

All India Service Test 1980

3411. SHRI T. NAGARATNAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of general, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees appeared in the written All India Service Test, 1980 of the Central Bank of India held for promotion to the Officer Cadre;

(b) the number of general, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees who have been charged with using unfair means in the Test;

(c) whether the pre-Test Training afforded to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes Contestants of the Test was opposed by the All India Central Bank Employees Federation—the Majority Union and other general candidates.

(d) whether the Bank agreed with the Majority Union and other Trade Unions not to award any such Pre-Test Training to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Candidates appearing in the All India Service Test; and

(e) whether the Bank proposes to afford Pre-Test Training to all SC/ST candidates appearing in such Test in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a). According to the Central Bank of India, 3597 candidates belonging to general category and 451 belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes had appeared in the All India Service Test held in 1980.

(b) The bank has not received any complaint against such candidates for using unfair means.

(c) The bank has stated that the All India Central Bank Employees' Federation had urged for imparting pre-test training for all candidates.

(d) No such agreement has been made by the management.

(e) The bank will continue to impart pre-test training to scheduled castes/scheduled tribes candidates.

Encouragement to Indian Tourists

3412. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a deliberate policy to ignore the Indian tourist in the tourism development plans of Government; and

(b) if not, what are the features of the policy encouraging and assisting Indian tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Government is giving due importance to the development of domestic tourism. Several facilities have already been provided for domestic tourists during the various Plan periods. A chain of tourist bungalows and youth hostels have been constructed for providing inexpensive accommodation to middle-income group tourists as also to our youth for promoting youth travel. The construction of additional youth hostels will be continued in the Sixth Five Year Plan.

A 1200-bed Yatri Niwas is presently under construction by the India Tourism Development Corporation in New Delhi. It will provide inexpensive board and lodging facilities. Similar projects will be considered at other centres only after the Government is satisfied with the results of the operation of the Yatri Niwas in New Delhi for the first 2/3 years.

For providing facilities for the large number of pilgrims a Society named the Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti has been set up under the Societies Registration Act. The Samiti will give grants/loans for the maintenance/improvement/expansion of dharam shales/serais/musafir khanas at nationally important pilgrim centres. The Samiti would also construct such