

The fifth meeting of the Indian Science Congress will be held in Lahore on January 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th 1918. His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of the Panjab has consented to be the Patron of the meeting and Dr. G. T. Walker, C. S. I. will be the President. The following sectional presidents have been appointed:—Agriculture, Dr. L. Coleman (Bangalore); Physics and Mathematics, Dr. Wali Mahomed (Aligarh); Chemistry Dr. G. J. Fowler (Bangalore); Zoology and Ethnology, Dr. Chowdhuri (Calcutta); Botany Mr. R. S. Hole (Dehra Dun); Geology Mr. E. S. Pinfold, (Rangoon); Dr. J. L. Simonsen, of the Presidency College, Madras, will be the General Secretary and Mr. A. S. Hemmy and Rai Saheb Ruhi Ram, of the Government College, Lahore, will be local Secretaries.

Departmental Notes.

1. Mechanic J. A. D. Williams, to take charge of No. 1 Circle, comprising Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Godavari Districts, head-quarters at Vizagapatam.
2. Supervisor, M. R. Ry., A. Viswanatha Ayyar, on relief by No. 1. is transferred to the Department of Industries.
3. Mechanic J. Babu Rao, to take charge of No. II Circle, comprising Kristna, Guntur and Nellore Districts.
4. Supervisor, M. R. Ry., P. V. S. Ramanujam Pillai, remains in charge of No. III Circle, comprising Bellary, Karnool, Cuddapah and Anantapur Districts. But his head-quarters will be moved to Bellary in place of Gooty.
5. Supervisor, M. R. Ry., S. Rajagopal Nayudu, on relief by No. 3 is posted to take charge of No. IV (a) Circle, comprising Madras, Chingleput and south Arcot Districts, head-quarters at Madras.
6. On relief by No. 5, Mechanic, M. R. Ry., P. S. Ranganatham Pillai, now, in charge of Cuddalore Circle, is transferred to the Department of Industries.
7. On return from leave on 1st July 1917 Supervisor, M. R. Ry., A. V. Varadaraja Mudaliar, will take charge of No. IV (b) Circle, comprising Note Arcot and Chittoor Districts with head-quarters at Vellore from Mechanic G. R. Veakateswara Ayyar who will remain in No. IV (b) Circle.

8. On relief by M. R. Ry., H. Venkataramaniah, Engineering Assistant, Agricultural College, Coimbatore, who returns from leave on 1st July 1917, Supervisor, M. R. Ry., Yajnanarayana Sastri is posted to No. V Circle, comprising Trichinopoly, Tanjore and Salem Districts with head-quarters at Trichinopoly.

9. On relief by No. 7 Supervisor, M. R. Ry., C. Sundaram Ayyar (Tanjore) and M. R. Ry., V. R. Venkatarama Ayyar (Trichinopoly) are transferred to the Department of Industries.

10. Supervisor, M. R. Ry., K. Govinda Menon will remain in charge of No. VI Circle comprising Madura, Ramnad and Tinnevelly Districts, but his head-quarters will be moved to Madura in place of Tinnevelly.

11. On relief by No. 5, Supervisor, M. R. Ry., A. K. Subrahmanya Ayyar is posted to No. VII Circle comprising of Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Kanara Districts. Mechanic, A. Sachitanandam at present in charge of Coimbatore Circle will continue as Mechanic in No. VII Circle.

12. In addition to Mechanic M. R. Ry., P. S. Ranganatham Pillai, vide No. 6 above, the following Mechanics are transferred to the Department of Industries:—

- S. Rajagopala Ayyar from Tanjore,
- V. Kanakiah Nayudu from Bezwada,
- S. Kasthuriranga Ayyar from Trichinopoly,
- G. Ramamurthi from Gooty,
- and K. Ramachandra Ayyar from Tanjore.

13. With effect from 1st July 1917 the control of all industrial plants such as cotton gins (except the gins on the Agricultural sections) rice hullers, oil presses, groundnut decorticators, will be transferred to the Department of Industries. Jaggery making plants will continue under the control of the Agricultural Department for the present.

14. Farm Manager M. R. Ry., A. V., Thirumuruganatham Pillai, is granted an extension of privilege leave up to 20th July 1917.

15. M. R. Ry., T. S. Ramasubrahmanya Ayyar, is appointed 4th grade Assistant under the Government Agricultural Chemist, Coimbatore in the Upper Division Science Section on Rs. 75, 75, 75—5—125. Subprotom to fill an existing vacancy.

16. M. R. Ry., T. Laksmipathy Rao, is appointed Assistant Farm Manager, 4th grade on probation and is posted to Samalkota for training.

17. Extension of sick leave for 2 months is granted to M. R. Ry. T. Ranganath, Assistant in Mycology from 4th June 1917.

The following promotions are made in the Agricultural Section, Upper Division.

18. M. R. Ry., C. Narayana Ayyar, 3rd grade Farm Manager to be 2nd grade on Rs. 175 vice M. R. Ry., M. Goinda Kidavu promoted to Gazetted rank.

19. M. R. Ry., S. Ramasami Pillai, Agricultural Demonstrator, 4th grade to be 3rd grade vice No. 18.

20. M. R. Ry., N. S. Kolandasami Pillai, Farm Manager, 4th grade to be 3rd grade to fill an existing vacancy.

Numbers 18 and 19 will take effect from 12th June 1917 and No. 20 from 26th June 1917.

21. The six weeks' privilege leave granted to M. R. Ry., K. T. Bhandary, Agricultural Demonstrator, from 24th May 1917 in this office R. Dis. No. 144, dated 2nd May 1917 is extended by 14 days.

22. Farm Manager, M. R. Ry., A. V. Thirumuruganatham Pillai, on return from leave is posted to charge of District Work in the Salem, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore Districts with Headquarters at Salem.

23. M. R. Ry., S. Narayana Ayyar, is transferred from District Work in the VI Circle to be in charge of Nandyal Farm.

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