

(ख) क्या ऐसे स्थानों पर शाखा डाकघरों के पोस्टमास्टर्स की सहायता के लिए सरकार का विचार पूर्णकालिक कर्मचारी भ्रयवा डाकिया नियुक्त करने का है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में किए गए निर्णय की मुख्य बातें क्या हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संसार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद मुन्नाबेब साहू):(क) विभागेतर शाखा पोस्टमास्टर्स को, गांवों में, जिनमें पहाड़ी और बर्फीले इलाके भी शामिल हैं, डाक वितरण का काम केवल ऐसे मामलों में सौंपा जाता है जिनमें कार्यभार के आधार पर अलग से वितरण एजेंटों/श्रीमणी पोस्टमैनों का औचित्य नहीं सिद्ध होता। पहाड़ी और बर्फीले इलाकों में, सामान्यतः डाक-वितरण संबंधी काम बहुत कम रहता है।

(ख) सामान्यतौर पर वितरण एजेंटों के अलग से पद ऐसे सभी डाक घरों के लिए मंजूर कर दिए जाते हैं जहां कार्यभार के आधार पर इन पदों का औचित्य सिद्ध होता है।

(ग) और (घ). उपर्युक्त तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए इसका प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Indian Red Cross Society

4880. SHRI UGRASEN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Short Notice question No. 5 on 24-6-1977 regarding disappearance of eight blank cheques in 1975 and subsequently a sum of about Rs. 52,000 found, withdrawn from the Red Cross Society, New Delhi's account with the State Bank of India and state:

(a) was any action taken against persons responsible for safety of cheque books;

(d) whether in a raid by Delhi Excise Department, large quantity of liquor was found in June, 1977, at the Red Cross Society, New Delhi's premises without licences; if so, full report about the same;

(c) whether there is age limit for retirement in Red Cross Society and what is the age of the present Secretary General;

(d) why Lok Sabha polling day i.e. 16th March, 1977, in Delhi was not declared a holiday in Red Cross Society, New Delhi; and

(e) who opened the newly constructed marble Red Cross building and what the tablet reads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) The case is under investigation by the Police. However, the bankers have provisionally paid to the Society a sum of Rs. 50,100 withdrawn from the Society's account under forged signatures in February/March, 1975.

(b) There has been no raid whatsoever by the Delhi Excise Department at the Red Cross Society's premises.

(c) Yes. Ordinarily, the age of retirement of the regular employees of the Society is 60 years but the Society may, in special circumstances, continue or employ a person beyond that age. The age of the present Secretary-General of the Society is 68 years.

(d) The office of the National Headquarters was closed on the Lok Sabha polling day i.e. March 16, 1977 and some workers who were engaged on urgent work were also asked to take time off to cast their votes.

(e) The then acting President of India who is also the President of the Indian Red Cross Society opened the newly constructed headquarters building of the Society on 25-5-1977.

The tablet bears the words "Opened by Shri B. D. Jatti, President of India, on 25th June, 1977".

Low pay to extra Departmental Post Masters

4881. SHRI PADMACHARAN SAMANTASINHERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Extra-Departmental Post Masters working in remote rural areas draw the lowest pay, when Government have decided the minimum salary policy;

(b) what is the total number of employees working in the extra Departmental Post Offices;

(c) whether Government are sympathetic to raise their pay; and

(d) if so, what will be their pay, and when they are to get it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Considering the fact that the Branch Postmasters work for only limited hours a day the allowance payable to them is not considered inadequate.

(b) As on 31-3-77 the total number of Extra Departmental agents was 222495.

(c) and (d). The wage structure of the Branch Postmasters is under review.

Cost of Production of a pair of Rail Wheel

4882. SHRI SUKHENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of production of one pair of rail wheels with axle and at what price they are sold to the Railways; and

(b) the cost of production of one ton of steel in the various steel plants and at what price it is being exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) and (b). The cost of production of different categories of steel varies from plant to plant depending on several factors like product mix, capital cost etc. Similarly, the export prices for different categories of steel are subject to fluctuations depending on International market conditions. Rail wheels are being supplied a pair of rail wheels with axle at a price of Rs. 4308 (exclusive of excise duty and JPC cess).

अलीगढ़ पोस्टल सोल्स संगठन का कार्यालय

4883. श्री नबाब सिंह चौहान: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अलीगढ़ पोस्टल सोल्स कोऑपरेटिव सोसायटी/संगठन के श्रमिकों के कार्य करने का स्थान न हवादार

है और न ही वहां रोजगारी और पंखों की पर्याप्त व्यवस्था है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं तथा क्या सरकार का विचार इन समस्याओं को तुरन्त हल करने का है तथा श्रम कल्याण सम्बन्धी अन्य सुविधाएं प्रदान करने का है और यदि हां, तो कब तक ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नरहरि प्रसाद सुखदेव साय) : (क) सोसाइटी के श्रमिकों के लिए जो शेड बनाए गए हैं, उनमें यद्यपि पंखों और बलियों के प्लांट नहीं लगे हैं, फिर भी यह कहना सही नहीं है कि वे हवादार नहीं हैं या उनमें रोजगारी अपर्याप्त है ।

(ख) यह सोसाइटी एक स्वतंत्र सहकारी संस्था है और यह डाक-तार विभाग के नियंत्रण में आने वाली एक इकाई नहीं है । इसलिए, अपने कर्मचारियों के कल्याण के बारे में ध्यान देना सोसाइटी का काम है ।

Setting up of an Export oriented Aluminium Plant in M.P.

4884. SHRI SURYA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian experts have submitted a report to government for setting up an export oriented aluminium plant in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details therein; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI KARIA MUNDA): (a) to (c). A feasibility report was got prepared by a Soviet agency for setting up an export-oriented alumina plant based on Mainpat bauxite deposits. The feasibility report concluded that the exploitation of these deposits would not be economical for export of alumina. It was, therefore, not possible to proceed further in the matter.