

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES

(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Friday, 13th June, 1952

The House met at a Quarter Past Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

FORGED DOLLAR NOTES

*798. **Shri Velayudhan:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of forged Dollar notes were detected in Bombay recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that any large scale deal in this line is being done in India; and

(c) what preventive measures Government have taken to stop this?

The Minister of Home affairs and States (Dr. Katju): (a) Only one case of forged Dollar notes has come to notice so far in Bombay.

(b) The Government of India have no such information.

(c) In view of the position stated in (b) above no special preventive measures are called for. The organisation concerned with the single case detected in Bombay has been broken up and sufficient publicity in the press has been given to forewarn intending buyers.

Shri Velayudhan: May I know about the one case that the Home Minister mentioned whether the Government were able to find out the source from which these forged notes emanated?

Dr. Katju: We have got complete information and I think the case will go to court.

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Shri Velayudhan: May I know how much amount is involved?

Dr. Katju: In the case of forged notes there is no question of the amount involved. The notes are waste paper.

Shri Velayudhan: But they are in circulation. So, I want to know what is the amount involved.

Dr. Katju: The notes which have been detected are fifty-three in number.

SAHARANPUR TRAINING CENTRE

*799. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether all trainees after completing their course in the Saharanpur Training Centre, have been absorbed in the Post and Telegraph service;

(b) what is the number of persons trained upto 31st March, 1952; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start another Training Centre at some other place?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes.

(b) 590.

(c) Yes, two more; one in Hyderabad and the other in Chota Nagpur.

Shri Hukam Singh: What had been the arrangement for the training of these clerks and sorters before this institution was started?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They were being trained in the post offices and classes organised by R.M.S. divisions.

Shri Hukam Singh: Have any special features been introduced in this institution?

Shri Raj Bahadur: Yes. It is now a concentrated course of three months for each group, and we impart theoretical and practical training.

Shri Hukam Singh: Are only clerks and sorters trained there or are any officers also given training?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This institution is meant only for postal clerks and R.M.S. sorters.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know in which place in Chota Nagpur this centre is going to be opened?

Shri Raj Bahadur: The place has not yet been settled. It may be in Ranchi, or some other suitable place.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is any instruction given in this institution on the social side, namely, polite treatment of the public, courtesy, etc.?

Shri Raj Bahadur: That is implied. Every postal employee is expected to be ideally courteous.

Shri S. C. Samanta: Is it not a fact that Class I postal officers were trained in Saharanpur in similar institutions?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I don't think so. This is meant for postal clerks and R.M.S. sorters.

SOCIAL GUIDES

*800. **Shri Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of social guides at important railway Stations has been reduced; and

(b) if so, for what reasons?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) and (b). The number has been reduced in keeping with revised requirements.

Shri Hukam Singh: May I know whether this experiment on the different Railways ever since its inception in August 1948 has proved to be of any utility to the public?

Shri Satish Chandra: Mr. Santhanam after some of his extensive tours felt that the public were not getting the kind of assistance that was anticipated and that the number of these guides was unduly large.

Shri Hukam Singh: What is the percentage of reduction brought about in the institution of social guides?

Shri Satish Chandra: The number has been reduced from 277 where it originally stood to 152.

Shrimati A. Kale: May I know whether there are any women working as social guides?

Shri Satish Chandra: I must plead I am not quite aware.

Shri Badshah Gupta: May I know the saving that has been effected on account of the reduction in the number?

Shri Satish Chandra: I cannot give the exact figure just now, but the persons who have been retrenched have been absorbed in railway services. In some cases, they refused to be so absorbed as they were primarily social workers.

Shri Hukam Singh: Is it a fact that after three years of service all of them were given notice and only 50 per cent. of them have been re-absorbed at half the pay they were getting before?

Shri Satish Chandra: As far as my information goes, everybody who wanted to be absorbed has been absorbed.

KHARAGPUR RAILWAY STAFF (AMENITIES)

*801. **Shri S. C. Samanta:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the amount that will be spent for the amenities of the railway staff at Kharagpur in 1952-53?

(b) What are the different heads of expenditure with the amount against them?

(c) Are the condemned class IV quarters at Kharagpur going to be demolished this year?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister (Shri Satish Chandra): (a) Rs. 12,94,000.

(b) The distribution of the proposed expenditure is as follows:—

New Staff quarters	Rs. 4,44,000
Improvement to existing quarters	Rs. 6,85,000
Medical facilities	Rs. 54,000
Miscellaneous amenities	Rs. 1,11,000
TOTAL	Rs. 12,94,000

(c) There is no proposal to demolish any class IV staff quarters at Kharagpur at present.

Shri S. C. Samanta: May I know whether repeated representations have been received by the hon. Minister from the employees at Kharagpur about the want of accommodation for students in the railway schools there?