

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: So far as the over-exploitation is concerned, there is no over-exploitation and we have a very long shore and still we have to exploit it. We do not know what are the resources. We are trying to find that out by making surveys. There is some over exploitation of shrimp and that is why we are introducing diversified fishing so that there may not be too much emphasis on shrimp because that is exploited for exports only. We have introduced purse-seining because the type of fish which is caught by purse-seining is used in the country itself. Regarding diesel, I would not be able to say whether we can supply diesel. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: In reply to part (b) of the question, it has been stated that small trawlers which were introduced under the normal plan and under 'Employment Promotion Programme' have been mainly responsible for attaining the present level of exports which is higher. I would like to know in this context whether before allowing the trawlers to go into operation in the areas, which had been the monopoly of and traditionally belonging to the country-boat owners and catamaran owners, the fishermen have been completely put out of gear, and whether the Ministry is going to take positive steps to protect the fishermen who have been enjoying fishing rights in certain areas traditionally and through generations.

SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA: The word 'trawler' has been wrongly used here. These are small mechanised boats which are very large in number—about 1400 mechanised boats on the coast of Karnataka. This refers to these boats and not to big trawlers.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: But they are trawling with chains and big boats. They are destroying the breeding. (*Interruptions*).

राजपि शाहू महाराज की स्मृति में स्मारक डाक टिकट का निकासी जाना

*829. श्रीमती मृगाल गोरे : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजपि शाहू महाराज की स्मृति में डाक टिकट जारी करने के लिए उन्हें कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस पर सरकार ने क्या निर्णय किया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय) : (क) जी हाँ ।

(ख) शाहू छत्रपति के सम्मान में एक स्मारक डाक टिकट जारी कर दिया जायेगा । और एक मई 1979 को जारी कर दिया जाएगा ।

— श्रीमती मृगाल गोरे : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मंत्री जी ने अपने उत्तर के अन्त में जोड़ दिया है कि 1 मई 1979 को जारी कर दिया जाएगा, उस के लिए बहुत ही धन्यवाद ।

New and Big Telephone Exchanges in Big Cities

*830. **SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) why new and big telephone exchanges are being installed in big cities of the country;

(b) why smaller districts are being ignored in getting better telephone exchanges and facilities; and

(c) the overall policy of the Government in respect of providing telephone facilities in smaller towns and remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEV SAI): (a) to (c). A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) New exchanges in big cities have to be provided when capacity of existing exchanges is insufficient to meet the demand. The equipped capacity of the exchanges has to be

related to the public demand for telephone connections.

(b) Smaller places are not being ignored in provision of telephone facilities and waiting times for new telephone connections are by and large much shorter than in major cities. However, the progressive spread of automatic and S.T.D. facilities to the thousands of small towns and villages will take time and investment.

(c) Government have decided to lay special emphasis on providing telephone facilities in the smaller towns, rural and tribal areas of the country. Existing exchanges are being expanded so as to provide new telephone connections more or less on demand by the end of the current sixth Plan period. The financial criteria for opening long distance public call offices in rural and tribal areas have been greatly liberalised and higher targets have been set. A start will be made through the sanctioned domestic satellite project to provide telecommunication facilities to very remote areas.

श्री सुरेश बिक्रम : मंत्री जी ने सदन में बताया है "Smaller places are not being ignored..."

मैं मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि क्या छोटे छोटे कस्बों के लिए जिनकी ढाई हजार की आबादी है, साल बिस वर्ष में कोई विशेष योजना टेलीफोन देने की बनायी है, यदि बनायी है तो वह योजना क्या है ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बुजलाल बर्मा) : जी हाँ । एक वर्ष में जिन छोटे-छोटे स्थानों में 35,163 टेलीफोन की जरूरत थी, हम ने वहाँ पर नये साल में दुगने अर्थात् 66,817 टेलीफोन दिये हैं । इस प्रकार जो हमारा लक्ष्य था उस से हम ने दुगने टेलीफोन छोटे-छोटे स्थानों पर दिये हैं । छोटे छोटे स्थानों पर हम बड़े स्थानों की बजाय ज्यादा टेलीफोन दे रहे हैं ।

श्री सुरेश बिक्रम : इसके लिए मैं मंत्री जी का आभारी हूँ लेकिन एक सवाल और पूछना चाहता हूँ कि हमारे उत्तर प्रदेश में माहजहापुर एक जिला है उसका पोस्टल डिविजन बंदायुं में है । जबकि आजादी की लड़ाई में वहाँ के श्री भगमफाकउस्ता खाँ, पंडित रामप्रसाद बिस्मिल और ठाकुर रोशनसिंह जी सहिद हुए थे । उस के बाव वहाँ के लोगों को परमवीर चक्र भी प्राप्त हुआ । इसलिये मैं जानकारी प्राप्त करना

चाहता हूँ कि माहजहापुर का पोस्टल डिविजन जो कि बंदायुं में है उसको माहजहापुर में लाने की कृपा करेंगे या नहीं ?

