

Delhi-Madras Teleprinter Circuit for Universal Press Service

5435. Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:

Shri K. M. Abraham:

Shri Bhagaban Das:

Shri E. K. Nayanar:

Shri Viswanatha Menon:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether a leased circuit for teleprinter between Madras and New Delhi has been sanctioned for the Universal Press Service; and

(b) if so, when the connection at the two ends will be installed?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In about three months.

R.M.S. Division, Kerala Circle

5436. Shri E. K. Nayanar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any shortage of staff in the RMS Division, Kerala circle; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Candidates have been recruited against bulk of the vacancies and are undergoing training in two batches and will be posted after completion of the same. Recruitment will be made shortly against vacancies caused by recently created posts

Mail Van Service in Kerala

5437. Shri E. K. Nayanar: Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to lack of co-ordination between P. & T. Department

and Railway Authorities, Mail Van Service in Kerala has become more difficult; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to co-ordinate the work between P. & T. Department and the Railway Authorities?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) No Sir. There is no lack of co-ordination between the P. & T. and the Railway authorities. All the Sections in Kerala Circle have been provided with adequate number of mail vans to meet the daily requirements.

(b) The question does not arise.

Employees of P. & T. Department

5438. Shri George Fernandes:

Shri Madhu Limaye:

Shri J. H. Patel:

Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain employees of the Posts and Telegraphs Department from Lucknow, Allahabad, Fategarh, Mathura, Kanpur and Meerut were given special training in operating teleprinter machines, sometime during last year

(b) if so, where the training was given for what purpose and at what cost; and

(c) whether these employees are now posted and the work allotted to them?

The Minister of State in the Departments of Parliamentary Affairs and Communications (Shri I. K. Gujral): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The training was given in teleprinter operation at the Agra departmental training class. The total cost of the training was Rs. 2,342

(c) Eight of these officials are at present working in Kanpur Employment Exchange Combined Office as