

PROF. G. RANGA: That will do, agreed, agreed.

SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: Is there any arrangement in Himachal Pradesh for the preservation of these potatoes in cold storage and if not, do the Central Government propose to give financial assistance to the Himachal Pradesh Government to establish one big cold storage where the potatoes can be preserved?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: That is perhaps the major idea of the Himachal Pradesh Government. They are introducing a Bill in their Assembly and they are taking up special powers so that they may be able to organise the whole thing in a proper manner and we are prepared to give them any help either financially or otherwise.

SHRI C. L. VARMA: Is the Government aware that the potato growers of Himachal Pradesh received the highest price for their Phoot and Ration potatoes last year?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes. They receive Rs. 20 per maund whereas they used to get Rs. 5 to Rs. 6 earlier.

POST AND TELEGRAPH GUIDE

*588. SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Post and Telegraph Guide is published annually, and, if not, what is the year of its latest issue;

(b) whether all the Post Offices are provided with the latest issue of the Guide; and, if so, what is the number of copies so supplied; and

(c) how many copies of the Guide were sold to the public in the year 1952-53?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR): (a) Till 1946 the P. & T. Guide was being published annually. Since then it has been brought out once in two

years. The latest edition is that of June 1952. Part I of that edition has been published, but Part II is still under print.

(b) Yes, to all Head and Sub-Post Offices whose number on 31st March 1953 was 8,623.

(c) Number of copies sold to the public in 1952-53:

Part I	... 2,479
Part II	.. 1,415

SHRI T. V. KAMALASWAMY: What is the cost for each guide?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I cannot give it from memory. The total cost to the Department comes to Rs. 2 lakhs.

PROF. G. RANGA: Sale price per copy?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: I don't know the sale price per copy. The total cost to the Department is Rs. 2 lakhs.

SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Is it a fact that even the Delhi Post Offices are using the 1950 editions still?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: They use the edition which has been published recently in June 1952. Part II is still under print and so they must be using the 1950 edition for Part II.

श्री जसपतराय कपूर : क्या उप मंत्री महोदय यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि पोस्ट और टेलीग्राफ गाइड हिन्दी में छपती है या नहीं? यदि नहीं तो क्या मंत्री जी यह बतलाने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या सरकार इस ओर कोई कदम शीघ्र ही उठाने जा रही है।

†[SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: Will the hon. Deputy Minister be pleased to state whether the Post and Telegraph Guide is published in Hindi? If not, will he kindly tell us whether Government intends to take early steps in the matter?]

†English translation.

श्री राज बहादुर : गाइड हिन्दी में प्रकाशित नहीं की जाती है, शनैः शनैः : इस ओर चेष्टा का जायेगी और आशा है कि शीघ्र ही यह प्रयत्न पूरा हो जायेगा और यहाँ हमारी इच्छा है ।

†[SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: The Guide is not published in Hindi. Gradually efforts will be made in this direction. We wish and hope to accomplish the task soon.]

श्री जसपतराय कपूर : क्या मैं यह समझूँ कि शनैः शनैः जो आपने बतलाया है इस ओर प्रयत्न किया जायेगा और एक वर्ष के अन्दर यह योस्टल गाइड हिन्दी में मिल सकेगी ?

†[SHRI J. R. KAPOOR: Am I to understand that you mean to say that gradually efforts will be made in that direction and the Postal Guide will be available in Hindi within a year?]

श्री राज बहादुर : निश्चित रूप से नहीं कहा जा सकता है कि एक वर्ष या कितने वर्ष लगेंगे किन्तु आशा है कि शीघ्र ही यह काम हो जायेगा ।

†[SHRI RAJ BAHADUR: It cannot be definitely said whether it will take one year or more but we hope to accomplish the task soon.]

श्री ब्रजकिशोर प्रसाद सिन्हा : क्या मंत्री महोदय “शनैः शनैः” और “सम्प्रति” का मतलब बतलायेंगे ?

†[SHRI B. K. P. SINHA: Will the hon. Deputy Minister explain the words ‘gradually’ and ‘soon’?]

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is a peaceful evolution, not a rapid revolution.

SHATABDI TICKETS

*589. SHRI S. M. HEMROM: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

† English translation.

(a) the number of Third Class *Shatabdi* Tickets issued by each zone of the Indian Railways; and

(b) whether there has been any increase or fall in revenue due to the issue of these concession tickets?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT (SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) It has not been possible to make the required assessment within this short time.

STATEMENT

Approximate total number of *Shatabdi* Tickets issued.

Railways	No.
Central	65,528½
Western	14,429½
Northern	6,208½
Eastern	7,663½
North-Eastern	1,025½
Southern	16,947½
TOTAL	1,11,803

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is it a fact that due to the issue of these tickets there has been a lot of congestion in the third class compartments?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: In some cases it is so.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: Is it fair to the travelling public which pays full fares to be inconvenienced by the issue of these tickets?

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: It is rather a difficult question. We were asked to issue these concession tickets. This House itself was demanding the issue of these tickets and when they are issued, some congestion is inevitable. To relieve the congestion we are also adding more coaches.

SHRI KISHEN CHAND: The House demanded a reduction in fares. I