

(b) how many officials were officiating without break against regular vacancies or newly created posts in Lower Selection Grade in U.P. Postal Circle on 31st October, 1959;

(c) the number of officials who have completed their period of probation and have not yet been confirmed;

(d) the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that several officials who had completed their probation period even retired from service without being confirmed; and

(f) if so, how they were compensated for the loss in gratuity and pension due to non-confirmation?

The Minister of Transport and Communications (Dr. P. Subbarayan): (a) One year, if a permanent post is available.

(b) to (f). The information is being collected and it will be placed on the Table of the House when available.

Bridge Engineering Works at Manmad

915. { Shri Jadhav:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bridge Engineering Workshop at Manmad is being remodelled;

(b) what is the number of workers in this workshop;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to have a trade apprentice school here for training skilled labour; and

(d) what type of residential quarters and for how many have been provided to the workers in this workshop?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Yes.

(b) 896

(c) Steps are being taken to introduce the scheme of trade apprenticeship in this workshop to provide a nucleus for filling posts of skilled artisans.

(d) The following quarters have been provided for the workers:

K Type for Class IV Staff—156 Nos.

J Type for Class III staff—12 Nos.

Over-bridge at Manmad

916. { Shri Jadhav:
Shri B. C. Mullick:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1423 on the 20th March, 1959 and state:

(a) whether the approval of the Government of Bombay has been received to the plan and estimate of the Railway over-bridge at Manmad on the Central Railway; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to construct the bridge?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Necessary sanction to undertake the work has been communicated recently to the Railway.

Telephone Connections in Delhi

917. **Shri A. M. Tariq:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections already sanctioned by the Telephone Advisory Committee or the Posts and Telegraphs Department in Delhi and New Delhi, exchange-wise and pending for installation of telephone at present;

(b) the number of applicants from whom money for installation of the telephones has also been realised and telephones not installed as yet;