cations be pleased to state whether the dispute with the Automatic Telephone and Electric Company, United Kingdom, about £4,422 were settled through the auditors of the company or it had to be referred to arbitration, and what has been the result thereof?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री एस० के॰ पाटिल): ग्राटोमेटिक टेलीफोन एण्ड इलेक्ट्रिक कम्पनी ने ग्रपने ग्राडीटरों के सर्टीफिकेशन के ग्राधार पर इण्डियन टेलीफोन इण्डस्ट्रीज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड पर ४,४२२ पौंड ग्रौर निकाले थे। इण्डियन टेलीफोन इंडस्ट्रीज प्राइवेट लिमिटेड ने ग्राटोमेटिक टेलीफोन एण्ड इलेक्ट्रिक कम्पनी का यह दावा स्वीकार नहीं किया ग्रौर लिखा पढ़ी के बाद ग्राटोमेटिक टेलीफोन एण्ड एलेक्ट्रिक कम्पनी ने ग्रपना दावा वापिस ले लिया। इस प्रकार ग्रब यह मामला बिल्कुल तै हो गया है।

†[The MINISTER of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI S. K. PATIL): The excess claim of £4,422 made by Automatic Telephone and Electric Company on Indian Telephone Industries (P) Ltd., was on the basis of certification by the auditors of Automatic Telephone and Electric Company. The claim was not accepted by the Indian Telephone Industries (P) Ltd., and after correspondence, Automatic Telephone and Electric Company withdrew the claim. The matter has, thus, been settled.]

श्री राम सहाय: क्या माननीय मन्त्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या यह कार्य पहले किसी दूसरी कम्पनी को दिया गया था?

श्री एस० के० पाटिल: वह तो मुझे मालूम नहीं । वह काण्ट्रेक्ट स्नाटोमेटिक कम्पनी स्नौर स्नाई० टी० स्नाई० के भीतर था। Loss of Water by Absorption and Evaporation in Reservoirs and Irrigation Canals

\*657. SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

- (a) the normal range of percentage of loss of water by evaporation and absorption in reservoirs and irrigation canals in India; and
- (b) the measures taken and proposed to be taken to reduce this loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI J. S. L. HATHI): (a) (i) Losses due to evaporation depend on numerous factors which broadly range from 3 ft. to 9 ft. depth of water in the reservoir. These losses cannot be expressed on a percentage basis.

- (ii) Losses in canals between the Headworks and the fields have been estimated to vary from 10 to 50 per cent of the supplies at the head.
- (b) The use of certain chemicals normally insoluble in water but forming a thin film on its surface, such as Cetylalcohol, is under investigation for restricting evaporation losses on reservoirs.

The lining of irrigation channels is also resorted to for decreasing seepage and absorption losses, where economically feasible.

SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Has the Central Water Power Commission taken up an intensive study of this to effect economic utilisation of water?

SHRI J. S. L. HATHI: Experiments are going on at three laboratories to see how this could be checked.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: By this new method, may I know how much wastage will be reduced?

Shri J. S. L. HATHI: I said experiments are being carried out in the States of Madras, Mysore and Punjab and therefore I cannot yet give the percentage of reduction.

<sup>†[ ]</sup> English translation.

SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA IYER: Have experiments been conducted in other countries like the U.S.A. where they are having big irrigation projects, and what has been the result of the experiments?

Shri J. S. L. HATHI: Some experiments have been carried out with the use of chemicals that would check evaporation but I have not got figures about the exact check on loss by evaporation.

Shri MAHESWAR NAIK: May I know whether the Government is aware as to the quantity of available water going waste?

Shri J. S. L. HATHI: I have stated in the reply that the loss due to evaporation varies from 3 ft to 9 ft. depth of water and the loss in canals varies from 10 to 50 per cent.

CONSTRUCTION OF A WAITING HALL AT LOWER HAFLONG OF THE NORTH-EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

\*658. Shri J. B. HAGJER: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state whether Government have decided to construct a waiting hall at Lower-Haffong on the Hil Section of the North-East Frontier Railway? If not, why not?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): It is proposed to extend the existing waiting hall at Lower Haflong during 1959-60.

SHRI J. B. HAGJER: Is there a waiting hall already?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: There is a small one.

\*659. [The questioner (Shrimati T. Nallamuthu Ramamurti) was absent. For answer, vide col. 4050 . infra.]

गवर्तमेण्ट स्राफ इण्डिया प्रेस, स्रलीगढ़ से डाक स्रौर तार विभाग को स्थानान्तरित किये गये चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारी

\*६६० श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान: क्या परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) अलीगढ़ गवर्नमेंट फौर्म्स प्रेस से सम्भरण विभाग पृथक् होत के समय कितने चतुर्थ श्रेणी के कर्मचारी डाक और तार फौर्म्स और सील्स विभाग में आये तथा उनमें से अब तक कितने उक्त प्रेस को वापस गये; और
- (ख) तृतीय श्रेणी की जगहों के लिये भरती के निमित्त काम दिलाऊ दफ्तरों में नाम लिखाने के लिये उनमें से कितनों को 'नो ग्राब्जेक्शन सिंटिफिकेट' दिये गये ?

†[CLASS IV EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED TO THE POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPART-MENT FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PRESS, ALIGARH

\*660. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAU-HAN: Will the Minister of Transport AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of class IV Employees who came over to the Posts and Telegraphs Forms and Seals Department at the time of separation of Supply Department from the Government Forms Press, Aligarh; and the number of those who have so far returned to the said Press; and
- (b) how many of them were given no-objection certificates for registering their names with the employment exchanges for recruitment to class III posts?]

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्री (श्री एस० फि० पाटिल): (क) १२१। उनमें से केवल एक ही गवर्नमेंट फौम्स प्रेस में वापस गया।

(ख) २ (दो)।

†[ ] English translation.