

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