

So far as the State Governments and the Union Territories are concerned, they have been requested to establish a review and monitoring system at high level to keep a close watch over the placement position of ex-servicemen against different jobs under them.

In order to further improve the utilisation of vacancies reserved for ex-servicemen, review meetings have been started with some of the major employing Ministries/Departments/Organisations at the Centre. Simultaneously, discussions are also being held with some Rajya Sainik Boards, Zila Sainik boards and District Employment Exchange authorities to assess the effectiveness of the existing machinery for sponsorship and placement of ex-servicemen against reserved vacancies.

Evaluation of Farming out Work in Defence Establishments to Private Contractors

3165. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Since when the practice of farming out the work in defence establishments is being done;

(b) whether any evaluation about its impact on various aspects including the security quality standard, etc has been made;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether this practice is proposed to be discontinued; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). The practice of farming out work relating to production of

Defence equipments either to Defence production units or Civil Sector, keeping in view the security requirements, quality standards etc. has been in vogue all along.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The policy of the Government is to make optimal use of national infrastructure both in Defence and Civil Sector for production of Defence equipments, within the ambit of Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956.

Setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kanpur

3166. SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kanpur for children of Railway employees;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (M.G.K.MENON): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not received any proposal from Railway Board for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya in Kanpur.

Hike in Prices of Paper

3167. SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased state:

(a) whether the prices of paper needed for publishing books have increased