

SHRI M. VALIULLA: The idea is if the deficit is about 9 or 10 lakhs there should be some method found out to see that it does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: When they have the deficit, they will discover how best it will be met but it is a hypothetical question.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: It is chronic. It is going on.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Would the hon. Minister let us know whether this Pilotage revenue is from Pilotage only or is also from the Harbour Masters' Fees.

SHRI O. V. ALAGESAN: I have no information. I would like to have notice.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: Would he let us know how the rate for pilotage in Calcutta port which, more or less, is for piloting for about 120 miles, compares with pilotage charges in other parts of the world and if it is very low, as I understand it is very low.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not arise out of this. He says the deficit in Hooghly Pilotage account and you are asking for the rates of pilotage.

SHRI C. G. K. REDDY: It does arise. I would submit that the revenue is low because the rate is low.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put a different question.

TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FOR ANDHRA CENTRES

*86. PROF. G. RANGA: Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of (i) telephone switch-boards in stock, (ii) the telephone connections capable of being connected to such switch-boards;

(b) the places where and the period for which these switch-boards have been in stock;

(c) how many applications for telephone connections and exchanges have been received every year from Andhra since 1950 and how many of them have been granted; and

(d) whether there are any plans for opening exchanges or providing additional switch-boards to meet these increasing demands?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). Two magneto boards, one of 50 lines and the other of 100 lines, are available in Store depots at Bombay and Jabalpur, from August, 1952, and December, 1952 respectively.

(c)	1950	1951	1952
No. of application received.	592	636	600
No. of connections provided.	267	371	522
New exchanges opened.	3 (Bobbili, Nandyal & Chittoor).	2 (Sri-Kakulam & Cuddapah)	3 (Gudur, Tirupah, & Pakala)

(d) Yes.

PROF. G. RANGA: What are these plans? What plans have the Government got for opening up exchanges and providing additional switch-boards? How many exchanges and how many switch-boards do they plan to provide?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: The Plan is to provide extensions at Bezwada, and Guntur and often exchanges at Chirala and Pilacole (?).

SHRI T. S. PATTABIRAMAN: May I know what area the hon. Minister means when he gives the figures of applications from "Andhra"?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: The area at present under the charge of the Director of Madras Circle of the P. & T. Department.

PROF. G. RANGA: To what use are these switch-boards that they have in reserve, being put now? The hon. Minister said they have some switch-boards in reserve at Jabalpur and one other place.

AN HON. MEMBER: Bombay.

PROF. G. RANGA: Is it Bombay? Well. What are they doing with these?

SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM: These switch-boards are meant for places where power is not available and for them a special type of magneto telephone instrument is necessary. As soon as we get the telephone instruments these switch-boards will be used.

SHRI V. K. DHAGE: Is there any plan with regard to the extension of telephone connections in Hyderabad city?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does not arise. Next question.

TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE ON TEA INDUSTRY

*87. SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent tripartite conference on tea recommended that a High Power Commission be constituted with instructions to conduct a thorough and comprehensive enquiry into the conditions of the tea industry and to submit its report by the middle of February; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to implement the said recommendation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI): (a) At its 4th Session held at Calcutta on the 19th and 20th December, 1952, the Industrial Committee on Plantations suggested *inter alia* that a Tripartite Commission, with regional sub-committees, be appointed immediately by the Central Government to investigate into the cost structure of the industry. The Committee also requested that the Commission should be asked to report by the 15th February 1953.

(b) In view of the technical nature of the problem, it has been decided to appoint a Committee of Experts includ-

ing a person with an intimate knowledge of labour problems to investigate *inter alia* into the cost and trade structure of the industry.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Is it a fact that it was suggested at the Industrial Conference that the Commission would investigate not only the cost structure, but all aspects of the tea industry?

SHRI ABID ALI: Yes, it is so.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR: Will the terms of reference for this expert committee contain these things also?

SHRI ABID ALI: As the hon. Member is doubtless aware, the Standing Committee of this particular industry is meeting at Shillong on the 27th and 28th of this month and this subject will be further discussed and in the light of their decision action will be taken.

AFFILIATION OF MEDICAL COLLEGES

*88. SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: Will the Minister for HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether any medical colleges have been disaffiliated by the Indian Medical Council; and

(b) if so, what are the names and places of location of those colleges?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HEALTH (SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) No. Medical Colleges are not affiliated to the Medical Council of India.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA: May I know if the Indian Medical Council has made any recommendation as regards the Nagpur Medical College?

SHRIMATI M. CHANDRASEKHAR: The degrees conferred by the Nagpur Medical College were to be recognised by the Government of India and the recommendations of the Indian Medical Council were to be received. The Indian Medical Council has suggested