श्री बुजलाल बर्मा : यह सवाल तो इस से उठता नहीं है । परन्तु अगर आवश्यक होगा तो जरूर करेंगे ।

श्री कबरलाल गुप्त : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से पूछना चाहता हूँ कि जो उन्होंने उत्तर दिया है, उसमें यह कहा है—

The financial criteria for opening long distance public call offices in rural and tribal areas have been greatly liberalised and higher targets have been set.

आप ने यह कहा है कि ट्राइबल एरियाज में भी आप दे रहे हैं । मैं पूछना चाहता हूँ कि आपने पिछले दो वर्षों में ट्राइबल एरियाज में कितने टेलीफोन और पब्लिक काल दिये हैं और अगले दो वर्षों में कितने देने वाले हैं ?

मेरा दूसरा प्रश्न यह है कि बड़े बड़े शहरों में आपने एक्सचेंज तो लगाये, बहुत टेलीफोन भी दिये, उस के लिए आपका धन्यवाद, लेकिन जो टेलीफोन सर्विस है वह जो डिटोरियेट हो रही है उस के लिए आप क्या कर रहे हैं ?

श्री बुजलाल बर्मा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस में से यह सवाल तो उठता नहीं है । आप कहें तो मैं जवाब दे सकता हूँ, जवाब बहुत लम्बा है । अभी तक जो हमने ट्राइबल एरियाज को टेलीफोन दिये हैं वैसे एरियाज से दुगने टेलीफोन ट्राइबल एरियाज को दिये हैं । फिगर्स आप कहेंगे तो मैं टेबिल पर रख सकता हूँ ।

MR. SPEAKER: That does not arise.

SHRI VINODBHAI B. SHETH: In some cases, I feel that the Government is paying huge rent and the arrears come to lakh of rupees in a year. After the agreement for rent expires, the Government does not vacate the premises. I hope the Government will vacate the premises after the expiry of the agreement. Otherwise, public will lose confidence in the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: This does not arise out of this question.

श्री सईद मुसज्जा : मान्यवर स्पीकर साहब, मैं आपके जरिये से मिनिस्टर साहब से दरख्वास्त करना चाहता हूँ कि आप छोटी छोटी जगहों पर टेलीफोन

दे रहे हैं लेकिन हमारे मुजफ्फरनगर जिले में ग्रामली, कांघला, शानाभावन आदि कस्बों में टेलीफोन बन्द हुए हैं लेकिन सुबह से शाम तक कोई टेलीफोन नहीं मिलता है। इन कस्बों की आबादी 25-25 हजार से ज्यादा की होगी। अरजेंट टेलीफोन भी मिलाइये तो भी सुबह से शाम तक नहीं मिलता है, कोई रिप्लाय नहीं मिलता है। फिर ऐसे टेलीफनों का क्या फायदा है? मेरे इलाके में 6-7 जगहों ऐसी हैं जिनकी 25-25 हजार की आबादी है लेकिन टेलीफोन नहीं मिलते हैं और कोई उन्हें चेक करने भी नहीं आता है। इसके बारे में आप क्या कर रहे हैं?

MR. SPEAKER: Your grievance is all right, but this does not arise out of this question.

Invigilation at Delhi Board Practical Examinations

*832. **SHRI K. MALLANNA:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration has faced 'Shortage' of invigilators for the Board practical examinations of Class X and XII as the Delhi School Teachers have been 'boycotting' the examinations since 21st March, 1979; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary Education, there was shortage of examiners for holding practical examinations of the Board. Accordingly the number of centres for practical examinations was reduced and the arrangements for running them were duly made in consultation with Delhi Administration.

(b) Strike by Delhi Teachers.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: Sir, not only Delhi but the whole country knows about the state of the teachers.

It has disturbed not only the normal life of Delhi but also the students and the parents. After all, what is their demand? Their demand was to boycott the examinations and start agitation for the withdrawal of the Bill. What steps the Government are taking to redress their grievances? The teachers are the lowest paid. We all talk high of them. They are the engineers of human life; they are the moulders of the young generation. In spite of all this, we are imposing a lot of restrictions on them. What steps have been taken by the Government to avert the strike, whether teachers' demands are fulfilled; if so, to what extent?

DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER: The strike continued for a number of days and the striking teachers approached me through their association; and at my request, they have called off their strike. There is no strike going on. It is not correct to say that there is one demand. There are 10 demands and the matter is being looked into.

SHRI K. MALLANNA: As I said earlier, not only a lot of inconveniences was caused to the students and the parents, but a large number of teachers were put into jail. They were harassed; their families were also harassed. A vindictive attitude has been taken against them. May I know whether the Government is going to conduct an inquiry into the atrocities and harassment caused to the teachers; and whether the Government is giving a categorical assurance that there will be no harassment, victimization and vindictive attitude, as far as teachers are concerned.

DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER: The question does not arise from this question.

There is no question of victimisation. That assurance has already been given.