

(b) whether the telephone authorities disconnected some numbers during that period; and

(c) the reason for adopting this system?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Yes. Non-essential telephone subscribers were disconnected from 18th to 21st January, 1956.

(b) Yes.

(c) Exceptionally heavy load, shortage of staff and failure of power supply.

RURAL POST OFFICES IN PUNJAB

203. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices proposed to be opened in the rural areas in the Punjab in the year 1956; and

(b) the names of such areas where these Post Offices will be opened?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

TRAINING CENTRES FOR WOMEN

204. Ch. Raghur Singh: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some training centres exclusively for women have been opened by the Ministry of Labour;

(b) if so, the names of those centres;

(c) the total number of women trainees in these centres; and

(d) the expenditure incurred over these centres?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d). The following statement gives the required particulars:—

Name of the Institute	On roll on	
	31-12-1955	1954-55
1. Industrial Training Institute for Women, New Delhi.	162	Rs.96,400
2. Industrial Training Institute for Women, Dehra Dun	214	Rs.67,800
3. Industrial Training Centre, Andhra Mahila Sabha, Madras.	102	Rs.36,900

POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICES IN PUNJAB

205. Sardar Iqbal Singh: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where post offices, telegraph offices and telephone call offices have been opened in 1954 and 1955 in the Districts of Ferozepur and Hissar in the Punjab State; and

(b) the programme for the year 1956 for these Districts?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):

(a) Two statements showing the required information are placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 60.]

(b) (i) Proposals for opening the following offices are being taken up and they will be opened if feasible.

- Telegraph Office 1. Rania (Hissar)
Public Call Office 1. Pato Hira Singh (Ferozepur)
2. Kuikhera (Ferozepur)
3. Uklona (Hissar)

(ii) Information regarding Post Offices is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha shortly.