

Postal Facilities in 24 Parganas, West Bengal

172. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total annual revenue accrued from the Post Offices within the jurisdiction of (1) Sonarpur, (2) Barnipur, (3) Diamond Harbour, (4) Falta, (5) Bishnupur and (6) Budge Budge Police Stations, 24 Parganas, West Bengal from the years 1949-50 to 1965-66;

(b) the total number of Post and Telegraph Offices operating within the same area from 1949-50 to 1965-66; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the postal facilities in the region?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral):

(a) The total annual revenue of all the Post Offices in the area is not available as such information is only collected in respect of experimental Post Offices and not permanent Post Offices.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Lok Sabha in due course.

(c) In order to give better postal facilities in the region as many as 82 new Post Offices were opened during the period from 1-4-1950 to 1-4-1966.

Champahati P. O. (West Bengal)

173. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Champahati Post Office in 24 Parganas District (West Bengal) remained closed for several days;

(b) if so, for how many days and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the P. & T. Department to avert that closure?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral):
 (a) and (b). The Extra Departmental Sub-office remained closed for three days on account of the sudden absence of the Extra Departmental Sub Post-master from duty.

(c) The matter is being looked into.

Part-time Employed Staff in Post Offices

174. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri Umanath:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices within the jurisdiction of (1) Sonapur, (2) Barnipur, (3) Diamond Harbour, (4) Falta, (5) Bishnupur, and (6) Budge Budge Police Stations in West Bengal;

(b) the number of Post Offices run by full and part-time employed staff separately;

(c) whether Government propose to employ full-time employed staff in all the Post Offices; and

(d) if so, when?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) 113.

(b) 8 full time staff.

105 part-time staff.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c).