

Volume 1, General Managers have full powers to make rules in regard to non-gazetted railway servants under their control provided they are not inconsistent with any rules made by the President or the Railway Board and therefore, General Manager can permit the deviation from the channel of promotion.

Recruitment of Staff by Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Tripura

4751. SHRI BIREN DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Commission authorities in Tripura do not directly recruit technical or non-technical staff from Tripura; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) All projects of the Commission, including Tripura Project, make recruitment to both technical and non-technical decentralised posts locally.

(b) Does not arise.

O & N.G.C Employees working in Tripura State

4752 SHRI DASARATHA DEB: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of employees of O & N.G.C. working in the State of Tripura at present;

(b) what is the percentage of employees belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe now engaged in Tripura;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to give proper representation in the services to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Tripura; and

(d) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) 578 regular employees were working in the Tripura project of ONGC on 1-2-1975.

(b) Percentage of employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is 5 per cent and 2.25 per cent respectively.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Various orders issued by the Government from time to time, regarding reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Central Government services and posts, have been made applicable in the Commission as a whole.

Laser Beam Treatment for Throat Diseases

4753. SHRI P. VENKATASUBBALAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi has introduced laser beam treatment for throat diseases;

(b) if so, the steps envisaged to expand the introduction of this treatment to other hospitals; and

(c) whether any scheme has been drawn in this regard to make it available to the common man?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Saladipura Pyrite Project

4754. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Saladipura Pyrite Project has been considerably delayed;