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 five 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 North-Eastren Railways; Two nonofficial representatives elected from each of the Regional Railway Users' Consultative Committees on the North-Eastern, 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 he considers are necessary to be represented on the Committee.".
- डाक नचा तार विभाग के अनुसूचिन आति के कर्मचारी

*⊏६२. श्री लच्छी रोम : क्या परि-बहन तथा संचार मंत्री २२ ग्रगस्त, १९४७ के ग्रतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या ⊏११ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की ऋपा करेंगे कि :

(क) डाक घरों और रेलवे डाक सेवा की श्रेणी में निरीक्षकों के चुनाव में ब्रनु-सूचित जातियों के सुरक्षित ग्रम्यंश को पूरा करने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ख) यदि कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसका क्या कारण है ?

परिवहन तथा संचार मंत्रासय में राज्य-मंत्री (श्री राज बहादुर) : (क) डाक-घरों तथा रेल डाक व्यवस्था के निरोक्षकों. के संवर्गों (cadres) में उम्मीद-वारों का चुनाव उनकी योग्यता-कम के ग्रनुसार किया जाता है, परन्तु ग्रनुसूचित जातियों के उम्मीदवारों को योग्यता कम के ग्राधार पर ग्रन्य उम्मीदवारों के साथ सीधा मुकाबला नहीं करना पड़ता। उनके मामलों पर ग्रूह-मन्त्रालय ढारा जारों किये गये ग्रनुदेशों (instructions) के ग्रनुसार विचार किया जाता है। ग्रारक्षित रिक्ल-स्थानों (reserved vacancies) की न भरी गयो संख्या को ग्रागामी दो परीक्षाग्रों में मिला लिया जाता है।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता है।

An hon. Member: In English also.

Shri Rai 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.

Shrl 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 arc concerned. As I said just now, the reserved vacancies which are left unfilled are carried forward for two subsequent examinations.

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

Shri Thimmalah: May I know how the posts of inspectors in the R.M.S. cadres have been filled up, whether through competitive tests 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 to posts of inspectors and also superintendentsand also some posts in the Postmaster-General's office from amongst capable graduates?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We have got vacancies reserved for the Scheduled' Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates and they are filled up by competition, 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 candidates duly qualified for the posts are invited for interview and in spite of: all that they are not selected for the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes. and Scheduled Tribes?

Shri Raj Bahadur: I am not aware of any such case where s candidate has 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 the hon. Member brings it to my at tice, I will look into it.

Shri Daljit Singh: Mey I know: whether preference is given to the Scheduled Castes employees in the matter of promotion in the Posts and? "clegraphs Departmant?"

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

Air Freight 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: