

(b) if so the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). We have no confirmed information. We have every hope that the leaders of All Party Hill Leaders Conference would join the proposed joint discussions to be held either in Delhi or Shillong.

P. and T. R. M. S. Wing of Andhra

3146. Shri V. Narasimha Rao: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Posts and Telegraphs and R. M. S. Wing of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a memorandum, demanding allotment of new mail vans, construction of office buildings opening of new mail, carrying sections, construction of staff quarters, and provision of path-ways and lifts for exchanging mails at important junction stations; and

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken to fulfil their demands?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) Yes, Sir. A copy of the memorandum signed by some RMS employees working in Andhra Circle and submitted to the Postmaster General, Andhra Circle has been received by the Director General, from the All India RMS Employees Union Class III, Mail Guards and Class IV, Andhra Circle. This has been referred to the Postmaster General Andhra Circle and Regional Director of Mails, Madras, as it contains a large number of suggestions for their consideration.

(b) The position in respect of each item is indicated below:—

(i) *Allotment of new Mail Vans:*

Six new vans are expected to be supplied by the end of the current year.

(ii) *Construction of office buildings:* The Railways are responsible for the construction of the RMS buildings. Information so far available indicates that new buildings for the RMS are under construction at Vijayawada and Waltair and both will be ready by the end of 1968. The construction of RMS buildings at Tenali, Cuddapah, Guntakal, Renigunta and Eluru has been included in the programme for 1967-68. These works are expected to be completed in three years if funds are made available.

(iii) *Opening of new mail carrying sections:*

A new sorting sections is expected to be opened between Vijayawada, Guntur and Narasapur by the end of the year when additional vans are made available.

(iv) *Construction of staff quarters:*

Proposals are under consideration for construction of staff quarters for all wings of the P and T Department including the RMS at a number of places. Land has been acquired at Ongole, Nellore, Guntakal, Cuddapah, Hyderabad, Samalkot and Vishakapatnam. Construction work will be undertaken when funds are made available. Action is also being taken to acquire land at a number of other places for housing colonies.

(v) *Provisions of Pathways and lifts:*

The Union have made a number of suggestions in this regard, which will require detailed examination in consultation with the Railways. It is, therefore, not possible to give any time limit at this stage.

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3147. Shri S. Kundu:
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Shri K. Lakkappa:
Shri J. Ahmed:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to