

**Opening of Post Offices in Andhra Pradesh**

341. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state "that the number of Post Offices proposed to be opened in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): It is proposed to open 155 post offices in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh in the current financial year.

**Assault on Indian Diplomat in UK**

342. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA: SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND: SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 2nd November, 1977 to the effect that an official of the Indian High Commission in U.K. had been stabbed in London; and

(b) whether Government of India have taken up the matter with the Government of U.K. and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. An Official of the High Commission of India, London called at the British Foreign Office and left an

*Aide Memoirs* asking for earnest efforts to locate the assailant, establish his motive, organisational connection and intensify protective measures.

The Special Branch and the Diplomatic Protection Group of the Metropolitan Police have informed the High Commission that they have intensified security measures for protection of Indian officials and diplomats. The investigations are being carried out by Scotland Yard specially.'

**Talks with the Tanzanian Delegation**

343. SHRI JANARDHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from Tanzania visited India in the first week of November, 1977; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of discussions held and what was the outcome of the discussions?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tanzanian delegation led by Mr. N.J. Maro, Principal Secretary, Tanzanian Ministry of Works, held useful and exploratory talks with the officials of the Government of India including Director General, Roads Development, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Supply, Director-General, Supplies and Disposals, officials of the CPWD, International Airport Authorities of India Ltd. etc. The Tanzanian delegation indicated the possibility of their needing engineers and architects from India as well as of the Indian Companies taking up jobs in Tanzania, particularly road and building projects.