

### Heavy Water Production

490. { Pandit D. N. Tiwary ;  
Sardar Iqbal Singh ;  
Sardar Akarpuri ;

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken for the production of Heavy Water at Sindri; and

(b) if so, when it is expected to be produced ?

The Deputy Minister of External Affairs (Shri Anil K. Chanda): (a) Not yet.

(b) Does not arise.

### Delivery of Letters

491. Shri Bheekha Bhai : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that letters despatched at Garhi in Banswara District are delivered in Sagwara after seven days;

(b) if so, the reasons for this; and

(c) the steps which Government propose to take in this regard ?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) to (c). It is not a fact that letters despatched at Garhi are delivered in Sagwara after seven days. Mails posted at Garhi upto 14.30 hrs. reach Sagwara the same day at 1800 hrs. and are delivered the next day at the window at 12.30 hrs. and through Postmen at 13 hrs. The possibility of effecting an earlier delivery at Sagwara is being examined and requisite action will be taken.

### A—Cadres and scales of pay prescribed by the Board.

Class	Designation	Scale of pay
Class II (non-gazetted)	Superintendents, Organisers, Liaison Officers etc.	200—25—300—EB—10—400
Class III	Assistant Accounts Clerks, etc.	100—10—200—EB—10—300
Class III	Clerks, Clerk-Typists, etc.	55—10—105—EB—10—155.
Class IV	Peons	40—2—60

In addition to pay, the employees are eligible to draw local compensatory allowance on the following rates, subject to the conditions that the overall pay inclusive of compensatory local allowance shall not exceed Rs. 400/- p.m.

### Telephone and Telegraph Connections

492. Shri B. K. Das : Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct telephonic and telegraphic line connection between Contai and Kharagpur in the Midnapur District and a good deal of delay and other inconveniences are caused to the public for sending messages, both telephonic and telegraphic, to Calcutta and other important places from Contai; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remove this difficulty?

The Minister in the Ministry of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No. There is a direct telegraphic circuit connecting Contai to Kharagpur. Telephonically Contai is connected to Kharagpur via Balasore Exchange. There might have been occasional minor delays but no undue delay has been caused in the transmission of telegraph or telephone messages from Contai.

(b) For telegraphs a direct circuit exists between Contai and Kharagpur. Shortly Kharagpur will have teleprinter working with Calcutta and this will result in even quicker transmission. On the telephone circuit only four calls were booked from Contai in the last 40 days. These were to Midnapur. A direct circuit to Kharagpur is at present not justified.

### Khadi and Village Industries Board Employees

493. { Thakur Jugal Kishore Sinha :  
Shri Deogam ;  
Shri Kamath ;

Will the Minister of Production be pleased to state the details of the grade scales of Khadi and Village Industries Board employees?

The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy): Scales of pay prescribed for the officers and staff of the all India Khadi and Village Industries Board are as follows: