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Title: Need to regularize the employees, appointed on compassionate ground in the postal department of in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI ADHI SANKAR : Sir, there are around 200 candidates in the waiting list in the Tamilnadu Circle who have been selected for appointment, under compassionate grounds in view of the death or invalidation of their parents, for the posts of Postal Assistants, Postmen or Group 'D'. The selection and the approval by the Head of the Circle was duly conveyed to the selected candidates. They have been given training for Postal Assistants and Sorting Assistants.

13.00 hrs.

However, the regular orders for appointment have not been given to them in view of the restriction that not more than five per cent of the vacancies can be allotted to the compassionate appointees.

They are working under the temporary arrangement without any attendant benefits for the past seven years and it is apprehended that it will take another ten years to absorb them in the normal course.

I would request the hon. Minister of Communication to direct the Postmaster General, Tamil Nadu Circle in this regard.

SHRI A. KRISHNASWAMY (SRIPERUMBUDUR): Sir, I associate myself with this.

SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN (NAGAPATTINAM): Sir, I also associate myself with this.