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Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police,

SPECIAL BRANCH.

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Report of S. M. S. Rahman of 21.7.47.

AC1 Perusal of page (B) with ref to order at the margin of page 24 (A). L.H.O may have the list of office bearers from Labour Commissioner's office.

M. Anj  
26/7/47

yes early pl  
Anj  
25/7/47

Report of S. M. S. Rahman of 218 . . . . . 2 A/P.

AC2 Perusal of the report with ref. to orders at P 24, (margin), wherein SO was asked to report details of the Association.

SO reports that the office of the Labour Commissioner is busy in dividing files and the required information could not be had by him.

SO may keep this in view and report details as soon as they can be had from the office of the Labour Commissioner.

For orders.

yes.  
Anj  
2/8

Report of S. S. Athavale of 15/9. re: Indian Telegraph Union.

AC2 Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders above and at P 24 margin.

The union is not yet registered with the L.C. so it has been suggested in the report that SO concerned may try at Central Telegraph Office, where Mr. C. Chaturji is said to be the General Secy. of the Union.

S. An. C. to speak.

S. A. C. Shetkarji to enquire  
report quickly pl. Anj  
15/9

For orders.

Chaturji  
15/9

India Telegraph Association is located at Olympia House Mission Row Ext. Do. Sec. H may

visit. anj  
16/9/47

M.S.R.  
21/7/47  
6/2/47

M.S.R.  
Reported 9/8

Reported 6/8

M.S.R.  
9/8/47

The union is not located in our jurisdiction. This may be given to L.C. a Do. Sec. H.

anj  
10/8  
11/9

13/9/47

16/9/47



Report of SS AEB of 26/9

4A/F

SCO Perusal of the report (at P & A/F) with ref. to notes and orders at 85 page.

for orders.

SPA to discuss it.

Thelby  
27/9

Amey

19/9

Discussed. SPA to keep in touch and report the names of the office-bearers of the Union of Post and Telegraph Workers when sheeted.

Amey  
20/9

ACB  
20/10

1/10

Report of SS AEB of 10/x

PSA/F

SCO Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders above.

J.R. may be awaited.

for orders.

M.

Amey  
11/10

Thelby  
11/x

RSS  
14/x

ACB  
18/10

Key  
14/10

PSA/F

Report of SS K.C. Day of 17/x

SCO Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders above.

J.R. is awaited from the SO.

for orders.

M. Amey  
17/10

Thelby  
17/x

ACB  
36/10

LO  
20/10

PSA/F

Report of SS AEB of 4/11

SCO Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders above.

J.R. may be awaited.

for orders.

M. Amey  
6/11

Thelby  
5/11

RSS  
6/11

ACB  
11/11

LS  
7/11



Report of S. A.C.B. of 19/11

Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders at 85. page.

FR. is awaited.

For orders.

File. Let the D.O. report when available.

Shreeji  
15/11

Feb  
27/11/11  
noted  
L.S.  
17/11/11

Shreeji  
15/11

Report of S. A.C.B. of 2/12

Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders from 85 to I

It has been reported that the election of the B.P. Unit has not yet been held and as such the D.O. may be asked to keep in touch and report details for orders.

Further report from the D.O. is awaited

R.G. S.  
5/12/11

Feb  
17/11/11  
noted  
L.S.  
6/11/11

Shreeji  
4/12

PQA/F Report of S. A.C.B. of 6/11

Perusal of the report with ref. to notes and orders from 85 page I and above.

The office-bearers are reported to have not yet been elected.

For orders.

S. A.C.B. to B.I. kept in view + report further

Chhanna  
12/11/11

Feb  
29/11/11  
noted  
L.S.  
16/11/11

Shreeji  
10/11

The names at P.25 may be marked for indexing.

the by all known (I mean their particulars)

CB  
14/11

Ref. Sec  
15/11

Shreeji  
13/11

some phase see p. 25

Ref. query above. The Ref. Sec's note at P.25 margin may pl. be seen.

For orders.

16-11-11

Shreeji  
16/11

W/W  
Can you pl. help by check Pramil list?

CB  
17/11/11







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ଅନୁମୋଦିତ  
2/2

2/2  
ଅନୁମୋଦିତ 2/2



(Inter-sheet for SW 1190/47)

1.6, ~~Basu~~ Sarat Chandra  
of late Janaki Devi of 1 Woodburn Park, Calcutta

S, ~~Basu~~ (Ketaji) Subhas Chandra of late Janaki Devi  
of 382, Elgin Road, Calcutta

S, ~~Singh~~ Capt. Mohan of the I.N.A.

