Shri Jagjivan Ram: I do not think there is any proportion.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: If you will give me half a minute, I shall give the full information.

Shrimati Parvathi Krishnan: I only wanted to know whether they are elected or not.

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: The composition of the zonal committee is as follows:-
"(1) One representative each of the Governments of the States served by the Railway as recommended by such Governments;
(2) One representative of the State Legislatures recommended by the State Governments;
(3) Not more than five representatives of principal Chambers of Commerce and Trade Associations recognised by the State Government or Governments and having a standing of not less than flve years;
(4) Two representatives to be sent by State Government or Governments, of Agricultutural Associations and other bodies, not included in, or affiliated to the Chambers of Commerce etc. referred to in (3) above;
(5) One non-official representative elected from each of the Regional Railway Users' Consultative Committees on the Central, Western, Southern, Eastern and NorthEastren Railways; Two nonofficial representatives elected from each of the Regional Railway Users' Consultative Committees on the NorthEastern, and North Eastern Frontier and South-Eastern Railways;
(6) One representative of the Port Administration of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Cochin, Visakhapatnam and Kandla in
the case of Railways serving. such ports;
(7) Three Members of Parliament; and
(8) Such other members as the Minister may appoint to represent interests which heconsiders are necessary to be represented on the Committee.".

डाल ना तार विभान के आव्ब्रिचित जाति के कर्मचारी
*६६२. भ्री लज्छो रोम : क्या परिबहन तथा संबार मंत्री २२ ग्रगस्त, १हY७ के ग्रतारांकित प्रशन संस्या CqE के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :
(क) डाक घरों श्रौर रेलवे डाक सेवा की श्रेणी में निरीक्षकों के चुनाव में श्रनुसूचित जातियों के सुरक्षित ग्रम्यंश को पूरा करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; श्रौर
(ख) यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसका क्या कारण है ?

परिबहन तथा संचार मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्रो ( श्री राज बहादुर ) : (क) डाकघरों तथा रेल डाक व्यवस्था के निरोक्षकों. के संवर्गों (cadres) में उम्मीदवारों का चुनाव उनकी योग्यता-कम के श्रनुसार किया जाता है, परन्तु श्रनुसूचित जातियों के उम्मीदवारों को योग्यता ऋम के श्राधार पर श्रन्य उम्मीदवारों के साथ सीधा मुकाबला नहीं करना पड़ता। उनके मामलों पर गृह-मत्त्रालय द्वारा जारी किये गये घ्रनुद्रेशों ( instructions) के ग्रनुसार विचार किया जाता है । झ्रारक्षित रिक्त-स्थानों (reserved vacancies) की न भरी गयो संख्या को श्रागामी दो परीक्षाग्रों में मिला लिया जाता है ।
(ख) यह प्रशन नहीं उठता है ।
An hon. Member: In English also.

Shri Raj Bahadur: (a) The selection for the Inspectors of Post Offices and R.M.S. cadres is made in the order of merit, but the Scheduled Caste candidates are not required to compete directly by merit with other candidates. Their cases are considered in accordance with the general instructions on the subject issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Reserved vacancies remaining unfilled are carried forward for two subsequent examinations.
(b) Does not arise.

Shri B. K. Gaekwad: May I know what the general instructions given by the Home Ministry are?
Shri Raj Bahadur: Comparatively a moderate standard is required so far as Scheduled Castes candidates are concerned. As I said just now, the reserved vacancies which are left unfilled are carried forward for two subsequent examinations.

धी लच्छो राम : तारांकित प्रशन संख्या $5 १ \&$ दिनांक २२ श्रगस्त, २हप⿱ के उत्तर में यह् बतलाया गया था कि डाकतार निरिक्षकों में हरिजन उम्मीदवारों में से पांच प्रार्थी लिए गए थे, परन्तु जब उन की लिस्ट निकली थी, तो उस में तीन ही नाम दिए गए थे, क्या मैं जान सकता हूं कि वे दोनों नाम क्यों रोक दिए गए ?

धी राज बहादुर : मैं ज्यादा फ़ैष्ट्स दे सकता हूं, लेकिन दो नाम रोके गए या नहीं, इस बारे में मुझे जानकारी नहीं है ।

Shri Thimmaiah: May I know how the posts of inspectors in the R.M.S. cadres have been filled up, whether llirough competitive teits or by sheer promotion?

Shri Raj Bahadur: It is by competitive examination.

Shri Joachim Alva: Have Government got a definite programme by which they could recruit people from
the Scheduled Castes io posts of inspectors and also sir,e.rintendents. and also some posts in t.ie PostmasterGeneral's office from a:nongst capable graduates?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have got vacancies reserved for the Scheduled: Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates and they are filled up by coun-petition, the competition being not: with candidates of other communities; but among themselves.

Shri B. K. Gaekwad: May I know whether it is a fact that such candi-. daies duly qualified for the posts are invited for interview and in spite of: all that they are not selected for the posts reserved for Scieduled Castes. end Scheduled Tribes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not awareof any such case where o candidate lias qualified, that is, has come out successful in the competitive examination but has not been taken. I am not aware of any such case and if ir: hon. Member luringe it to my a. ice, I will look int.o it.

Shri Daljit Singh: Mey I krow w.f.ether preference is g.ven to the sireduled Castes emp.rves in the matter of promotion in the Posts and: "cregraphs Depart:n? 11"

Shri Raj Bahadur: As I said, vecancies in the promotional posts are. reserved for them, and I need not repeat what I have already said! about this.

## Air Fredght to NEFA

*863. Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:
(a) what has been the total freight lifted for NEFA area by non-scheduled operators since December, 1957 so far; and
(b) what has been the total freight carried by the Indian Airlines Corporation?
The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Approximately 1665 tons of freight:

