Telegraph Service

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*899. { **Shri S. C. Samanta:**
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadauria:
Shri P. G. Deb:
Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:
Maharajkumar Vijaya
Ananda:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) in which of the P. & T. Circles printogram telegraph services have been opened; and

(b) how much messenger service will be reduced and how much delay in delivery of telegrams will be minimised by this service?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) In Bombay and West Bengal Circles and in Delhi Telephone District.

(b) Messenger service at the rate of one messenger for every 20 telegrams will be saved and the time taken in hand delivery eliminated.

Shri S. C. Samanta: In this year's report we find that in Bombay this service was introduced in 1956 and the average traffic was from 800 to 900 per day. May I know why, after so many years, the main cities of India have been left out and why this system has not been introduced there?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We are still watching what is the result of the experiment we have made in West Bengal and Bombay circles. We mean to introduce it next in Madras. But the point is, neither the telegraph office—because they have not got enough teleprinters—nor the people who want to send these telegrams by means of teleprinters are able to do it because the number of teleprinters in our possession goes for the newspapers and other important aspects.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether there is any proposal to introduce this service in Delhi in the near future?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: As far as I know, not yet.

Postal Stamps of Swami Dayanand Saraswati

***901. Shri Bibhuti Mishra:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a request has been made by some Members of Parliament for the issue of postal stamps bearing the portrait of Swami Dayanand Saraswati to commemorate his memory; and

(b) if so, what steps have Government taken in this regard?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It is intended to have a portrait of Swami Dayanand in a special series of Social Reformers that is proposed to be brought out.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: By what time will this portrait come out on the postage stamps? When will these stamps come out?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: We are having it examined as to whom we could include in this matter of social reformers, and a decision has got to be taken soon. I have told Mr. Prakash Vir Shastri who saw me that it will be in March.

Shri Bibhuti Mishra: Has the Government fixed any definite period for continuing the printing of such postage stamps with portraits?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: It will come as they are found necessary.

Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: What are the names that are being considered in this respect? May we have a list?

Dr. P. Subbarayan: As I said, some names are under consideration, but I cannot give the names now.

Shri S. M. Banerjee: May I know whether a similar request came from many organisations, including the Congress Committee from Kanpur, for having a stamp bearing the portrait of the late-lamented Ganesh Sankar Vidyarti and whether that is also under consideration

Dr. P. Subbarayan: I am as well aware of this as the hon. Member is.

That is also under consideration.

Some Hon. Members rose—

Mr Speaker: Am I to allow more questions relating to more names,—whomsoever,—that the hon. Members would like to mention? This question relates only to Swami Dayanand Saraswati. Next question.

Recruitment of Pilots by I.A.C.

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***904. { Shri Bahadur Singh:
Shri Nek Ram Negi:**

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recruitment of pilots has been made by the I.A.C. during the months of May and June, 1961;

(b) the number of pilots selected; and

(c) the total number of applications received from the candidates?

The Deputy Minister of Civil Aviation (Shri Mohiuddin): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten.

(c) Eighty-three.

Shri Bahadur Singh: May I know whether the selection which has been made in May and June is enough or whether some more pilots are going to be selected very soon?

Shri Mohiuddin: They will be selected as and when the need for more pilots arises.

Shri Braj Raj Singh: What is the latest position with regard to the unemployed pilots trained at the CATC, Allahabad?