

गया था, अनुसन्धानशाला में अन्य पदों पर ले सिंचे गये हैं ।

(ग) बाकी २४ सदस्य भ्रगले वर्ष शैवामुक्त हो जायेंगे और उचित समय पर उन को इस के एवज में नौकरी देने के प्रश्न पर कार्यवाही की जायेगी ।

श्री नवल प्रभाकर : इस विवरण को देखने से ज्ञात होता है कि स्टाफ के १२ मेम्बरों को अन्य नौकरी दे दी गई है। मैं यह जानना चाहता हूँ कि जो २४ व्यक्ति भ्रगले साल सरप्लस हो जायेंगे, उन को कब तक एकामोडेट किया जा सकेगा ।

डा० पं० झा० बेंसमुख : जितनी जल्दी हो सके। जैसा हमने उन १२ आदमियों की निस्वत किया है, उसी के मुताबिक यहां भी कोशिश की जायेगी ।

Postal Services in Rural Areas

*644. **Shri Sanganna:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Runner System in the rural areas will be replaced by mail motor service;

(b) if so, from what date; and

(c) which areas of the country will be taken first?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) It is the accepted policy of the P. & T. Department to arrange for the transport of mail on the existing foot lines by motor vehicles or any other suitable means of conveyance wherever such facilities are available and the procedure is economical.

(b) This policy has been pursued for the last several years and foot lines are being converted into mail motor lines as and when found practicable.

(c) wherever public motor vehicles ply on the routes to convenient timings and the same can be utilised with advantage on an economical basis.

Shri Sanganna: Are the Government aware that in the rural post offices there are no postmen with the result that the letters sent to these post offices are not at all delivered to the addressees?

Shri S. K. Patil: It is not so. The usual methods are followed and within a reasonable distance that is laid down, if a letter has got to be conveyed, letters are conveyed.

Shri Jadhav: May I know whether the benefit of the mail motor service will be extended to the gram panchayat villages which are in the neighbourhood of the regular motor services?

Shri S. K. Patil: There is a regular programme as to how these foot lines have to be replaced by motor or other methods and actually that programme is followed.

Shri Tangamani: From the statement we find that the Government has been adopting this policy for several years of making use of public motor vehicles wherever it is possible. Where these villages are not accessible by public vehicles like motor buses, may I know whether scooter services will be made use of?

Shri S. K. Patil: Yes. In fact, they are made use of wherever possible.

Shri Sanganna: By what time will the scheme be extended to the whole country?

Shri S. K. Patil: It is very difficult for me to say—there are 5,70,000 villages in this country—how the last village has to be approached. There is a programme. It is part of the Second Plan.

Survey Staff on Railway

*645. **Shri Vajpayee:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the scales of pay sanctioned for the "Survey" staff recruited for the surveys in connection with the Second Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the scales are in operation in all the railways, including the Central Railways; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan): (a) The scales of pay subject to adequate qualifications are as follows:—

(i) Junior Surveyors - Rs. 150-225

(ii) Senior Surveyors - Rs. 200-300 & 260-350

(iii) Head Surveyors - Rs. 260-350 & 300-400

(b) and (c) Generally—Yes, provided they have the necessary experience. The Junior and Senior Surveyors recruited on the Central Railway did not possess the requisite experience and were, therefore, given lower scales.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if it is a fact that on the Central Railway, Surveyors who have completed more than 10 years service are still temporary and not made permanent?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: That is an aspect which we will look into.

Shri Ranga: For how many years have they been looking into these matters; people who have put in 10 or 15 years of service still kept temporary?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: Railway is not the only Ministry which is guilty.

Shri Vajpayee: Is it not a fact that on the Western, Southern and South Eastern Railway, the Surveyors cadre has been merged into the cadre of the A.I.Ws. and I.WOs.? Why has that not been done in the Central Railway?

Shri Shahnawaz Khan: There was no separate recruitment made on the other Railways. The only Railway on which special recruitment of Surveyors was made is the Central Railway. In the other Railways, the services of the existing staff were utilised for carrying out this work.

Investment in State Transport Undertakings

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*647. { Sardar Iqbal Singh:
Shri Kumaran:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board has invested in State Transport Undertakings;

(b) if so, on what conditions;

(c) the total amount invested in each State so far; and

(d) the rate of dividends earned by the Railways on their investment for the last five years, year-wise?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 65]

Sardar Iqbal Singh: May I know whether these profits have been actually credited to the Railway department?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: The returns have been given in the tabular form. It is presumed that the moneys have been credited.

Sardar Iqbal Singh: My contention is that the profits are declared, but they are not actually credited to the Railway department account. May I know whether these are actually credited or not?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: I would require notice.

Shri Tangamani: From the statement, I find that there are eight road transport corporations functioning with the collaboration of the Railway Board. May I know whether there is a proposal to start similar road transport corporations in the Madras State?

Shri S. V. Ramaswamy: As far as I could see, there is nothing with regard to Madras.