

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The research institutions which had in the past collaborated in the search for a suitable colouring agent for vanaspati have been requested to continue their efforts in this regard.

Press Council Opinion not Binding

4146. SHRI E. K. NAYANAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Haryana Chief Minister's statement in the State Legislature on the 29th August, 1970 to the effect that the decision of the Press Council regarding Tribune's complaint was not binding; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The attention of the Central Government has been drawn to the statement. The Press Council is a self-regulatory body and the Press Council Act does not have any provision for legal enforcement of decisions of the Council. The very structure of the Act contemplates that decisions of the Council will be willingly accepted and acted upon by the parties involved in all complaints adjudicated by the Council.

Recruitment in D. A. A. Section of P and T Directorate

4147. SHRI GUNA NAND THAKUR :
SHRI SUBRAVELU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are various Clerical Cadres working in the D. A. A. Section in the P and T Directorate ; and

(b) if so, the details of recruitment and other particulars about their cadres ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) It is a fact that there are a few clerical cadres in the DAA Section in the P and T Directorate. They are Air Mail Accounts Clerks, Surface Mail Accounts Clerks and Lower Selection Grade Clerks.

(b) Air Mail Accounts Clerks are recruited on transfer basis from the Time Scale Clerks of the Railway Mail Service Offices and the Surface Mail Accounts Clerks are recruited on transfer basis from the Time-Scale Clerks of the Foreign Post Offices. There are 20 posts of Air Mail Accounts Clerks in the scale of Rs. 130-300 and one temporary post of Air Mail Account Clerk in the scale of Rs. 130-280 and 8 surface Mail Accounts Clerks in the scale of Rs. 130-280. There are five Lower Selection Grade Clerks in the scale of Rs. 210-380. These Lower Selection Grade Posts are filled up by promotion from the Air Mail Accounts Clerks and Surface Mail Accounts Clerks in the ratio of 3:1. This ratio has been fixed taking into account the number of posts in the grades of Air Mail Accounts Clerks and Surface Mail Accounts Clerks.

Delay in Telephone Connections in Bombay

4148. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a long list to get Telephone connections in Bombay ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Yes. The total number of pending applications of all categories is approximately 74,600.

(b) There is a general shortage of exchange equipment and underground cables in the Country as a result of which it is not possible to cope up with the increasing demand for telephones.

Delhi Administration's Demand for Grant for Cooperative Activities of Weaker Sections of Society

4149. SHRI G. VENKATASWAMY : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Administration