

(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 CHATURBHUIJ: 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 of 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 in Marathwada region.

Recruitment of Class III Employees in Maharashtra Circle.

4363. SHRI CHATURBHUIJ: 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 CHATURBHUIJ: 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;