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## Opening of a Head Post Office at Ichalkaranji, Kolhapur (Maharashtra)

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4360. SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: Will the Min'ster of COMMUNI-CATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Deputy Minister of Communications has received a representation dated 28th December, 1980 and a subsequent representation from the Secretary, Bharatiya Postal Employees Union, Class III Branch, Kolhapur (Maharashtra) regarding the opening of a Head Post Office at Icaalkaranji, Kolhapur (Maharashtra);
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what action has so far been taken by Government/the concerned authorities in the matter; and
- (d) if no action has so far been taken, the reasons for the delay and when the action shall be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A copy of a representation dated 28-12-80 from the Secretary, Bhartiya Postal Employees Union

Class-III, Kolhapur Branch, Addressed to Deputy Minister (Communications) regarding opening of a Head Post Office at Ichalkaranji was received.

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(c) and (d). At present the policy of the Department regarding opening of new Head Post Office by upgradation of Sub Post Offices is under review in the context of conversion of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices to Ex-Departmental Sub-Post Offices the basis of provision of solely on Public Call Office facility. The proposal Post for Opening of Head at Ichalkaranji will be considered after the said review has been carried out and decision thereon taken.

#### Demand from Postal Employments Regarding Exemption from the Professional Tax of State Government

- 4361. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a contant demand from the Postal employees that they should be exempted from 4th professional tax of State Governments;
- (b) if so, since when;

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- (c) what action have the Postal authorities taken or propose to take in the matter; and
- (d) what are the difficulties in the proposal and remedies thought of to overcome them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) Yes, Sir, there have been some demands in the past.

- (b) These demands were first received during 1974-75.
- (c) The demand was examined but not considered justified.
- (d) This being a State subject it is not found justified to direct State Governments in this regard.

### Demand for Postal Directorate of Aurangabad

- 4362. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased state:
- (a) whether there is a long-standing demand for the postal Directorate at Aurangabad. Maharashtra;
- (b) since when this demand is being made;
- (c) what is the reasoning submitted in favour of it;
- (d) what action has been taken by the concerned authorities on the said demand:
- (c) whether it is a fact that the said Directorate being for Marathwada is established and kept at Nagpur at a distance of about 700 Kms. from Aurangabad; and
- (f) whether Government propose reconsidering the whole position and if so when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (d). A demand was made in February, 1981 for locating the headquarters of one c the Directors of Postal Services in

Maharashtra Circle at Aurangabad. The matter is under examination.

(e) and (f). The posts of Director of Postal Services are created on the basis of norms as laid down by the Department. The headquarters of Directors are decided by taking into account the operational needs of the Circle. The Director of Postal Services whose, headquarters is at Nagpur also controls Postal Divisions is Marathwada region.

# Recruitment of Class III Employees in Maharashtra Circle.

4363. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of class III employees in Maharashtra circle in the year 1979-80; direct recruits;
- (b) the number of such employees who left the department in 1980-81;
- (c) the reasons for leaving the postal Department by such employees; and
- (d) remedy proposed or thought of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as the same is received.

## Construction of staff quarters for Postal Employees at Aurangabad

4364. SHRI CHATURBHUJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the staff quarters for Postal Employees are sanctioned to be constructed at Aurangabad, Maharashtra during the period of 1980-81;
- (b) if so, the estimated amount thereof;
- (c) how many tenements are to be constructed under the project;