

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Orders have already been issued posting an officer, who is expected to join shortly.

"A"-Grade Head Post Office at Rajkot

918. SHRI D. R. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Class I posts have been created recently in Gujarat Circle are not being filled up; and

(b) if so, the reasons herefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):

(a) and (b). Two Class I posts, viz. Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices, Mehsana and Dy. Divisional Engineer, Telegraphs, Ahmedabad, were created recently in Gujarat Circle. The post of Dy. Divisional Engineer, Telegraphs, Ahmedabad has already been filled up. The post will be filled up shortly. It had not been possible to fill the post on account of shortage of officers.

Inadequate facilities in Railwaypura Head Post Office at Ahmedabad

919. SHRI D. R. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been made by the Class III Postal Employees Union, Gujarat Circle and the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce for inadequate accommodation and insufficient facilities provided in the newly constructed building for Railwaypura, Head Post Office at Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken to provide adequate accommodation and sufficient facilities as per standards prescribed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c). In consultation with the All India Postal Employees Union Class III and as per the wishes of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce, the Night Post Office and the Delivery Branch of the Railwaypura Sub Office are continuing to function in the old Railwaypura Sub Office building. A non-delivery town sub office called Khvdi Bazar has been opened in a new Post Office building which has sufficient accommodation including public space. The position of converting the new office into a Head Office is under consideration. The shortage of accommodation in the old Railwaypura Sub Office building is now only marginal.

Upgrading of Mehsana Postal Division in Gujarat Circle

920. SHRI D. R. PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders for upgrading Mehsana Postal Division in Gujarat Circle from Class II to Class I have been issued since long;

(b) if so, whether the orders for upgrading this Postal Division have been carried out and if so, since when; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not carrying out the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL):

(a) The orders for upgrading Mehsana Postal Division from Class II to Class I were issued on 22-9-1967.

(b) and (c). Orders have already been issued posting a Class I officer who is expected to join shortly.