

(b) what has been the total yearly transaction through the cheque system in each of these places since its introduction ?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) No. The system has not yet been introduced in any Post Office.

(i), (ii) and (b) Do not arise.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE AT COCHIN PORT

93. SHRI M. MANJURAN: Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Administrative Officer at the Port of Cochin interfered in the disposal of any industrial dispute;

(b) whether he was appointed by any Tribunal as arbitrator in any such dispute;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint regarding his activities in connection with such a dispute; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) In the interests of the smooth working of the port, the Administrative Officer offered his good offices as mediator in a dispute between head-load labour, represented by the Cochin Thuraimugha Thozhilali Union, and their employers, South India Corporation, Cochin Port and brought about an agreement.

(b) No.

(c) Shortly following the agreement, complaints were received by Government from workers who were not members of the Cochin Thuraimugha Thozhilali Union that a number of workers previously working on a casual basis for the South India Corporation had been discharged and others were taken.

(d) The Chief Labour Commissioner has since investigated into the

matter and brought about a settlement by conciliation.

DISMISSAL OF STAFF FROM POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

94. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the members of the staff of Posts and Telegraphs Department that were removed from service during 1951-52 for behaving discourteously to the public; and

(b) how many of them have been reinstated ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJ BAHADUR) : (a) Two Packers; named Shri R. Subramaniam and Shri Nabi Kishore Singh serving in Nagpur General Post Office and Imphal Post Office respectively.

(b) One.

CARS MAINTAINED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE IN THE CENTRAL SECRETARIAT

95. SHRI M. VALIULLA : Will the Minister for TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cars maintained by all Departments in the Central Secretariat at Government expense;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred on them during 1951-52; and

(c) what was the cost at which they were purchased ?

THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (SHRI LAL BAHADUR) : (a) (i) Secretariat—37.

(ii) Attached and subordinate offices—23.

(b) (i) Secretariat—Rs. 1,81,409.

(ii) Attached and subordinate offices—Rs. 72,604.

(c) (i) Secretariat—Rs. 3,94,422.