

providing alternative circuits from Cuttack to Calcutta *via* Sambalpur and Jharsuguda is receiving attention.

(b) Yes.

(c) Alternative circuits will be provided as early as possible.

*333 and *334. [The questioner (Shri P. N. Rajabhoj) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1521-22 *infra*.]

"SURI TRANSMISSION"

*335. SHRI N. M. LINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the patent for the invention known as the "Suri Transmission" has been granted to any firm; and

(b) if so, what are the conditions under which the patent has been granted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b) The patent for Suri Transmission has been taken over by the Government of India in the name of the President. The grant of a licence to a West German firm for the manufacture, use and sale of Suri Transmission for a specified period is under negotiation. The details can be disclosed after the agreement has been executed.

SHRI N. M. LINGAM: May I know the details of the invention?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: As I said, they cannot be disclosed till the agreement has been executed.

SHRI K. SANTHANAM: May I know the remuneration given to Mr. Suri for this?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: None whatsoever, because it has to be finalised. This scheme has got to be put through and there will be time enough for consideration.

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SHRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR: Who gets the royalty, the Government or Mr. Suri?

SHRI S. V. RAMASWAMY: Well, the Government.

*336. [The questioners (Shri Harihar Patel and Shri S. C. Deb) were absent. For answers, vide cols. 1522-23 *infra*.]

*337. The questioner (Shri S. C. Deb) was absent. For answer, vide col. 1523 *infra*.]

*338. [The questioner (Shri P. N. Rajabhoj) was absent. For answer, vide cols. 1523-24 *infra*.]

*339. [The questioner (Shri Bairagi Dwivedy) was absent. For answers, vide cols. 1524-25 *infra*.]

AUTOMATIC TRUNK TELEPHONE DIALLING SYSTEM

*340. SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) at which centres automatic trunk telephone dialling system at subscriber's end has been established so far in 1960 and with what degree of success;

(b) how far such a system is workable efficiently for long distance trunk calls;

(c) whether Government propose to automatize the entire trunk system in the country; and

(d) if so, by what time the process is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DR. P. SUBBARAYAN): (a) The service has been introduced between Kanpur and Lucknow on 26th November, 1960. It is at present under observation.

(b) The suitability of the system for long distance trunk calls could be commented on only after a few months' experience on the service introduced between Kanpur and Lucknow.