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MINISTER t[THE FO COMMUNICA-TIONS Harr (SHRI H.N. BAHU-GUNA): (a) and (b) A 4000 line Crossbar E)ichange is under installation and is expected to be commissioned by the end of 1971-72. A scheme to connect Gwalior with Agra and Delhi through STD is under consideration. For this purpose a microwave scheme connecting Agra and Gwalior has been planned. It is hoped that the STD from Gwalior to Agra and Delhi may be commissioned by the end of fourth or early during the fifth plan period. The traffic between Gwalior and Bombay is r.ot adequate to justify STt) between these two stations at present.]

## केन्द्रीय सरकार की सेवा में मुसलमान तथा पिछड़े वर्ग के कर्मचारो

285. श्री बी० एन० मंडल: क्या प्रधान
मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि: 1950-51
के वर्ष में केन्द्रीय सरकार की सेवा में क्रमणः
मुसलमान और पिछड़े बगों के कितने कर्मचारी थे
और 31 मार्च, 1970-71 को ऐसे कर्मचारियों
की संख्या कितनी थी?

## MUSLIMS AND BACKWARD CLASS PERSONNEL IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

285. SHRI B.N. MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER) The be pleased to state the number of Muslims and persons of backward classes respectively in Central Government service in the year 195C-51 and the number of such employees as on March 31, 1970-71?]

कार्मिक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्घा): केन्द्रीय सरकार की सेवाओं में मुसलमानों की संस्था के सम्बन्ध में सूचना प्राप्त नहीं है। जहां तक पिछड़े वर्गों का सम्बन्ध है, भारत सरकार ने अपने अधीन सेवाओं में आरक्षण के लिए पिछड़े वर्गों की श्रेणी में अनुसूचित जातियों के अलावा किन्हीं अन्य वर्गों को मान्यता नहीं दी है। 1 जनवरी, 1970 को केन्द्रीय सरकार की सेवा में अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित आदिम जातियों ही संस्था इस प्रकार है:—

अनुसूचित जाति 4,28,963

अनुसुचित आदिम जाति 65,012

1950-51 वर्ष के लिए ऐसी सूचना उप-लब्ध नहीं है।

to Questions

tfTHE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

বিমাণ में रাज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): Information regarding number ol' Muslims in the Central Government Services is not available. As for the backward classes, th: Government o( India have not recognised any classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as backward classes for purpose of reservation in services under them. The number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central Government service as on 1st January, 1970 is as follows:—

Scheduled Castes 4,28,963

Scheduled Tribes 65,012

Such information for the year 1950-51 is not available.]

## PROJECT ALLOWANCE TO P&T EMPLOYEES

286. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the least to slate

- (a) whether any decision lias been taken to gram Project Allowance to P&T Employees working in the area coming under Pong Dam and the realignment of Kangra Valley Railway area due to the construction of Pons Dam; and
- (bl if so, the number of such employees with the names of Post and Telegraph offices which will receive it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHU-GUNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.