

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): There is no move to upgrade the Orissa P and T. Circle for the present.

UPGRADING OF DHENKANAL SUB-POST OFFICE

62. SHRI SANKAR PRATAP SINGH DEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government propose to upgrade the Dhenkanal Sub-Post Office in Orissa, as a Head Post Office; and if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): A proposal for upgrading Dhenkanal Sub Post Office in Orissa into a Head Post Office is already under active consideration and this office is likely to be upgraded in the course of the next few months.

DELIVERY OF EXPRESS LETTERS AT GAUHATI

63. SHRI BAHARUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that express letters are generally delivered later than 'ordinary letters at Gauhati; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER in THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) Yes Sir, for about a fortnight in October-November, 1964.

(b) Due to non-availability of staff, late receipt of mails and slack supervision. However, action has already been taken to rectify these defects.

POST OFFICE AT NAGERCOIL

64. SHRI P. THANULINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state when the original post office at Nagercoil, District Konia Kumari was demolished; and what

are the reasons for the delay in the construction of the new building?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): The old Post Office building at Nagercoil was demolished on the 22nd December, 1962.

The work could not be started as\* due to declaration of the emergency in October, 1962, there was curtailment in building activity. Priority for the work was accorded only in October, 1963, and thereafter Working drawings for the work were prepared. Further, due to limited capacity of the Civil Engineering Wing, detailed estimate for the work could not be finalised, as the staff were engaged works of higher priority.

Steps have been taken to sanction additional staff. Estimate for the work is now under preparation and the work will be taken up after approval.

(The following are the Written Answers to Questions, Starred and Unstarred, which were put down in the List of Business for the 16th November, 1964.

PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AIR INDIA AND THE I.A.C.

♦1. SHRI BIREN ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) the names of Members constituting the Board of Directors and [or Board of Advisors of the Air India and the Indian Airlines Corporation;

(b) the qualifications of these persons and their dates of appointments and reappointments, if any; and

(c) what are their remuneration and duties?

(The House adjourned without transacting any business on the 16th November, 1964 on account of the passing away of Shri H. C. Dasappa, Minister of Industry and Supply and Shri L. Lalit Madhob Sharma and Shri G. Rajagopalan, sitting Members of the Rajya Sabha.