14, 18, 22, 25, 30, ~~Koronha~~ Dr. G. B.  
Genl. Secy. I.T.A.

25, ~~Gupta~~ Om Prakash of Pyaralal  
of Dhakala, Rhotak, Et. Punjab  
and of 21A, Canxing Street, Calcutta



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NR. 5478  
19.3.48

161. The Union of Post and Telegraph Workers (Calcutta Branch).

8.8.1948

\* At a joint meeting (300) of the members of the Indian Telegraph Association, Indian Post and Telegraph Union, All India Postal and R.M.S. Union held on 17.3.48 at the Tarapada Memorial Hall with SRI P.K.MUKHARJI (incompletely identified) in the chair, speeches were made and resolutions were passed by 361 votes to 81 deciding the amalgamation of the various postal Unions into one, under the name and style of "The Union of Post and Telegraph Workers, Calcutta Branch", authorizing the office-bearers and Executive Committee of the All India Postal and R.M.S. Union to function as the office bearers and executive Committee of the new union, sanctioning its affiliation with the 'Union of Post and Telegraph Workers' at 62 Regal Building, New Delhi, adopting the proposed constitution of the Union of Post and Telegraph Workers, as accepted in the Delhi conference of August 1947 as an interim measure, deciding the opening of two accounts on behalf of the Union, one with some scheduled bank in Calcutta and another with the Postal Savings Bank and forming a \*Committee to make amendments in the constitution of the Union.

\* Secretary ex-Officio (incompletely identified)

SREE P.K.MUKHARJI	"	"
SREE HARADHAN MUKHARJI	"	"
BISWANATH DUTTA	"	"
PHANI GOSWAMI	"	"
BHUPENDRA NATH GHOSH	"	"
TAPENDRE NATH MUSTAFA	"	"
RAI KRISHNA BANARJI	"	"
SAROJ MOHAN CHATARJI	"	"
BASANTA MUKHARJI	"	"
SANTOSH KUMAR GUPTA	"	"



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any further action under Contemplation  
against these INA personnel, and  
issue orders for the payment of  
arrears of pay, and allowances,  
gratuities withheld by the Army  
authorities, and to treat the entire  
period from the date of discharge  
from the Army to the date of rejoining  
the Civil appointment as Inty. for  
all purposes. I am therefore to  
request that you will take up the  
case with Director-General and the  
Government of India and do the needful  
immediately.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lt. P. K. Bhuyanga Rao.  
Vice-President

Copy forwarded to Lt. Saratendra  
Dose, Lt. A. (Central) Chatterjee for information  
and favour of moving the Government of  
India in the matter.

Lt. P. K. Bhuyanga Rao  
Vice-President

Damodar  
29/6



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from North Malaya in the latter part of November 41 or beginning of December 41, and were all in Singapore by the end of the year. The evaluation of these personnel could have been easily effected, but it was not thought of or attempted.

5) Even after their surrender they were, it seems, allowed to drift for themselves in the various prisoners of war camps. The high ranking postal officers, we are informed, neglected them and were minding their own interests. They were thus without any leader, help or advice. Those who joined the Indian National Army were fired with highest patriotism for their country. Gandhi has welcomed with open arms all their countrymen who fought against her on the side of Hitler. European history abounds with such chronicles now and before.

It would be becoming of the Government of India and the Head of the Indian Posts & Telegraphs Department if they will immediately withdraw any

P.T.O.



duty as a form of punishment  
 unless and until charges are  
 framed against them, defence  
 obtained, and a verdict if any established.  
 and it would surely stand  
 discredited if ultimately remedy  
 is sought by the men in Courts  
 of law against so grossly  
 unjust and tyrannous treatment  
 meted out to them especially when  
 the Government of India have  
 openly declared that it is no  
 offence to have joined the Indian  
 National Army.

4) The Government of India  
 failed in their duty to arrange for  
 the evacuation of the P.T. officials  
 from Malaya immediately after the  
 declaration of the war against the  
 Allies of the Japanese, or along  
 with the British Civil and other  
 personnel who were hurriedly evacuated  
 and taken out towards Australia  
 a few days before the actual  
 surrender. All the Army Post  
 offices and their personnel began their  
 retreat towards Singapore from P.T.O.



Which they were paid no pay and allowances, ~~and~~ not told by them were not taken in for duty, orders granting them leave available to their credit were issued. There is also a strong rumour that instructions have been issued from the Directorate to all authorities that until such time final orders are issued all Postal & R.M.S. personnel classified "Grey" by the Army authorities and discharged should not be admitted for duty but grants all leave available to their credit in their leave account, and when no further leave can be granted they should be taken as on "suspension from duty" and paid the usual subsistence allowance.

