

proportion to the number of employees awaiting allotment of quarters at those stations. These arms of service pertain to Circle Office, Postal, R.M.S., Telegraph and Engineering, and they have been further subdivided into transferable and non-transferable categories of staff. Seniority of individuals in the various arms is determined by the length of their stay at the stations. In stations where the number of quarters is small preference is given to employees who are eligible to rent free quarters as a condition of service or whose presence in the office premises is necessary in the interest of service.

#### FLOOD RELIEF

**286. Shri Nambiar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial aid has been sanctioned for the flood affected personnel of the P. and T. Department in Madras recently; and

(b) if so, the nature of help and persons covered by the same?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

(a) Yes.

(b) The P. and T. staff, Gazetted as well as non-Gazetted, who have been directly affected by cyclones and heavy rains in Madras, have been sanctioned interest-free recoverable advances of pay equivalent to three months' pay or Rs. 500 whichever is less.

#### P. & T. STATE DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

**287. Shri Veeraswamy:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Departmental Examination for promotion from class IV Officers to class III Officers was held recently in Madras Circle;

(b) if so, the number of candidates who appeared for the Examination;

(c) the number of candidates out of them who belonged to the Scheduled Castes; and

(d) the number of candidates selected for promotion and the number out of them who belong to Scheduled Castes?

**The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):**

(a) No such test was held in November last in Madras Circle. Presumably the reference is to the test held on 4-12-55, for promotion from class IV and other lower cadres to the clerical and allied cadres.

(b) 1974 candidates took the test held on 4th December, 1955.

(c) 236.

(d) Total—216.  
Schedule Castes—32.

#### रेलवे सप्ताह

२८८. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार अगले अप्रैल में रेलवे सप्ताह मनाने की योजना बना रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसमें कौन कौन सी विशेष बातें होंगी ?

रेलवे तथा परिवहन उप-मंत्री (श्री अलमेशान) :

(क) तथा (ख) इस संबंध में अभी विचार किया जा रहा है ।

#### EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN (RAILWAYS) RULES

**289. Ch. Raghuraj Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employment of Children (Railways) Rules, 1940, are again to be revised; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government so far in this direction?

**The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali):** (a) and (b). The Employment of Children (Railways) Rules 1940, have already been revised and replaced by the Employment of Children (Railways) Rules 1955.