

(b) whether Government propose to adopt a similar procedure for mails despatched from Delhi to Hyderabad to ensure the delivery of mails earlier than at present; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the same?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Mails from Hyderabad for Delhi are first despatched direct to Delhi through I. A. C. North bound day service leaving Hyderabad at 09.45 hours and thereafter to Madras through I. A. C. South bound day service for retransmission to Delhi through the Night Airmail Service.

(b) No.

(c) The interval between the arrival of Night Air Service at Madras and the departure of I. A. C. North bound Day Service to Delhi is too inadequate to permit transfer of mails received from Delhi through the Night Air Service to the Day Service at Madras.

P. & T. Employees at Khatmandu

807. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for realizing rent of the quarters occupied by the wireless operators, mechanics and other workers of Telegraph Engineering Department while the other posts and telegraphs employees are enjoying rent free quarters at Khatmandu;

(b) whether Government propose to remove this disparity; and

(c) if so, when?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Rent is being recovered from telephone operators and mechanics as they are not entitled to rent-free accommodation as a condition of service. No recovery of rent is however effected from General Service wireless operators who are provided rent-free quarters as a condition of their service.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration.

Head Post Offices (Secunderabad and Hyderabad)

808. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) when Government propose to start the construction of the Head Post

Offices at Secunderabad and Hyderabad; and

(b) the reasons for the delay in the work?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) During 1956.

(b) The finalisation of the schemes is taking time for the following reasons.

Secunderabad

The plans as prepared originally by the C. P. W. D., had to be modified incorporating the special requirements of the Post Office. The revised plans have just been received.

Hyderabad

The preliminary drawing and estimate of the C. P. W. D. are under scrutiny before submission to the Departmental Finance Committee as the cost of the work is over Rs. 5 lakhs.

Telephone and Telecommunications Department (Hyderabad)

809. { **Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:**
Shri Mohana Rao:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has since been arrived at regarding the period from which the Telephone and Telecommunications department of Hyderabad Government is to be treated as permanent so as to enable the administration taking up the question of confirming the staff; and

(b) if so, from what date?

The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Houses for Coal Field Workers

810. { **Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha:**
Babu Ramnarayan Singh:
Shri Asthana:

Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the details of the housing scheme for 1955-56 for coal mine workers to be financed from the Coal Mines Labour Welfare Fund?

The Minister of Labour (Shri Khandubhai Desai): Details of the scheme are given in the statement attached [See Appendix VI, annexure No. 39].