3) This attitude and action of the Director-General, Post & Telegraphs, New Delhi towards these officials needs an immediate and radical change in accordance with the change in the treatment of the I.A. personnel who are now treated as war service men and given Government appointment. The department has no right to lock them out, place them on leave list or suspend them from duty.



and Surrender of the British on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 42, actively associated themselves with the Indian National Army raised there under the leadership in the beginning of Capt. Mohan Singh and later of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" were released on the request of Burma and Malaya, brought back to India as Released Prisoners of War, detained for some months in various Field Intelligence Camps, interrogated by British Indian Army officers and Courts of Enquiry, Classified "Black" and "Grey" punished with forfeiture of (1) all Service (2) Pay and Allowances (3) Pension (4) Gratuity etc for the period from the date of their Surrender in Malaya to the date of their subsequent recovery by the Allied troops and finally discharged from the Army Service with written orders to report themselves to their Divisional Postal and R.M.S. Authorities on specified dates for duty in their respective civil appointments.

2) It has also transpired that when in accordance with those orders they reported for duty on the due dates they were not admitted for work but were told that orders from the Director - General, Post & Telegraph New Delhi, were awaited. About three months later during which



True Copy of an English typed  
Regd. Letter No 388 of "Madras Sorting R. No 5"  
of 10.6.46 bearing the postal date of  
issue 21.6.46 from P. X Bhujanga Rao,  
Vice-President, The Indian Posts & Telegraphs  
Union, Madras Provincial Branch, Cathedral Rd.  
Madras to <sup>The General Secy. Indian Posts & Telegraphs</sup> ~~Union~~, "Dewan Bhanan", Delhi  
(Copy to Lt. Sarat Chandra Bose, M.A. (Central) Elgin Rd  
Cal.) intercepted at Elgin Rd. Po. on 24/6

The Letter head printed as:-

The Indian Posts & Telegraphs Union  
Madras Provincial Branch, Cathedral Rd  
- Madras.

I.P.T./I.N.A

Dated 10 June 1946.

The General Secretary  
Indian Posts & Telegraphs Union  
"Dewan Bhanan" Delhi.

Subj: Re-admission to Civil  
posts of the officials of  
the Indian Posts and Telegraphs  
Department who joined the Indian  
National Army in Malaya  
and Burma. (1).

Sir,  
I am directed to say that of  
the approximately 250 officials of the  
P & T Department who volunteered and  
were deputed for Field Service in  
Malaya and the Far East on the out-  
break of the war in September 1939  
it was transpired that ~~too~~ about 100  
who, after the fall of Singapore and



~~SECRET~~  
~~Very Secret.~~

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20/6/46

Security Control Office,  
3/1, Pretoria Street.

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Calcutta, the 19

Memo. No. 18450/SW 829/6

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of *Elgin Rd*  
the 27. 6. of 46 19

From *P. N. Bhargava Rao*  
Vice-President, The Indian N.T. Union

*Copy* To *St. James Provincial Branch, Cathedral, Madras.*  
*St. James C. Post, Madras (Central)*

Language of letter *English, Elgin Rd Cal*

Post Office of interception *Elgin Rd P.*

Date of letter *10. 6. 46*

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W. B. G.  
Madas  
Indian Post & Telegraphs  
Union -

Vice-President of Madras  
P. & T. Union sends to Sarat  
Basa a copy of his letter to  
the General Secretary, Indian  
Post & Telegraphs Union,  
Delhi, asking Sarat Basa  
to take up the cause of the  
P & T employees who joined the  
war service, but subsequently  
with Jap: conquest of Singapore  
went over to J. V. A in helpless  
condition. The Govt have  
discharged them from military  
service, but have forfeited  
their pay, gratuity etc. and

Madas SB  
Com. Dir (B) (R)  
SB 4576



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If we cannot get such men it is better not to have any leaders. At present it appears to many that this fight of the hard pressed staff is organised by Congress to make itself more powerful! This impression is worse than anything else since we have nothing to do with Politics.

The I.T.A. should immediately appoint organisers going about starting branches, adding more members to existing branches making active idle branches and lastly to help the general secretary in all ways possible in times of crisis. These people can tour about giving instructions and infusing enthusiasm in members when they are faced with important developments like strikes.

