

monies are charged from the prospective visitors here, but the tickets are provided free by the Russian or other airlines and in this way that money which is collected here is used for party purposes? If your attention has been drawn to this and other methods as indicated by him, can you assure the House that you would look into all those methods and satisfy the House also about your findings?

SHRI K. C. PANT : My attention has not been drawn to it in the past, but it has been drawn by my honourable friend now. Therefore, at this stage, I cannot say anything about it.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : No, no, you can promise to look into all these.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : The Deputy Finance Minister, Mrs. Sushila Rohatgi, assured this House that the Government would look into it. I do not know whether it has been confined to the Finance Ministry, or else, it should have been conveyed to the Home Ministry and to the Prime Minister because this is a matter of great importance.

SHRI K. C. PANT : This takes the load off my shoulder. The Deputy Minister of Finance will doubtless inform the honourable Member about it.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : No, that increases the burden on your shoulders, otherwise, it would appear that the Government is taking a very casual attitude on this very serious question. I have pointed out certain charges. The Minister can say that he would look into them. Why does he not say that? He says he cannot say anything at this stage.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Sir, why does not the Prime Minister say anything? This is a matter of vital importance. The Prime Minister should say something on this.

SHRI K. C. PANT : According to the honourable Member himself, the matter is being looked into by the Government and from another Ministry they said that they are looking into it. The honourable Member should be satisfied now.

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : As head of the Government if the Prime Minister says a word about this that the Government would look into it, it would satisfy us.

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR : The Home Minister does not know it and the Finance Minister is looking into it. He can say that he would look into it and that if there is anything wrong, it will be corrected. MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.

POST OFFICES IN ORISSA *220. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO : SHRI M. K. MOHTA : SHRI K. C. PANDA : SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL : SHRI DEBANANDA AMAT : SHRI CHANDRAMOULI JAGA-RLAMUDI :

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) number of Post Offices, category-wise, P.C.Os and Telegraph Offices in different districts of Orissa;

(b) number of such offices proposed to be opened during the year 1973-74;

(c) whether Government propose to make a special survey in Phulbani District and open adequate number of post and telegraph offices to bring this backward district at par with other districts in Orissa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA) : (a) Statement I containing the relevant information is laid on the table of Rajya Sabha.

(b) Statement II containing the relevant information is laid on the table of Rajya Sabha.

(c) Postal Services : A special survey of Phulbani District is not considered necessary. A separate postal Division has been created for Phulbani District with effect from 28-10-72 in relaxation of the existing departmental standards for improving the postal facilities. It is also proposed to open 25 new post offices and upgrade the status of, 4 existing post offices during the year 1973-74.

Telegraph Services : A special survey is being made to open adequate number of telegraph offices in Phulbani District.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chandramouli Jagarlamudi.

STATEMENT I

Number of Post Offices, statuswise, P.C.Os and Telegraph Offices functioning in Orissa State district-wise

| Name of District | Post Offices | | | P.C.Os. | Telegraph Offices |
|----------------------|--------------|-------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| | H.Os. | S.Os. | B.Os. | | |
| Balasore | 2 | 69 | 672 | 47 | 69 |
| Balangir | 1 | 31 | 268 | 21 | 22 |
| Ganjam | 3 | 81 | 594 | 56 | 71 |
| Cuttack | 4 | 132 | 709 | 97 | 120 |
| Dhenkanal | 1 | 33 | 304 | 31 | 36 |
| Keonjhar | 1 | 33 | 255 | 28 | 31 |
| Kalahandi | 1 | 21 | 216 | 7 | 19 |
| Koraput | 2 | 64 | 290 | 15 | 41 |
| Mayurbhanj | 1 | 37 | 395 | 25 | 33 |
| Puri | 4 | 74 | 531 | 78 | 66 |
| Phulbani | 1 | 17 | 239 | 10 | 13 |
| Sundargarh | 2 | 42 | 193 | 34 | 36 |
| Sambalpur | 2 | 72 | 400 | 44 | 47 |

STATEMENT II

Number of Post Offices, P.C.Os and Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened in Orissa State, Districtwise, during the year 1973-74

| Name of District | Post Offices | P.C.Os | Tele-graph Offices |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| Balasore | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Balangir | 10 | 2 | Nil |
| Ganjam | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Cuttack | 5 | 16 | 3 |
| Dhenkanal | 25 | 1 | Nil |
| Keonjhar | 25 | 1 | .. |
| Kalahandi | 25 | Nil | Nil |
| Koraput | 20 | 9 | .. |
| Mayurbhanj | 15 | 1 | Nil |
| Puri | 5 | 4 | .. |
| Sundargarh | 20 | Nil | .. |
| Sambalpur | 10 | 4 | .. |
| Phulbani | 25 | 2 | .. |

SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : I would like to know from the hon. Minister what special attention has he been giving to Phulbani, Koraput and Sundargarh? These are the three districts which have the maximum number of Scheduled Castes and Tribes people. These districts have not got many roads and therefore communication

facilities are lacking. May I know whether the Minister is giving any special attention to these three districts of Orissa so that more post offices can be located in the different villages there?

SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA : The hon. Member asked specifically about Phulbani and to that answer has been given that we have opened post office there, irrespective of the norms. That indicates our deep and vital interest in the backward areas of Orissa. Other districts will have to wait for their turn. ♦221. [Withdrawn.]

REORGANISATION OF PATENTS OFFICE

♦222. SHRI KOTA PUNNAIAH : t

SHRI BRAHMANANDA

PANDA: SHRI CHANDRA
SHEKHAR : SHRI KRISHAN
KANT : SHRI J. S. TILAK : SHRI
A. G. KULKARNI : DR. Z. A.
AHMAD :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Kota Punnaiah.