P. & T. Colony, Kidwaipuri, Patna

2363. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee headed by Shri P. Kameshwar Rao, the then Director of Telegraphs, Bihar Circle inspected the Posts and Telegraphs Colony, Kidwaipuri, Patna and submitted a report suggesting various improvement;

(b) whether Service Union has also submitted complaints alleging poor maintenance of the P&T Colony; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to get the colony maintained properly?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Executive Engineer, P&T Civil Wing, Patna has been asked to rectify defects pointed out in Committee's Report. Some defects have already been removed and further action is being taken to improve the maintenance of P&T Colony Kidwaipuri Patna.

Delay in payment of T.A. Bills in Bihar Circle

2364 SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and amount of T.A. bills of Gazetted and non-gazetted officers, separately, pending for payment in the offices of Patna, Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Gaya, Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur Telegraph Engineering as on 1st February, 1973;

(b) the reasons for abnormal delay in payment;

(c) date of oldest T.A. bills pending with regard to Gazetted Officers and non-gazetted officers; and

(d) the action proposed to clear the bills?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICA-TIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) and (c). The required information $i_{\rm S}$ furnished in the statement attached.

(b) and (d). These are being looked into and suitable instructions wil be issued.

| SI. No. | Name of Telegraph Engg Office. | Pending T.A. bills of Gazet- ted Officers as on 1-2-1973 | | | Pending T.A. bills of Non- gazetted officials as on 1-2-1973 | | |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Once. | No. | Amount in rupees. | Oldest Case | No. | Amount in rupees. | Oldest case. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| I | Patna | • Nil | Nil | Nil | 309 | 46 ,00 0 · 00 | 2-1-1973 |
| 2 | Ranchi | 9 | 2 39 0 · 00 | July,1972 | 259 | 25,800.00 | 17-11-72 |
| 3 | Jamshedpur | 3 | 7 29 00 | 27-9-72 | 103 | 10,699 · 94 | 4-10-72 |
| 4 | Gaya · | 6 | 411.00 | March, 1972 | 77 | 11, 592 · 0 0 | Dec. 71 |
| 5 | Darbhanga | 3 | 690 ∙00 | Jan. 1973 | 477 | 50 ,500 .00 | Sept. 73 |
| 6 | Muzaffarnagar. | • •5 | 551 00 | Jan. 1973 | 346 | 49 , 021 · 00 | April, 72 |

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