

LOK SABHA

Thursday, 22nd August, 1957.

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the  
Clock

[Mr. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

P. & T. Employees in Hyderabad  
Circle

\*1043. Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 53 on the 22nd March, 1957 and state:

(a) the reasons for the delay in the publication of *inter se* seniority list of employees of Posts and Telegraphs Department in the Hyderabad circle; and

(b) when it is likely to be compiled?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The seniority list has been compiled but a doubt has now been raised about the seniority of candidates recruited on the basis of competition who joined duty on dates later than their juniors in some Units. Another reason is the time taken in converting the dates in the Fasli era given in Hyderabad records into the dates according to the Christian era.

(b) Before the end of December, 1957.

Shri T. B. Vittal Rao: May I know whether the date—before the end of this year—is the firm and final date because we had some final dates and we could not keep to the schedule last year?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am sure the hon. Member will appreciate the difficulties involved because previously the recruitment in Hyderabad was done by the State Government. So many aspects are to be taken into account in fixing the *inter se* seniority and it necessarily takes time. As I said, I regret the delay. But certain necessary things have got to be done before fixing the seniority

Shri B. S. Murthy: May I know whether this question is considered, taking into consideration the amalgamation of the Kurnool circle because the Kurnool circle is going to be amalgamated and a new P.M.G. appointed?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This question hardly needs any reply.

Shri B. S. Murthy: My question is whether the amalgamation of the Kurnool circle.....

Shri Raj Bahadur: May I say that this question pre-supposes that Kurnool circle and Hyderabad circle will be amalgamated? That position is not before the administration

Shri Heda: The amalgamation of the postal department of the former Hyderabad State took place as early as in 1951 and already six years have passed and there has been delay in fixing the seniority of the staff merely on the ground of converting falsely into the Christian era. It is hardly convincing.

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as the fixation of the *inter se* seniority is concerned, the records of each one of the employees of the ex-Hyderabad State postal department will have to be gone into so that their rights are not adversely affected by the seniority list and it takes time.