

recommendations of the Post War Pay Committee. The Committee considered that all soldiers should be mustered into one of eight groups within which they would be classified according to their skill; and that each class of skill in each group should be rewarded with an appropriate rate of pay. Accordingly, Junior Commissioned Officers and Other Ranks are placed in one or the other of eight pay groups, according to the category to which they belong; and, in each pay group, Other Ranks are placed in one of various classes on their passing certain tests in respect of technical and educational qualifications and on their completing the length of service (where applicable), which have been prescribed for entry into the lowest class of the group and for advancement to each higher class.

(c) No, Sir.

समितियों में संसद् सदस्यों को सम्मिलित करना

955. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या संसद्-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा स्थापित विभिन्न समितियों में संसद् सदस्यों को शामिल करने के बारे में कोई नियम या सिद्धान्त निर्धारित किये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका व्योरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी नियम बनाया गया है कि कोई संसद् सदस्य कुछ निश्चित वर्षों से अधिक समय तक किनी विशिष्ट समिति का सदस्य नहीं रह सकता ?

संचार तथा संसद्-कार्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य नारायण सिंह) : (क) नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग). प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Telephone Exchange at Tikonía

956. **Shri Balgovind Verma:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a telephone exchange at Tikonía (Kheri) Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the materials for the purpose have reached the place; and

(c) when the work is expected to begin?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) A P.C.O. at Tikonía is likely to be opened shortly. The exchange is likely to be opened next year.

Indo-Nepal Telex Link

957. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new Telex Link has been established between Nepal and India; and

(b) whether it is connected with the telecommunication network in Nepal?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Diplomatic Ties with Nyasaland

958. **Shri P. K. Deo:** Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have recognised the newly independent Nyasaland and have established diplomatic relations with that country;

(b) whether there are any Indian interests in Nyasaland; and