While concluding let me say that the case of Engineering Supervisors should be taken up with the pay Commission and it should be seen that they do not get even a Rupee less than those with the same qualifications and responsibilities in other departments. If the pay Commission does not do the justice to this down trodden and unpaid for Cadre they are prepared to start the struggle again and it is expected that the General Secretary will lead them aright without fear or favour. (Sd) T. Sasraath BSc

AKola, 7th Aug 1946

President I.T.A. branch E.S.T. AKola  
AKola



On the top of this came the influence of Congress enthusiasts. It is very deplorable that nobody thought of the consequences of taking Congress leaders in to our agitation. It cannot be forgotten that though Congress is a major political organisation it does not have the sympathy of our Muslim colleagues. Again as it is not an organisation of the workers it has no sympathy for strikers. Lastly being in power it cannot be expected to side against the administration. There is nothing better to teach one to be strong in oneself. The federation should feel confident of its own strength and start agitating without the support of leaders who normally have nothing to do with it. Public sympathy may be desirable but certainly not a necessity. It can easily be won by well directed propaganda and the federation must be prepared to create the public sympathy without the aid of political leaders. To attempt getting public sympathy by taking into confidence such diplomats and seasoned politicians is dangerous and we have a good lesson from recent failure. If we choose leaders for our fight they must be experienced fighters and trade unionist who have successfully conducted several strikes.



The I.T.A. and interested members launched vigorous (?) drives to recruit from the engineering side; and went to the extent of even forming new branches all over India since they all became members of the I.T.A. to agitate their cause through that organisation, the general secretary knows how much they have done to increase the strength and the prestige of the I.T.A.

In Nagpur division alone there started four branches of which the supervisor's is separate. Had there been equal co-operation from Calcutta headquarters the spontaneous interest would have increased considerably.

Though a meeting was arranged as early as Dec. 1945 under the Presidentship (?) of an M.P. and strike threat was given no detailed instructions were sent to the branches about what to do in case of strikes, nor codes and directives sent to the secretaries to organise. There was no vigorous propaganda to convince the members of our strength, our aims and the modus operandi. Consequently when the strike orders were issued there was confusion and each branch secretary had to decide for himself. It would not have been a wonder if some branches had not at all co-operated for lack of definite orders.



and the vast difference in the qualifications of these men and the old men the former being usually a Graduate in Science or Engineering, it is just that these start with a salary of at least Rs 200. A memorandum has already been sent to the pay Commission by the Nagpur Division Engineering Supervisors who have their own branch of the I.T.A.

If their salaries are fixed less than Rs 200 or than those officials in other departments who have the same qualifications and responsibility they are ready to start the agitation again. For this they are forced to review the last struggle and take lessons from it.

The recent agitation of the Federation seems almost a sequel to the Postmen's Strike but for which it seems very doubtful if anything would have happened. At least the Federation would have been mightily satisfied with the adjudicator's award. Why is this so? Why has the Federation which started with much militant views cowed down without even getting the minimum starting salaries of 1931? What has damped the enthusiasm of our leaders?

Even two years before the struggle started the Engineering Supervisors who were worst hit by the Revised Scales joined wholeheartedly



Clearly states that it is desirable to base its decision after stabilization of prices. Has the Service organisations any voice in shaping the verdict? Will the recommendations of the several Unions be heeded by them. It is not unlikely the verdict may be as dogmatic and as unreasonable as any of the previous findings of the Govt. Since we have never been assured that the pre 1931 scales will be restored. The Commission should be pressed to give a clear cut decision before January 1947 instead of giving only indefinite preliminary reports on which the Government may not take any action.

The Case of Engineering Supervisors is so peculiar and so much unheeded that they can never rest till their Case is fully gone through by the pay Commission. The cut in their starting salaries from Rs 120 to Rs 80 is most unjust. The inspectors of post offices, the maintenance telegraphists, inspectors of railways, the thasildars of provincial service who are all just below the Gazetted rank and who are not liable to be transferred. all over India start near about Rs 150 even in the revised scales. But considering the Supervisors highly technical and responsible work, (there being very little difference in the work of the Gazetted officers and these men)



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Exact copy of an English letter (typed) 8.7.8.46,  
bearing illegible postal seal of issue, intercepted  
at Sharamtala P.O. on 12.8.46.

From - T. Sasarathi - President I.T.A. branch  
Akola (C.P.)

To - Dr. G. E. Naonha - Ph.D. - General Secretary  
I.T.A. Calcutta.

Sir, Kindly publish the following in the  
"Recorder" if possible. Will you kindly  
inform us how Supervisors Case is to be put  
up to pay Commission.

Our Struggle

Though we have personally the greatest  
admiration for our general Secretary; it would  
be suicidal and lack of interest (?) if we  
fail to bring to the notice the criticisms (→)  
that are being levelled at by my colleagues  
the Engineering Supervisors.

