

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):** (a) Yes.

(b) 69 posts of Assistants were allotted the Selection Grade of Rs. 650-960 w.e.f. 1-8-1976. Appointments to these posts of the eligible Assistants were notified on 2-2-1979. Appointments of another 26 eligible Assistants against the vacancies of those who were either on deputation or working in higher grade posts on 1-8-76 were also notified on 19-3-1979. Still about 26 vacancies in the Selection Grade remain to be filled.

(c) No delay has, so far, taken place in notifying the appointments to the selection grade posts. But recently a suggestion was made by the Railway Board Ministerial Staff Association that the appointments to the selection grade against the maintenance vacancies may be made from amongst those who were eligible for such appointments on 1-8-1976 alone and not those who became eligible subsequently and senior inter-se should be considered. In view of the importance of the point raised which might concern the Assistants working in the other Ministries also, the advice of the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms has been sought. However, pending receipt of the advice, ad hoc appointments are being made against the aforesaid 26 vacancies strictly on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness from amongst the eligible Assistants, the eligibility of an individual to be determined on the date on which a particular vacancy became available.

(d) Ad hoc appointments referred at (c) above will be notified soon after the suitability of the eligible staff is adjudged by a Departmental Promotion Committee.

#### Promotion to Class II Posts

**6810. SHRI MADAN LAL SHUKLA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that on the 31st August, 1978 the Railway Board have issued clarifications regarding promotions to the Class II posts to be made on the basis of integrated seniority of different categories of class III staff;

(b) if so, is it also correct that the Electrical Department of South Central Railway is still continuing the old practice in contravention of the said clarifications; and

(c) what is the number of such promotions, ad hoc or otherwise ordered without drawing integrated seniority after 11-7-1977?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):** (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Instructions regarding integrated seniority of Class III staff or promotion to Class II service were issued on 11.7.77. These instructions were modified on 31.8.78 following consideration of a number of representations. The instructions issued on 31.8.78 have been further clarified on 26.2.79

Four promotions were made to Class II service on ad hoc basis in the Electrical Department in June, 1978. The integrated seniority list prepared for these ad hoc promotions conforms to the instructions as clarified subsequently. Four more promotions to Class II service were ordered on ad hoc basis in February, 1979. These promotions also were made based on integrated seniority drawn as per the latest instructions/clarifications.

#### Out-Agency in Jhalawar City

**8811. SHRI CHATURBHUI:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal for setting up a out agency in Jhalawar City served by Jhalawar Road Station on the Kota Division of the Western Railway.