

**Mr. G. R. Clarke:** Orderly peons for Inspectors of Post Offices were sanctioned from various dates up to 1908. They were withdrawn during 1923-24 as a measure of retrenchment.

**RECOVERY OF MUNICIPAL AND Halkhuri TAXES FROM POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH STAFF OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.**

**199. Mr. K. C. Neogy:** (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether postmasters are not required to live in the Post Office quarters in the interest of the Department? Is municipal and halkhuri tax recovered from them?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state if municipal and halkhuri tax is recovered from telegraphists living in quarters provided for them?

**Mr. G. R. Clarke:** (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the second part in the negative.

(b) Yes.

**TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND STAFF OF CERTAIN POST OFFICES IN CALCUTTA.**

**200. Mr. K. C. Neogy:** (a) Will Government be pleased to state what was the total monthly expenditure of the old Simla and Beadon Street T. S. Os. in Calcutta and what is the total monthly expenditure of the new Beadon Street T. S. O.?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state the amounts of house rent paid for the old Simla and Beadon Street Post Offices and the new Beadon Street Post Office?

(c) What is the amount of house rent paid for the Barabazar P. O.?

(d) What is the number of (a) the clerical staff and (b) the postmen's staff (1) of Barabazar and (2) of new Beadon Street T. S. Os.? Are not the rates of house rent of the Barabazar locality higher than that of Beadon Street? If so, why is the house rent of the new Beadon Street P. O. so much in excess of that of the Barabazar P. O.?

(e) Has not the amalgamation of the Simla and Beadon Street P. O. increased the delivery area of the Beadon Street Post Office to a very great extent, and is not the delivery of postal articles delayed by the amalgamation?

**Mr. G. R. Clarke:**

(a) Simla T. S. O.	...	Rs.	
Beadon Square T. S. O.	...	4,958	a month-
(This was the correct name).	...	5,049	"
Beadon Street T. S. O.	...		
(b) Simla	...	10,984	"
Beadon Square	...	150	"
Beadon Street	...	225	"
(c) Rs. 490 a month.	...	1,500	"
(d)			

Bara Bazar	...	Clerical staff.	Postmen.
Beadon Street	...	78	125
	...	51	100