~~1/2~~ The pre 1931 scales of pay has not been  
restored. The 15% increase does not compensate  
the 33.3% Cut of 1931. For Example the  
Engineering Supervisors whose pay was cut  
from Rs 120 to 80 now hope to get only  
Rs 92. This is gross injustice. The Government  
has asked them to wait till the pay Commission  
Commission decides. The administration in  
its Circular about the pay Commission

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Very Secret.

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I.B.B.

Security Control Office,  
3/1, Pretoria Street,  
2278C.

Calcutta, the 19

Memo. No. 22788/SW 219/46

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Interception by the Inland/~~Foreign~~ Mail of Dharamtala  
the 12th of Aug. 1946.

From T. Dasanathi - President I.T.A. branch  
Akola

To G.E. Moronha - Ph.D. - General Secy.  
Olympia House. Cal. I.T.A. Calcutta

Language of letter..... English

Post Office of interception..... Dharamtala

Date of letter..... 7.8.46

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Akola

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T. Dasarathi, President,  
I.T.A. Branch, Akola -  
writes to Dr. G.E. Noronha,  
General Secy, I.T.A.,  
Calcutta, about restoration  
of 1931 scale of pay for  
the Engineering Superin-  
-sors - and asks addressee  
to press this point for  
consideration of the  
Pay Commission.

CPSB

Amr. D. B.

JRB 13/8



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to the demands mentioned above. The new  
contracts in the Circle Office, Bombay, and  
those in the Bombay C. P. O. feel that they  
have been hopelessly deluded by the federation  
in as much as Government's final decision  
has been <sup>through</sup> ~~beneficial~~ to the people in the old  
States. ~~Through~~ the real agitation came from  
the new men, who were the worst  
sufferers all these years. The only consola-  
tion they find is in the news that Govern-  
ment is appointing a Committee to go  
into the question of pay of new entrants  
etc. I do not know how far to believe  
in this piece of news, but I shall be  
obliged if you kindly let me know  
whether there is any truth in it and  
if so to what extent and in what way  
the federation is going to fight out  
the issue?

A very early reply will be appreciated  
as the officials are getting restless.

Yours sincerely  
Sd. R. V. Langhate

Submitted

R. V. Langhate

26/9/46



Exact copy of an English typed letter dated 18 August 1946, bearing postal seal, sent from Bombay R.H.S. 21 Aug. 46, 5 Pm - intercepted at Charanotala P.O. on 26.9.46.

From: R.V. Langhate, Postmaster-General's Office, Bombay.

To: Dr. George C. ~~Noronha~~ <sup>Noronha</sup>, General Secretary Indian Telegraph Association, Calcutta.

Dear Dr. Noronha,

You may be aware that I had been deputed along with Mr. Pradhan, our All India Secretary, to Andhra in the last week of July to ascertain the exact nature of the demands of the Federation for which it served Government - with a notice of strike and how far they relate to the circle of work given to us by the Government. The Council of Action, which consists of (1) increase in good conduct pay (2) a grant compensation allowance of Rs 10/- at all places and (3) the raising of the relief grants by the Adjudicator's award to Circle Offices from 5% to 15% subject to a minimum of 45% of the difference between the old and new scales of pay. I was further given to understand that the peculiar case of the Circle Offices had been discussed with the Director-General who had agreed that the officials in Circle Offices should be treated on a par with the new entrants in the Circle Offices.

The annual bonus on which the pay ration called off the strike are however sadly disappointing as they have not been



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S. B. B. ✓  
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Security Control Office,  
3/1, Pretoria Street.

Calcutta, the

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of Sharamtolla  
po. the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 19 46

From R. N. Langhate  
Post. master Genl's office, Bombay  
 To Dr. George E. Narkone Genl Secy.  
Indian Telegraph Association  
Calcutta  
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 Post Office of interception Sharamtolla  
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Bombay.

(SW)  
Indian Telegraph Association

Typed P R. V. Langhate of the  
copies Post Master General's office,  
Bombay, writes to Dr. George  
1) - Noronha, General Secy.,  
Indian Telegraph Association,  
2) Bombay enquires about the demands of  
the Federation made to the  
Govt by the Council of Action  
and found that the  
actual terms on which the  
Federation called off the strike  
are disappointing as they bear  
no relation to the demand  
which the Council of Action  
submitted to the Govt. The new  
embargo have been let down  
by these demands.



head of the C.A.D. are themselves doubtful about their future. Thirdly, there has been a dispute between the Pay Commission and the C.A.D. about the advertised rates of pay. The Chairman of the Pay Commission told me that the Commission had washed their hands of the C.A.D. scales of pay, as they object in principle to the C.A.D. having advertised any scales after the Pay Commission had been appointed. Finally, the Pay Commission will apparently make sweeping recommendations not only with regard to pay but with regard to promotions and other conditions of service, and also with regard to C.A.D. scales vis-a-vis P & T scales for wireless employees.

