

(c) whether A.I.R. sponsored candidates who had not acquired knowledge in Swahili for which facilities are available in India because no person who had acquired such knowledge was available for sponsorship?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (Shri Sham Nath): (a) Yes.

(b) Two were sponsored in April, 1962 (not in March, 1963) but none was selected.

(c) Yes.

Quarters on Gua Iron Ore Mines

1874. { Shri H. C. Soy:
 \ Shri Besra:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the labour quarters on the hill top of the Gua Iron Ore Mines are totally unfit for human habitation, in respect of elementary sanitary and ventilation and other points of view; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the situation?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment (Shri R. K. Malviya): (a) The present condition of most of the quarters is not satisfactory. There are 15 sweepers, 4 bathrooms and 20 latrines for common use in the colony and the water supply is good.

(b) The management is reported to have already taken in hand a remodelling plan: about 90 houses have been renovated and provided with 2 windows each. 40 new houses have been constructed to replace some of the old ones. The old quarters which are unsatisfactory are to be demolished gradually.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

1875. { Shri M. C. Soy:
 \ Shri Besra:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Chittaranjan Loco-

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motive Works do not entertain candidates from the nearby Labour Exchanges situated in Bihar for Class IV vacancies; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to remove this difficulty?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Labour and Employment and for planning (Shri C. R. Pattabhi Ramam): (a) and (b). The method of recruitment to Class IV vacancies in the Railways depends on whether or not literacy has been prescribed as essential qualification. Where literacy is essential, candidates submitted by the Employment Exchanges are considered alongwith sons and immediate dependents of serving Railway employees who may apply direct. Where literacy is not prescribed, applicants may apply direct; they need not be registered at or submitted by Exchanges.

Recruitment to Class IV vacancies in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works is made by the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and the three Railway Recruitment Units as Asansol, Adra and Kharagpur either through the Exchanges within the area of these Units or directly, in accordance with the method of recruitment mentioned above. The Employment Exchanges in Bihar are outside the area of these Units and hence the question of recruitment through those Exchanges does not arise.

Postal Facilities for Jawans

1876. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements for supply of postage stamps, post-cards, inland letter forms and postal envelopes for the use of Jawans in frontier areas;

(b) whether any complaints have been received for the inadequacy of the arrangements; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the same?