

(d) During the last one year three cases of dumping undistributed mail have been reported by Delhi Circle.

(e) Action taken against the guilty officials is as follows:-

- (i) Disciplinary action has been taken against five Postmen of Karol Bagh Post Office;
- (ii) Disciplinary action has been taken against four Postman and 1 Public Relations Inspector of SRT Nagar Post Office;
- (iii) Disciplinary action has been taken against an Extra Departmental Delivery Agent of Ashok Vihar Post Office and a Departmental Postmen has been transferred.

#### HRA to Employees in Mumbai

2895. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all employees of Central Government in Maharashtra are getting house rent allowance at the rate admissible in Mumbai whereas employees of Department of Posts are not getting HRA at the same rate;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the demand relating to house rent allowance is pending with postal administration; and

(d) if so, the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No Sir, Employees of Deptt. of Post are also getting similar HRA like other employees of Central Govt. in Maharashtra.

(b) to (d). Questions do not arise in view of (a) above.

#### Rajdhani Express

2896. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that between the cities of New Delhi and Bombay, there are 14 pairs of Rajdhani Express trains in a week, but only 8 pairs of Rajdhani Express trains between Calcutta/Howrah and New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that between Calcutta and New Delhi, there are excess demand for travel by Rajdhani Express trains and a second pair of Rajdhani Express trains is justified for six days both ways;

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering to operate another pairs of Rajdhani Express between

Howrah and New Delhi or between Sealdah and New Delhi for six days a week; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). There are 12 pairs of Rajdhani services per week between Delhi and Mumbai.

(c) Some passengers remain on the waiting list which does not justify the introduction of an additional Rajdhani Express train on this route.

(d) It is proposed to increase the frequency of New Delhi-Bhubaneswar Rajdhani Express from weekly to bi-weekly. This will also serve New Delhi-Howrah passengers.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

#### Pending Scheme of running Shatabdi Express between Delhi and Bareilly

2897. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme to run Shatabdi Express train between Delhi and Bareilly is lying pending; and

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Publication of Books

2898. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) number of books published by the Publications Division during 1995-96.

(b) the title of books in Hindi, English and Urdu, separately; and

(c) language-wise break up with average size of edition in each case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. '3RAHIM) : (a) Publications Division published 122 books during 1995-96 as detailed below:-

Hindi	English	Urdu	Other Regional languages
72	31	4	15

(b) List of the books published by Publications Division is enclosed as statement.