In the light of this background, nobody in Delhi appears willing to commit himself on any important issue, and it may happen that we shall have to await the final recommendations of the Pay Commission - expected in June - before anything definite materialises. These being the circumstances there is nothing anybody can do at present to force issues, and it may prove disadvantageous for me if I try to do so without a knowledge of the Pay Commission's recommendations.

I shall write to you again about the first of March regarding the results of my trip to Delhi.

Loyally yours,

Geo. E. Noronha  
General Secretary.

N.B. A copy of the above Circular is also sent to the following persons in separate cover :-

1. B.N. Ghosh, Esq., Wireless Station, Gaya.
2. M.A. Alexander, Esq., Trimulgheny.
3. N.K.S. Chari, Esq., Gwalior.
4. R.A. Chadha, Esq., Peshawar.
5. J.P.K. Menon, Esq., St. Thomas Mount, Madras.
6. B. Banerjee, Esq., Jodhpur.
7. C.L. Sharma, Esq., Civil Wireless Station, Bamrauti, Allahabad.
8. N. Natarajan, Esq., Wireless Station, P.O. Panartali, Chittagong.
9. K.V. Ramaswamy, Esq., Wireless Operator, 182/2, Sadar Bazar, Ahmedabad Cantt.
10. T.N. Shivpuri, Esq., " " Civil Aerodrome, New Delhi.
11. B.V. Hosengadi, Esq., " " Santa Cruz, Bombay.
12. S.P. Chari, Esq., Wireless Supervisor, P&T Training Centre, Jubulpore.
13. J.G. Kent, Esq., 3A, Benson Cross Road, Bangalore.
14. J. D'Cruz, Esq., 3 Cassuriana Street, St. Johns Hill, Bangalore.
15. R. Sanjiva Row, Esq., Sri Ram Bhavan, Dantoli, Nagpur.
16. A. Narayanasami, Esq., Carrier Office, Sharsaguda, E.N.R.
17. S.K. Pande, Esq., Jutogh Radio, Simla Hills.
18. A.D. Dhangra, Esq., Lahore Radio, Lahore Cant.
19. K.N. Nayar, Esq., Poona Radio, Shivaji Nagar, Poona S.

Submitted - *R. Menon*  
17.2.47.



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Copy of a Cyclostypled Circular dated 15th February, 1947, intercepted at Dharamtala P.O. on 17.2.47, by an outgoing mail.

From:- Geo. E. Noronha, General Secretary, Indian Telegraph Association, Ltd., Olympia House, Mission Row Extension, Calcutta.

To :- A.V. Pasupati, Esqr., Wireless Station, Karachi.

INDIAN TELEGRAPH ASSOCIATION, LTD.  
Olympia House, Mission Row Extension, Calcutta.

To All Wireless Branch Secretaries. 15th February, 1947.

Dear Brothers,

I am leaving to morrow for New Delhi to discuss with the authorities, among other things, the outstanding questions relating to your branch. Four major questions have been agitating you :-

- (i) The fixation of seniority at the Higher Proficiency Examinations. The Conference in Delhi recommended that this should be solved by one of two methods; either merit with a grace mark for every year of services or seniority in service among those who qualify. The Department have accepted the latter recommendation, vide D.G.'s circular dated the 3rd January, 1947.
- (ii) The increase in percentage of successful candidates at the 1946 examination. My last letter to the D.G. on this subject was dated the 21st January. He has not replied as yet. Meanwhile, those of you concerned must have already posted the individual petitions prepared in this office.
- (iii) Conditions of transfer to the Wireless Branch with particular reference to a single grade for operators, and a reservation of gazetted posts proportionate to the non-gazetted, earmarked for the P & T.
- (iv) Raising of the pay of staff retained in the P & T to to equalise with staff transferred to the C.A.D.

On my last visit to Delhi in December I was unable to discuss the last two questions with the authorities. Both Sir Harold Shoobert and Mr. Krishna Prasad were away from Delhi and so was Mr. Jeffcock. The C.A.D. authorities professed ignorance on the subject; I took the matter up with the Acting Secretary, Mr. Zuberi, and he also pleaded his inability to give any decision owing to the fact that he was only officiating. I may tell you frankly that I am doubtful whether I shall be able to secure any positive results on items 3 and 4 as the result of the discussions to be held next week because of the situation now existing in Delhi. You are aware in general of the political uncertainty, which affects Departmental decisions. Secondly, the European officers at the head of

(P.T.O.)



