

POSTAL CIRCLE IN ANDHRA STATE

*1009. **Shri Vittal Rao:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the postal circle in the proposed Andhra State;

(b) the place of the Headquarters of the circle; and

(c) whether the present status of Hyderabad Circle will be raised consequent upon the formation of Andhra State?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) The Circle will be under a Director of Posts and Telegraphs for the present.

(b) Kurnool.

(c) The question is being examined.

INDO-U. S. AIR AGREEMENT

*1010. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-U.S. talks for the revision of the Indo-U.S. Air Agreement, recently conducted in New Delhi have ended without arriving at any decision;

(b) if so, what are the main points of difference; and

(c) whether such talks are likely to be resumed within a short time?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The Indo-U. S. talks concluded on August 5, 1953. It is not possible for me at this stage to give any indication of the trend of the talks or of the conclusions reached.

(c) The matter is still under consideration.

TRAIN EXAMINERS

*1011. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the

Train Examiners of the Indian Railways asking for an early revision of their pay scales;

(b) whether the pay scales of these employees are different from those of other technical supervisory personnel in workshops and running sheds; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to revise the pay scales of these employees?

The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan): (a) Representations have been received from Train Examiners on various Railways and one of the demands made therein is for revision of their scales of pay.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government have carefully considered the representation but see no justification for acceding to any of the demands made therein.

ELECTRIFICATION OF CALCUTTA SUBURBAN RAILWAY

*1012. **Shri N. B. Chowdhury:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) when the team appointed by Government to prepare a scheme for the electrification of the Calcutta Suburban Railway services will start its work; and

(b) whether the terms of reference given to this team will include consideration of the feasibility of extension of such services upto the coal-fields and Kharagpur?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Sahzawaz Khan): (a) The work is in progress.

(b) Yes.

MEDICAL WOMEN

*1013. **Kumari Annie Mascarene:** (a) Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state the number of medical women working at present under the Technical Co-operation Agreement in India?