

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Yes, there are a few, but their number is limited on account of the limitation of the laboratory facilities.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : How many are there ? To my knowledge there are none.

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Thirteen.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : Is there any co-ordination between the Research Institute and the teaching institute where officers are being trained ? Is there any co-ordination between the two ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Yes, total coordination.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : Do the research workers do some teaching work in the college ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : I do not think so.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : Then, what is the nature of the co-ordination ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Well, they are together. They benefit from each other's experience and each other's neighbourhood.

PROF. N. R. MALKANI : I hope so.

PROF. G. RANGA : Is any effort being made to increase the number of these research students and are some of the students outside the Government nominees also being welcomed there ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : I said a moment before that there are limitations of laboratory facilities and unless we are able to put up more laboratories, it will not be possible to take in more research students.

PROF. G. RANGA : Is it not a fact that for the last fifteen years this complaint has been made that there is limitation of accommodation, also staff and laboratory equipment, and so on and repeatedly promises were held out that the capacity of this Research Institute to train more people would be increased ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Well, ultimately it comes to the question of finance and there are so many demands on the finance that only a limited allocation can be made to this Institute and within those allocations we are doing our best.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : May I know, Sir, whether there is an idea of having a research institute in the south of India ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : Yes, Sir.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA : May I know, Sir, when it is going to take shape and where ?

SHRI A. P. JAIN : The scheme is actively under consideration. We have had some correspondence with Government of Mysore and I think it is very shortly coming into existence.

TILAK BIRTH CENTENARY STAMPS

*475. DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact, that Tilak birth centenary stamps were issued before the date prescribed for its issue;

(b) if so, when, where and in what manner such an irregular issues took place ;

(c) who was responsible for such irregular issue ; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that an incident of this nature does not recur in future ?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Yes, through some offices in the interior only.

(b) At three places, viz., Barnala (Punjab), Hariharganj (U.P.) and Sundergarh (Orissa) on the 29th June, 1956 in all the three places against demands for normal requirements of postage stamps inadvertently.

(c) Both Treasuries and Post Offices.

(d) Strict instructions are being issued to all concerned to avoid a recurrence of this nature.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH : May I know if this leakage of these centenary stamps was noticed by the postal authorities in places other than where they were sold ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : It was the first occasion when such an irregularity came to our notice, although another instance has now been reported to us, in the case of the telegraphs centenary and the Everest Commemoration stamps also, by some leading philatelists.

PROF. G. RANGA : Why were any restrictions placed on the sale of these only ? Why was it confined only to these three stations and not allowed in other stations ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : They were distributed all over the country, through over five hundred treasuries. The question relates to the issue of the stamps before appointed date, which was the commemoration day in respect of a particular event—in this case, the birth centenary of the great patriot Lokmanya Tilak. They should have been issued on a particular date and from these three post offices the stamps were issued earlier inadvertently.

DR. P. C. MITRA : May I know whether there is any proposal to print and issue Mahatma Gandhi's birth centenary stamps which falls on the 2nd of October, 1956 ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Gandhiji's centenary does not fall in 1956.

DR. P. C. MITRA : Whether there is any proposal to print and issue Mahatma Gandhi's birthday centenary stamps which falls on the 2nd October, 1956 ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Dr. Mitra, this is about Tilak and it was a centenary. Mahatma Gandhi's centenary comes a hundred years after he was born.

DR. P. C. MITRA : Birthday centenary, not anniversary.

(No reply.)

SHRI H. P. SAKSENA : Is the hon. Communications Minister satisfied that it was really an irregularity that the centenary postal stamps were issued a few days earlier than the actual date of the centenary ? I do not see any irregularity there.

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Obviously, because the man could not have got anything more than two annas for this stamp.

आज़मगढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन पर बिजली का न आना

*४७६. श्री बी० बी० शर्मा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

• (क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर रेलवे के आज़मगढ़ स्टेशन पर असें से बिजली का फिटिंग

हो जाने पर भी वहां बिजली नहीं दी गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और वहां कब बिजली दिये जाने की आशा है ?

†[NON-SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC CURRENT TO AZAMGARH RAILWAY STATION

*476. SHRI B. B. SHARMA : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that no electric current has been supplied to Azamgarh Railway Station on the North Eastern Railway though electric fittings have been installed there since long ; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same and when electric current is expected to be supplied there ?]

रेल तथा परिवहन उपमंत्री (श्री श्री० बी० अलगसन) : (क) और (ख). आज़मगढ़ रेलवे स्टेशन पर बिजली नहीं दी जा सकी, क्योंकि उत्तर प्रदेश के बिजली विभाग (U.P. Electricity Department) ने बिजली देने का आश्वासन दिया था लेकिन वह समय पर बिजली न दे सका। इसके लिये अब मंजूरी मिल गयी है और आशा है कि लगभग एक महीने के अन्दर स्टेशन पर बिजली लग जायेगी।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN) : (a) and (b). The Azamgarh Railway Station could not be energised as U.P. Electricity Department who had assured power supply could not arrange for it in time. Sanction has now been received and the Station is expected to be energised in about a month's time.]

TEA STALL AT CHHINDWARA STATION

*477. DR. SHRIMATI SEETA PARAMANAND : Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) how long Chhindwara station has been without a tea stall ;

(b) the reason for not starting a railway tea stall at Chhindwara departmentally ; and

†English translation.