

(b) and (c): No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. The S.T.C. had placed orders for a total quantity of 1,50,975 tonnes during 1970-71 and shipments will begin to arrive from the first week of August, 1971. The normal supply of newsprint from Nepa Mills will also be available to the newspapers.

Representations for Linking Chabua Telephone Exchange with Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange

5435. SHRI RORIN KAKOTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Eastern Assam Chamber of Commerce, Dibrugarh and also from the Tea Planters of Chabua area of Lakhimpur District, Assam regarding connection of Chabua Telephone Exchange directly with Dibrugarh Telephone Exchange ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) Yes Sir. The Postmaster General, Shillong had received a representation from the Eastern Assam Chamber of Commerce, Dibrugarh on this subject.

(b) The case was examined and as the trunk traffic between the two stations did not justify provision of a direct link between Chabua and Dibrugarh, Postmaster-General, Shillong has replied the party accordingly.

Conversion of Selection Posts into Non-Selection Posts in the Department of Statistics

5436. SHRI AMBESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Home Ministry's O.M. No. 1-12-67 Estt (c) dated the 11th July 1968 provides reservation for employees belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, in Class III and Class IV posts of selection nature in the vacancies filled by promotion;

(b) whether after the issue of the above circular, the Department of Statistics have converted the posts of Junior Investigator in the Central Statistical Organisation and that

of Assistant Superintendent in the National Sample Survey Organisation from selection to non-selection posts ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures Government have taken or propose to take for ensuring reservation in promotion as provided in the above circular?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI) : (a) This Office Memorandum of the Ministry of Home Affairs provides for reservation of a proportion of the vacancies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in promotions made by selection in Class III and Class IV posts in grades or services in which the element of direct recruitment does not exceed fifty percent.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The re-classification of a similar category of posts under the Department of Statistics as non-selection posts had already been agreed to and subsequently there had been requests for treating the posts of Junior Investigator in the Central Statistical Organisation and Assistant Superintendent in the National Sample Survey Organisation also as non-selection posts. Having regard to this position and the nature of the duties and responsibilities attached to these posts, they were also reclassified as non-selection posts.

According to the Office memorandum referred to in part (a), there is no provision for reservation of vacancies for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in appointments made by promotion on the basis of seniority subject to fitness.

Production and Export of Tyres of Dunlop, India

5437. SHRI SOMCHAND SOLANKI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the varieties of production of Dunlop, India in the field of tyres and their total production separately;