

## **Vacation of State Emporia buildings in New Delhi**

**\*54. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA:  
SHRI BIPINPAL DAS:  
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND:**

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state whether the Central Government have decided to ask certain State Governments to vacate the buildings housing their emporia situated in Connaught Place New Delhi, and if so, what are the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT):** A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### **Statement**

Yes Sir, the Governments of U.P., Punjab and Union Territory of Delhi have been requested to vacate the Central Government's requisitioned buildings at E-27/1-5 Connaught Circus allotted for housing their emporia as the premises are required to be de-requisitioned by 10th March, 1980. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has also been requested to vacate the requisitioned premises at 25-B, Connaught Circus, New Delhi allotted to them for housing their Art Emporium as the premises are required to be de-requisitioned by 10th March 1980 pursuant to the provisions of the Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Property Act 1952, as amended from time to time.

### **Working of telegraphic services**

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unsatisfactory working of the telegraphic services inasmuch as many telegrams are being sent by post;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI):** (a) Yes Sir. There are certain occasions when telegrams are posted but percentage of such telegrams is very small.

(b) The main reasons are:

(i) Frequent heavy absenteeism of staff in telegraph offices.

(ii) Delays in transit especially in larger telegraph offices.

(iii) Interruptions on the over head lines caused by thefts of wire, inclement weather conditions.

(c) (i) Staff standards for telegraph offices are under study by SIU and augmentation will be considered if found justified.

(ii) Transit delays are being curtailed by providing direct circuits wherever traffic is heavy.

(iii) Proposal for expansion of Gen-tex is under examination to eliminate transits between larger telegraph offices.

(iv) Alternate channels are being built up on more and more routes.

(v) Stabler media of transmission such as coaxial cable and Microwave links are being introduced on more and more routes.

(vi) Copper weld or aluminium wire is being provided in areas where incidence of thefts on the lines is high.

(vii) When transmission of telegrams over normal/alternate route is not possible, messages are sent through special couriers over short distances instead of by post.