

१९५३ के बाद नौकरी से निकाल दिया गया है ?

श्री राज बहादुर : जी हां । वहां एक अनुचित स्ट्राइक हुई थी और उस सम्बन्ध में एक पोस्टमैन को नौकरी से अलहदा किया गया था ।

श्री एन० बी० देशमुख क्या वहां पर पोस्टमैनों से इतवार के रोज भी काम लिया जाता था ?

श्री राज बहादुर : पोस्टमैनों को इतवार को छुट्टी मिलती थी और जिन पोस्टमैनों से इतवार के दिन सॉर्टिंग का काम लिया जाता था तो उसके बदले में एक दिन की छुट्टी मिलती थी ।

श्री एस० महन्ती : गवर्नमेंट को कैसे मालूम हुआ कि स्ट्राइक अनुचित थी ?

श्री राज बहादुर : उन्होंने न तो खुद अपनी कोई मांग रखी, न कोई नोटिस दिया और बिना नोटिस दिए एकाएक काम करने से इन्कार कर दिया ।

श्री एस० महन्ती : उ : लोगों की शिकायत क्या थी ?

श्री राज बहादुर : यह प्रश्न ही दूसरा है जिससे यहां सम्बन्ध नहीं है । पोस्टमैनों की मांग थी कि इतवार के रोज जो उनको काम करना पड़ता है उसका उनको एलाऊंस दिया जाय । अधिकारियों की ओर से यह कहा गया कि चूकि हमारे यहां कायदा है कि अगर हम इतवार को काम करने के लिए बुला है तो उसके बदले में छुट्टी देने हैं और इस हालत में एलाऊंस का सवाल ही पैदा नहीं होता ।

REPRESENTATION FOR CONNECTING KUTCH BORDER WITH BHUJ BY TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH

*504. SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from the Government of Kutch or from any other source requesting them to connect the Kutch border with Bhuj by telephone and telegraph connections; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Yes. A desire was expressed by the Kutch Government for connecting some border towns by telegraph.

(b) Public call offices have been opened at Anjar and Mandvi. A telegraph office is sanctioned to be opened at Nakhtarana.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: May I know, Sir, when the other parts on this border will be connected?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: We have met the requirements of the Kutch Government. We have connected the two or three places that they wanted to be connected. For example Nallia and Bhachau have been connected recently and the work in connection with Nakhtarana is under way.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: But my question was with regard to this border which has an area of about 3,000 sq. miles with a population of over two lakhs and the proposals here concern only one point. Is there any proposal to have other points also connected?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: Which particular points does the hon. Member refer to?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Which particular points has the hon. Member in mind?

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: For instance, Khawda and Bella?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The Khawda and Bella connection was examined but it was either not found to be practicable or remunerative.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Is it not a fact that constantly this area is the victim of raids and dacoities from Pakistan?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: For that purpose there are ample arrangements for communication.

CONVERSION OF KANDLA-BHUJ NARROW GAUGE LINE INTO METRE GAUGE LINE

*505. **SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of converting the narrow gauge railway line between Kandla and Bhuj into metre gauge has commenced; and

(b) if so, how long it will take to complete the work?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is expected to be completed during 1955-56.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Is it in progress or not?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Yes, the work has been sanctioned and it is being proceeded with.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: How far has the line been completed?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: Sir, I would require notice.

STATION BUILDING AT BHUJ

*506. **SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI:** Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a building for the railway station at Bhuj; and

(b) if so, when the construction is to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRI LAVJI LAKHAMSHI: Was there any party sent to select a site for building the railway station or not at Bhuj?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I am not aware; but the Railway is at liberty to take it up, if they want, out of their amenities programme funds. They can do it in their scheme for amenities programme.

DR. RAGHUBIR SINH: Has the Bhuj railway station no building there already?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I think it is there.

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MOBILE LABORATORY TO STUDY THE FERTILITY OF SOIL

*421. **SHRI S. PANIGRAHI:** Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any mobile laboratory has been established to study the fertility of soil in the River Valley Project areas;

(b) if so, what are the functions of this laboratory; and

(c) what progress in its work has so far been made by this laboratory?

THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE (DR. P. S. DESHMUKH): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

SHRI S. PANIGRAHI: Will it be established in the near future?

DR. P. S. DESHMUKH: Yes, Sir, there is a proposal—and there is a provision in the agreement—and it will probably be established soon.