

(c) and (d). After issue of the main notification in February, 1973, several amendments have been made thereto. The notification is being updated incorporating all the amendments issued so far and copies thereof will be supplied to the Parliament Library.

[*Translation*]

**Railway Mail Service at Gopal Ganj  
(Harkhua)**

436. SHRI KALI PRASAD PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether keeping in view the difficulties of public due to non-availability of Railway Mail Service in Gopal Ganj City (Harkhua) Railway Station, Government propose to take any action in this regard;

(b) if so, the time by which Railway Mail Service will be provided at Gopal Ganj (Harkhua) and the total amount involved therein;

(c) whether there is any difficulty in introducing this service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) There is no proposal for opening of Railway Mail Service Office at Gopal Ganj.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Opening of Railway Mail Office at Gopal Ganj is not justified according to the departmental norms. The opening of the office will also result in detention to mails.

[*English*]

**Blind persons appointed in Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.**

437. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether blind persons have been employed at Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Co. Ltd.;

(b) if so, the number of blind persons employed;

(c) whether such appointments have been made under any specific policy for the blind;

(d) if so, when was the same introduced and what is the scope of the policy;

(e) whether appointments of blind persons have been made in other public sector undertakings; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 37 blind persons are working in the Conversion Department (Finishing Department) of the Company.

(c) and (d). Keeping in view the general policy of the Government that handicapped persons need rehabilitation, the company on its own had identified functional areas where the blind can perform duties to the satisfaction of the company. Accordingly blind persons were found suitable for specific jobs like films spooling, packaging etc. The appointment of blind persons was introduced in HPF in 1972.

(e) and (f). Based on the information available with the Ministry of Welfare, a statement of blind persons employed in group 'C' and 'D' posts in various public sector undertakings during 1982, 1983 and 1984 is given in the statement below :