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Security Control Office,  
3/1, Pretoria Street.

Calcutta, the

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Interception by the Inland/~~Foreign~~ Mail of Dharambala  
the 17th of Feby. 1947.

From Gen. E. Noronha, Gen. Secy., Indian Telegraph  
Assn. Ltd. Olympia House, Minia Row Ext., Calcutta

To A. V. Pasumbati, Esq., Wireless Station, KARACHI

+ 19 others

Language of letter..... English

Post Office of interception..... Dharambala

Date of letter..... 15th February 1947

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 ② [unclear] these [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 ③ [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]  
 Please put up to [unclear] for address  
 [unclear] 21/2/19.

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Karachi + 19 other  
 addresses.

Indian Telegraph Association -  
 Circular to Wireless Branch Secretaries

George E. Noronha, Genl. Secy. Indian Telegraph Association, Calcutta. Sends to A.V. Pashupati of Wireless station, Karachi and 19 others, a circular to all Wireless Branch Secretaries, saying that he is leaving for Delhi to discuss with authorities outstanding questions relating to the wireless services; but he is afraid ~~to report~~ he may not achieve any good result from the discussion before the recommendations of the Pay Commission are published.

copy to (1) Poona C. S. D.  
 (2) Dir (R) 113.

3) Sd/- B. Bengal

SC

7/6/19/2

SC will sign P.C.

ACI  
 we have no file on  
 Indian Telegraph Association  
 Perhaps we may open  
 a file & do. may  
 report details as in  
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 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

MSB  
 24/6/19  
 27/7/19



CONFIDENTIAL DIARY.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Hour of receipt by Dy. Commr. \_\_\_\_\_

Due Daily to the Dy. Commissioner of Police, D. D. \_\_\_\_\_

S. B. \_\_\_\_\_

2/360  
4.12.47  
CALCUTTA POLICE.

From Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

A. C. Bhattacharya

D. D. \_\_\_\_\_  
S. B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Calcutta, dated 3.12.47 19

Date and hour.	Diary.	Dy. Commissioner's Remarks and Orders.
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So. 1190/47 SR 27/17/11  
 Details of office-bearers of the  
 union of Post + telegraph workers  
 at Olympia House.

It is learnt that so far  
 an interim list of office-bearers  
 of the all India organization has been  
 submitted with the following names  
 Delhi.

- R. Mr. N. M. Joshi
- V. R. 2 G. P. Narayan

Known but the parti-  
 culars are not traced  
 on cards.  
 Ok.  
 16.1.48

- It Jwalkey - Mr. D. Foxall
- 2 M. A. Jaffer

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 particulars are not  
 traced on cards.  
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The election of the Bengal Provincial  
 unit has not yet been held. S.  
 Chatterjee of G.P.O. is looking to  
 the work as an interim arrangement.

He is the  
 ✓ 20 Pyaralal of Shakala, Rhotak  
 Mr. Punjab + of 21A Canning St Cal.

Submitted  
 A. C. Bhattacharya  
 29/12

Ok. 16.1.48.



So. 21360  
E 1190/47 26/11/48

To  
Delhi C.O.

Boyle

It is learnt that an interim set of office bearers of the All India Post and Telegraph Workers has been selected with the Head Office at New Delhi with the following individuals:

- President - Mr. N. M. Joshi.
- Vice-President - " G. E. Narona.
- Jr. General Secys. - " M. A. Jabbar
- " Om Prakash Gupta.

I shall be glad if you could supply this office with the parentage and country addresses of N. M. Joshi, G. E. Narona and M. A. Jabbar referred to above.

Shalaji  
21/11/48

22/11/48

C. S. Mehta  
21/11/48  
For Secy.



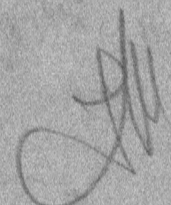
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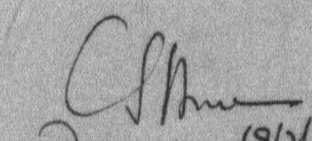
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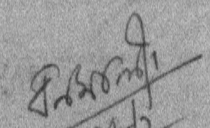
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Could you kindly refer to this office letter Do: 21360 / SW 1190/47 dated 26.1.48 and expedite your reply thereto.

  
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23/2/48  
For W.C.S.O.

  
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.  
 DELHI, dated the 3rd April 1948.

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No. LAB-25/PI 5/

Reference your memorandum No. 21360/SW.1190/47 dated the 26th January 1948, and subsequent reminder No. SW.1190/47 dated the 24th February 1948.

