

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI LAKSHMI MENON): (a) and (b). The Prime Ministers' Agreement of April 1950 dealt with a particular situation that had arisen then. It also dealt with certain general problems affecting the minorities in each country. According to the Agreement, the Governments of India and Pakistan agreed that each shall ensure to the minorities, throughout its territory, complete equality of citizenship, irrespective of religion. The Agreement provided the setting up of special machinery to ensure the implementation of its terms. This machinery has continued to work, though sometimes not successfully.

In September-October 1953, an Indo-Pakistan conference at official level was held in Calcutta to discuss Eastern-Zone problems, including the implementation of the Prime Ministers' Agreement of April 1950.

Thus in its larger aspects, this Agreement still continues in force.

SELECTION OF ASSISTANT ENGINEERS IN A.I.R.

*495. SHRI BHERON PRASAD: Will the Minister for INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names, qualifications and past experience, if any, of the candidates selected for the fifty posts of Assistant Engineers in the All India Radio advertised by the Union Public Service Commission in September 1952?

THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI G. RAJAGOPALAN): Selections for appointment to 90 per cent. of the vacancies occurring in the cadre of Assistant Engineers are made on the recommendations of the Union Public Service Commission. The remaining vacancies, viz., 10 per cent. are reserved for departmental promotion which is made on the recommendations of

the Departmental Promotion Committee which includes a member of the Union Public Service Commission.

Recruitment to 50 posts of Assistant Engineer was recently made through the Union Public Service Commission. The Commission received 388 applications and summoned 151 candidates for interview in May and June 1953. 9 of the candidates failed to appear. The Commission selected 50 of the most suitable candidates who possessed the prescribed qualifications which, *inter alia*, are:

- (a) Degree in Tele-communication or Radio Engineering of recognised Indian or foreign university; or
- (b) Diploma in Communication Engineering from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; or
- (c) (i) Degree in Electrical Engineering or Master's or equivalent Honours degree in Physics. Bachelor's degree in Physics also accepted.
- (ii) Sound knowledge of theory and practice of wireless.
- (iii) Practical experience for about 2 years (about 3 years for Bachelor's degree holders) in Engineering Division of a Broadcasting Organisation or Communication Engineering Organisation or in the works of reputable firm manufacturing telecommunication equipment or in Radio Research Laboratory.

In addition to the above qualifications, the Commission also consider such factors as intelligence, personality, etc., as bring out the suitability of each candidate, in the course of interview.

A statement giving the names of Assistant Engineers selected through the Union Public Service Commission, is laid on the Table of the Council.

Statement

Names

1. C. V. Merani.
2. P. S. Bhagat.
3. A. M. Thyagarajan.
4. C. L. Aggarwal.
5. T. Ravindranath.
6. R. C. Basak.
7. T. B. Shanmugasundaram.
8. N. Venkaleswarlu.
9. C. R. Viswanathan.
10. H. L. Nagaraja.
11. S. B. Pendharkar.
12. J. V. Bhatia.
13. K. K. Shrivastava.
14. S. N. Salgarkar.
15. U. D. Nagaraja Rao.
16. P. Krishnaswamy.
17. K. L. Bhatnagar.
18. M. N. Thirunaryanan.
19. V. Venkatasubramanyam.
20. B. Gopalakrishnan.
21. K. B. G. Menon.
22. Debendra Nath Dey.
23. N. Krishnamurty.
24. J. N. Saha.
25. B. V. T. Rao.
26. K. Ranganathan.
27. B. S. Rao.
28. Ram Krishna Gour.
29. V. N. Mathur.
30. S. R. Aiyer.
31. M. V. Jaganadha Row.
32. Dev Raj Dougal.
33. P. K. Suryanarayan.
34. Mangal Sain.
35. K. C. Chadha.
36. K. R. Vaidyanathan.
37. V. K. Rao.
38. G. Mahadevan.
39. K. P. A. Menon.
40. U. C. Sinha.
41. S. K. Bhattacharjee.
42. C. S. Raghavendra Rao.

Names—contd.

43. Ben Behari Ghosh.
44. S. K. Bansal.
45. Kantharaj Joseph
46. M. I. Jamal Mohiudeen.
47. R. B. Lal.
48. A. K. Sen.
49. V. B. Pradhan.
50. Madan Mohan.

FALL IN THE DEMAND OF WAGONS FOR
COAL TRANSPORT

*496. DR. RADHA KUMUD
MOOKERJI: Will the Minister for
PRODUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why the demand
for wagons for the transport of coal
has fallen short of the supply of
railway wagons for such transport;
and

(b) whether it is a fact that this
reduction in the demand for wagons
is due to the decline of production
of coal in mines; and, if so, the
reasons for such decline?

THE MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION
(SHRI K. C. REDDY): (a) and (b).
The overall demand for railway wagons
for the transport of coal has not
fallen short of the supply of wagons
for such transport but the wagon offer-
ings for down-country and the indus-
trial area from Bengal/Bihar fields
rose between September and Novem-
ber 1953 to levels in excess of the cur-
rent demands. For some time during
November and early part of Decem-
ber 1953, this applied also to the
available rail transport capacity *via*
Waltair and Ajni. There is no reduc-
tion in the demand for wagons due to
the slight decline in production.

SHARE OF THE CENTRAL AND STATE
GOVERNMENTS OF THE EXPENDITURE
UNDER THE FIVE YEAR PLAN

300. SHRI B. RATH: Will the Minis-
ter for PLANNING be pleased to
state: