

(b) A statement showing the terms of reference of the Committee is laid on the Table of The Lok Sabha. [See Appendix XI, annexure No. 9.]

Shri Shivnanjappa : May I know what are the important features of the recommendations ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : As I said, the report has not been finalised and has not come to us yet.

Shri Shivnanjappa : May I know what are the important items of research conducted in this Institute during 1955-56 ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : I do not think it arises out of this question, nor have I got the information.

श्री भक्त दर्शन : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जब इस इंस्टीट्यूट में रिसर्च का बहुत अच्छा काम कई वर्षों से चल रहा था तब इस जांच समिति को बैठाने की क्या आवश्यकता पड़ी ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : यह तो टर्म्स ऑफ रेफरेंस से मालूम होगा कि हमने किस चीज के लिये यह एक्सपर्ट कमेटी नियुक्त की थी ।

Shri N. M. Lingam : May I know whether any Indian scientists were associated with Professor Champion who headed the inquiry, and whether the recommendations regarding results of the research are to be given effect to during the period of the Second Five Year Plan with a view to meet our demands in respect of sleepers for railways and raw material for paper, rayon pulp etc. ?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh : The investigation is limited to the terms of reference which I have already stated. So far as the personnel is concerned, only Professor Champion is from England ; the rest, four of them, are scientists from India.

P. & T. DIRECTOR, ORISSA

*1873. **Shri Sanganna :** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to raise the status of the Orissa Director of Posts and Telegraphs to that of the

Post Master General, in view of increasing importance of the Circle ; and

(b) if so, at what stage it is ?

The Minister of Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram) : (a) and (b) The question has not been considered neither is it under contemplation at present.

Shri Sanganna : May I know what factors can prevail upon Government to consider a proposal to raise the status of such directorates ?

Shri Jagjivan Ram : There is no question of prevailing upon the Government. If any circle justifies on the basis of the traffic and work the creation of a post of the Postmaster-General's rank, it is done.

Shri Sanganna : May I know whether any representation has been received from the Orissa public for the raising of the status of the Director ?

Shri Jagjivan Ram : Representations are received from minor circles for upgrading them to PMG's circles.

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE ON PLANTATIONS

*1876. **Shri Mathew :** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Plantations whose representatives attended the meeting of the Industrial Committee on Plantations in New Delhi in August-September, 1955 ; and

(b) whether the agreement arrived at this meeting regarding filling up of vacancies in higher grades is being implemented in all the plantations ?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali) : (a) Representatives of the following Planters' Associations attended the meeting :—

1. Indian Tea Association.
2. United Planters' Association of Southern India.
3. Indian Tea Planters' Association, Jalpaiguri.
4. Bharatiya Cha Parishad (formerly Assam Bengal Indian Tea Planters' Association).