

**Annual Report of P. & T.**

**1373. Shri Buta Singh:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Posts and Telegraphs Directorate does not include the figures relating to the strength of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Employees of the department in the annual reports;

(b) if so, the reasons for not showing the above figures; and

(c) steps Government propose to take to include figures of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes employees in the annual reports?

**The Minister of Transport and Communications (Shri Jagjivan Ram):**

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to include this information in future in the annual reports.

**Linking of Kotah with Ajmer and Bhopal**

**1374. Shri Brij Raj Singh:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Kotah by rail from both Ajmer and Bhopal;

(b) if so, when Government are taking up this matter and how soon the work will start;

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take for opening up the interior; and

(d) whether there are any other rail links under consideration to link Kotah with some other parts of the country?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):**

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kotah and Bhopal are already connected by two broad gauge lines

via Bina and Nagda. Rail connection also exists between Ajmer and Kota via Ajmer-Phulera-Jaipur-Sawai Madhopur metre gauge and Sawai Madhopur, Kota broad gauge line. Funds made available for construction of new lines during the Third Plan being limited, there is no chance of construction of any additional lines between Kota and Bhopal or Kota and Bina being taken up in near future.

(d) No.

**Parvatipuram Town Railway Station**

**1375. Shri Satyanarayana:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any proposal to convert Parvatipuram Town Railway station into a flag station;

(b) if so, when it is expected to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri S. V. Ramaswamy):**

(a) Yes.

(b) It is expected that the construction would be completed by October, and the flag station opened by about December, 1962.

(c) Does not arise.

**Development of Forests**

**1376. Shri Rameshwar Tanti:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a fifteen-year scheme for the expansion of forests and development of trees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the very wide gap between demand for timber and other forest produce and the existing sup-