

SHRI V. C. KESAVA RAO: May I know, Sir, whether any amount was spent during last year for ancillary industries there?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I do not think. This Committee is a body of experts who will advise Government in regard to standardising the materials and equipment required for building. The ancillary industries are needed to supplement the process of ship-building which is a very specialised job, and unless the report comes we cannot go further.

DISCONNECTION OF TELEPHONE AT AGRA
CANTT. RAILWAY STATION ENQUIRY
OFFICE

*197. SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephone at Agra Cantt. railway station enquiry office was disconnected because of non-payment of bills; and

(b) whether any enquiry has been held to fix responsibility for causing hardship to the inhabitants of Agra by this lapse?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN):

(a) Yes; Sir. The telephone was disconnected on 26th March 1958 due to misunderstanding regarding payment of a bill. It was reconnected on 2nd April 1958.

(b) The District Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Jhansi, enquired into the matter which revealed that the information regarding payment of a bill was not communicated to the P. & T. authorities at Agra by their Head Office at Delhi. The matter is being taken up with the P. & T. Department.

SHRI AMOLAKH CHAND: May I know, Sir, whether payment internally between the different Government departments is made only by

book adjustment or actual money is paid?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: Payment is made by cheques and transfer of funds from books.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state as to whether this non-payment occurred because the bill was never delivered to the Railway Ministry and the bill was miscarried by the postal department?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: No. Sir, payment was in fact made.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: So the postal department did not know that payment had been made?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: I am sorry my reply has not been understood.

MR. CHAIRMAN: For a week it was disconnected and later it was reconnected.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: That is true. What I said was that when it was disconnected it must have been due to the reason either of non-payment or the P. & T. authorities not knowing about it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Some inefficiency somewhere.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Yes, Sir.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: The hon. Minister just now said that there was some misunderstanding. What is this misunderstanding that had arisen between the P. & T. authorities and the Railway Department?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: May I read the reply again, Sir? I thought it gave all the information that was necessary. "The District Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Jhansi," that is, the railway officer,— "enquired into the matter which

revealed that the information regarding payment of a bill was not communicated to the P. & T. authorities at Agra by their Head Office at Delhi. The matter is being taken up with the P. & T. Department."

SHRI JASPAT ROY KAPOOR: [It is] a fact that this lapse on the part of the railway authorities is not for the first time because on a previous occasion also the telephone connection at Agra Fort railway station was disconnected because of non-payment of dues?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has no information

مولانا ایم - فاروقی : کیا آنریبل منسٹر کو اس بات کی اطلاع ہے کہ الہ آباد سٹی اسٹیشن کے اوپر دو مہینے مکالمہ میلے کے وقت ٹیلیفون بند رہا ؟

†[मौलाना एम० फारुकी : क्या आनरेबल मिनिस्टर को इस बात की इतला है कि इलाहाबाद सिटी स्टेशन के ऊपर दो महीने माघ मेले के समय टैलीफोन बन्द रहा ?]

श्री शाहनवाज खां : मुझे इसका इल्म नहीं है ।

SHRI H. N. KUNZRU: Did the station authorities at Agra receive reminders repeatedly from the P. & T. authorities or not? If they did what reply did they send?

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: As I said, payment was made. I am sorry that this thing has happened. We are taking up the matter and we hope it will not recur again.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: The point is this. He said that the payment was made and the information was not received by the P. & T. Department and therefore it was disconnected.

† [] Hindi transliteration.

Now I want to know as to what was the reason why the payment was not communicated to the P. & T. Department.

SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN: The payment was made to the head office of that department and it was up to that office to inform its subordinate office at Agra.

CIRCULATION OF "TRAVELLER IN INDIA"

*198. **SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present circulation of "Traveller in India" issued by the Tourist Division;

(b) what is the number of complimentary copies issued; and

(c) whether it is proposed to publish this journal in Hindi and other regional languages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) and (b). 5,000 copies.

(c) As the journal is primarily intended for dissemination in foreign countries it is not proposed to publish this journal in Hindi and other regional languages.

SHRI M. P. BHARGAVA: May I know how many copies are subscribed in India?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I have just now mentioned that this is essentially meant for our tourist publicity abroad.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: May I know if any copies are made available in those places where tourists stay in India, for instance, in hotels in India where tourists come and stay?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I will again say that this is for foreign consumption.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: But they can also consume that in India; it can be helpful to them.