

for the Post and Telegraph staff working in Varanasi Division of U.P.;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the facility of Government quarters will be provided to them ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) No, Sir. 155 staff quarters exist in Varanasi Division.

(b) Does not arise in view of 'A' above.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shortage of Inland letter cards and envelopes in Post offices of Azamgarh District, U. P.**

2257. **SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that inland letter cards, post cards and envelopes etc. are not available in the post offices in rural areas of district Azamgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to improve the position ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) to (c). There have been no reports regarding shortage of Inland letters, cards, Post Cards and embossed envelopes in post offices in rural areas of Azamgarh District. There may, however, be some isolated cases of temporary shortages of some items in some offices due to distributional difficulties. These have been taken care of and Post Master General, UP Circle has been instructed to ensure

satisfactory supply of various items of postal stationery to all the offices.

**Confirmation of daily wage workers in Delhi Telecommunications**

2258. **SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the daily wage workers in Delhi Telecommunications have not been confirmed even after continuous employment of seven to eight years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which Government is likely to confirm them ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) :** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately 5,000 casual mazdoors are working on date.

(c) Out of (b) above, a total of about 700 casual mazdoors are being considered for regular absorption against the regular vacancies in cadre of regular mazdoor, Peons, Lineman, Wireman, Gateman/Chowkidar etc. in 1984 recruitment. The others will be absorbed as and when the vacancies come up in future.

**Opening of Post Office at Karkhia-Rustam Sarai Village, District Azamgarh, U.P.**

2259. **SHRI RAJ KUMAR RAI :** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) when approval was given to open a post office at Karkhia-Rustam Sarai Village, District Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the action being taken by Government to open this post office; and

(c) how long will the local people have to wait for it ?