The following are the office bearers of the All India Union of Post and Telegraph Workers, with their head office at Delhi. Almost all of them are residents of other provinces hence their parentage could not be known.-

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|---|---|
| (1) President                             | - N.M. Joshi, C/o Trade Union Congress, Girgaum, Bombay.                              |
| (2) Vice President                        | - Dr G.E. Noronha, 2-D Burdwan Road, Calcutta.  |
| (3) General Secretaries                   | - (1) Om Parkash Gupta, 24 Daryaganj, Delhi.<br>(2) M.A. Jabbar, clerk C.T.O. Madras. |
| (4) Honorary Assistant Secretary (Postal) | - (1) K. Ramamurthi, G.P.O. Madras.   |
| " (R.M.S.)                                | - (2) Ganesh Mukerjee, R.M.S. Calcutta.   |
| " (Tel. Traffic)                          | - (3) K.L. Mukerjee, Olympia House, Calcutta.   |
| " (Tel. & Eng:)                           | - (4) Shishagiri Rao, Madras (complete address not known).                            |
| " (Class IV)                              | - (5) K.M. Pol, Postman, Nagpur.  |
| (5) Honorary Treasurer                    | - I.U. Beg (Ihsamullah Beg) Since left for <del>RUSSIA</del> Pakistan.                |

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(RAM LAL) D.S.P.  
 for Superintendent of Police, C.I.D.

G.H. 6

✓ The Deputy Commissioner of Police,  
 Special Branch, 14, Lord Sinha Road,  
 Calcutta (16).

Copy to.-

- (1) The Assistant Director (R), Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- (2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police, C.I.D. Special Branch, Bombay.
- (3) The Superintendent of Police, C.I.D. Special Branch, Madras.
- (4) The Assistant Inspector General of Police, C.I.D., C.P. & Berar, Nagpur.

Sd/- RAM LAL.

for Superintendent of Police, C.I.D.



as well. Since all our work is held up —

I have at this moment got about 20 members on list & hope to recruit more on starting the work regularly.

So, please, on receipt of this letter send me some 40-50 admission forms, and other necessary papers such as of Rules & Regulations etc. & receipt book etc.

The subscriptions of the members are pending with me & will be disposed of on hearing from you, as instructed.

I have been told by Mr. Karkarya that you are too busy to — — — but anyhow I'll request you to pay a special heed to this letter please.

Thank you very much as most urgent

Awaiting

Yours etc

Sd/- K. D. Uppal  
Secretary, F.T.C.  
Lafallpur

Submitted.

*[Handwritten signature]*

27/11



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The copy of an English letter of 20.11.46  
bearing illegible postal seal of value  
and date from X. D. Upal Jo., Secretary  
I.T.A., Lyallpur, to G. E. Koronka Esq.,  
General Secretary, Indian Telegraphical  
Olympia House, The Indian Row, Calcutta  
intercepted at Shimla on 29.11.46

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Lyallpur  
20.11.46

Dear Mr. Toronto,

It being my first letter  
to you, it is essential that I  
may first introduce myself to  
you and then start further.

You must have received  
a letter from Mr. Onkar Nath -  
Kakarya, that we the opntg.  
Staff of Lyallpur Exchange, held  
a meeting here last month,  
wherein was resolved -

- 1) The formation of local branch of  
I.T.A. here
- 2) Nomination of myself as its  
Local Secretary.

I thereupon wrote Mr.  
Onkar Nath req. the necessary  
provision of Stamp etc to me &  
other instructions in this respect.  
He, later on infd. me from Amritsar  
that he, having been transferred  
to Amritsar, can't personally take  
part in our activities & that he  
has forwarded our case to you &  
a fortnight has passed and getting  
no correspondence from you. I thought  
it better to write you personally.



Very Secret.

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24/11/1946  
Security Control Office,  
3/1, Pretoria Street.

Calcutta, the

(SW)  
Memo. No. 29292 of 30/11/1946

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Interception by the Inland/Foreign Mail of *Lanantoka*  
the 27. 11. of 19 .

From *K. D. Upkal*

To *Secretary I.T.A. To all post*

Language of letter *English*

Post Office of interception *Calcutta*

Date of letter *27. 11. 46*

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Punjab  
Lyallpur

Indian Telegraph Assn -

SW 1190/41

K. D. Uppal, Secy:

Indian Telegraph Assn:

Lyallpur (Punjab)

informs G. E. Noronha

General Secy, I. T. A.,

Calcutta, about forma-

-tion of a branch of  
the I. T. A. at Lyallpur

and asks for  
membership forms for  
the purpose.

1) Punjab C.D.

2) T. B. Bajal.

9/2/51,

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