

concerned, their seniority is determined by their length of service in their grade in the Board's office. The procedure to be followed in determining the seniority of Assistants is fully explained in Staff Officer Order No. 14 of 1960 a reference to which in fact, has been made by the Hon'ble Member in part (d) of his question.

(b) Not as a rule. However as will be observed from para 2 of the aforesaid office order, the service of the staff concerned in the parent offices has been taken into account for the limited purpose of filling the permanent initial constitution vacancies in the Assistant's grade by excluding the persons having the shortest total length of service.

(c) The seniority rules applicable to ministerial staff in the Railway Board's office correspond in the main to those in the Central Secretariat Service with differences of detail to suit the somewhat different scheme of the Ministry of Railways which has a large field organisation namely, the Railways, to serve also a source from which staff with experience of Railways can be drawn to man some of the posts in the Ministry of Railways.

(d) Office Order No. 14 of 1960 will be fully implemented after the permanent initial constitution vacancies in the Assistants' grade have been filled in consultation with the U.P.S.C.

FIRST CLASS BOGIE ATTACHED TO DE. LUXE AIR-CONDITIONED TRAIN

*66. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for attaching a first class bogie to the De-Luxe air-conditioned train running between Delhi-Bombay Central; and

(b) if so, when this facility will be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHAH NAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE AT MEERUT

*67. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in installing Automatic Exchange at Meerut in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) when the work is expected to be completed; and

(c) when the facility of direct dialling of Trunk Calls by subscribers would be available between Delhi and Meerut??

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI B. BHAGAVATI): (a) The installation of automatic exchange equipment is in progress.

(b) October-November, 1962.

(c) During 1964.

TRADE UNIONS IN THE CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

♦68, SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trade unions that exist in the Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and the verified membership of each of the unions; and

(b) whether any of these unions is recognised by the administration and if so, what is its name?