

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). Aerodrome Operators Grade I (originally designated as Control Operators and Airfield Supervisors Gr. I) who were recruited initially in 1946 were required to pass an examination after training at the Training Centre, Saharanpur, prior to their appointment. After partition consequent on some of the experienced staff opting for Pakistan and also on the increase in the Civil Aviation activities, a large number of candidates had to be recruited through the Transfer Bureau. As the Training Centre at Saharanpur had been closed down, these persons could not be trained before appointment. When the training centre was reopened at Allahabad it was decided to train all those who had not been trained earlier, in order to bring them to the standards required for carrying out their duties satisfactorily. At the end of the training they have to pass an examination. If a candidate fails in the test he is allowed to appear in two more tests when he need appear only in the subjects in which he had failed previously. Those who fail in all the chances are declared unfit. As the duties of these officials are directly connected with aircraft operations it is necessary, for safety of operations, that they should have a high standard of efficiency.

Aerodrome Operators Grade II are neither sent for training nor are they required to pass an examination for continuing in service.

#### PROMOTIONS IN P. AND T. DEPARTMENT

**481. Shri Muniswamy:** (a) Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state whether it is a fact that at the strike settlement of 1946, Government agreed to reserve 50 per cent. of vacancies in the clerical cadre for promotion of postmen, mail guard, linemen and class IV staff?

(b) Will Government furnish statistics as regards the number of vacancies in each year from 1947 to 1953 and

the number of postmen and class IV officials promoted to these vacancies?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House shortly.

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४८२. श्री नवल प्रभाकर: क्या परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि दिल्ली सड़क परिवहन प्राधिकार की १९५३-५४ की रिपोर्ट में जिन ७० बसों की चर्चा की गई है, उन में से ३० मई, १९५४ तक कितनी बसें डी० टी० ए० को मिलीं ?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** Out of the 70 buses in question, 44 have already been received and out of the remaining 26, on which bodies are being built, 24 are expected to be delivered in the first fortnight of the current month and the remaining two in the second fortnight.

#### TICKETLESS TRAVEL

**484. Shri Deogam:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ticketless travellers detected during 1951, 1952 and 1953 on Rajkharswan-Gua branch line; and

(b) the amount realised from them during each of the above years?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a)—

1951	4,870
1952	5,330
1953	5,261

(b) 1951	Rs. 10,389-4-0
1952	Rs. 10,654-10-0
1953	Rs. 10,137-2-0