

**ARREARS OF TELEPHONE REVENUE IN
PUNJAB**

*631. SHRI JAGAT NARAIN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of arrears of telephone revenue outstanding at present in Punjab; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to recover the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) Rs. 8.64 lacs on 1st December 1965 for bills issued up to 31st May 1965.

(b) Action has been taken to enforce the disconnection of telephones of defaulting subscribers. Other special steps, such as, pursuing the defaulting subscribers, recourse to legal action, where necessary, are also being taken to secure early settlement.

**CULTIVATION OF UNUSED LAND IN
FERTILIZER UNITS**

*632. SHRI U. S. DUGAI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have devised any measures to reclaim and bring under cultivation the land lying unused within the area acquired for different fertilizer units; and

(b) if so, the measures envisaged and the progress achieved so far in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) and (b) All available surplus lands with the Fertilizer factories are either under cultivation or are being developed for cultivation.

**TRUNK TELEPHONE CONNECTION WITH
KASHMIR VALLEY**

♦633. SHRI I. K. GUJRAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that trunk telephone connection with Kashmir Valley

is unsatisfactory and generally breaks down in adverse weather; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to meet this situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) No, Sir. Communications to Kashmir are satisfactory except during exceptionally adverse weather conditions.

(b) To maintain communications with Kashmir at a high standard of reliability, new Trunk Circuits are due to be established through underground coaxial cable systems which have been commissioned into service between Delhi and Jullundur, and a microwave radio system which is being installed between Jullundur and Srinagar.

**RECOGNITION OF CONFEDERATION OF
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

488. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have granted recognition to the Confederation of Central Government Employees; and

(b) if so, the number of unions affiliated to the said Confederation and their total membership, both (i) claimed and (ii) verified ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JAISUKHLAL HATHI) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

**ARREST OF PAKISTANI AND CHINESE
AGENTS**

489. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of persons who were arrested in the country during the year 1965 on the charge of being (i) Pakistani agents and (ii) Chinese agents ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : 89 persons were arrested during 1965 on suspicion of being involved

in espionage activities for Pakistan. Two persons were arrested during the same period on suspicion of being Chinese agents.

TUMJE UNIONS OF P. & T. EMPLOYEES

490. SHRI D. THENGARI : With the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of any trade unions of the P. & T. employees, outside the National Federation of P. & T. employees; and

(b) if so, the names of such unions and their respective membership figures ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of the recognised Associations/Unions outside the National Federation of P&T employees and of associations/unions which have applied for recognition, along with their respective membership figures, were furnished by the Associations, is laid on the Table* of the Sabha

STATEMENT

I. List of recognised Associations/Unions of P. & T. Employees outside the NFPT

Sl. No.	Name of the Union/Association	Membership figures	As on
A. Unions of Industrial Workers (which may be called Trade Unions)			
1	P & T Industrial Workers' Union, Calcutta	4,000	31-3-1963
2	P & T Mazdoor Union, Calcutta	1,995	During 1965-66
3	Telephone Workers Union (District & Workshops), Bombay	1,142	During 1965-66
B. Service Associations of Non-Gazetted Non-Industrial P. & T. Employees			
1	All India P. & T. (Including R.M.S.) Administrative Officers' Association	Not available.	
2	All India R.M.S. Asstt. Supdts. & Inspectors' Association	Not available.	
3	Telecommunication Engineering Supervisors Association (India)	2,154	During 1964
4	All India Postal Accountants' Association, Calcutta	Not available.	
C. Service Associations of Gazetted Officers			
1	Telegraph Engineers' Association	Not available	
2	Postal Officers' Associations'	202	During 1964-65
3	All India Association of Postmasters, (Gazetted & H.S.G.)	131	During 1964-65
4	Telegraph Communication Engineers' Association	244	During 1964-65
5	Telegraph Traffic Officers' Association	127	During 1965-66
6	P & T. Accounts Officers' Association	56	During 1963-64
7	P & T. Workshops Engineers Association	49	During 1963-64
8	Telecommunication Engineering Officers' Association	52	During 1962-63