

LOK SABHA

Thursday, February 11, 1960/Magha
22, 1881 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

U.P.S.C. Examination Centre in
Madhya Pradesh

*65. Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1008 on the 17th December, 1959 and state at what stage is the proposal to open a centre for the I.A.S. and other U.P.S.C. examinations in Madhya Pradesh?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs. (Shri Datar): The Union Public Service Commission propose to discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission sometime in April or May this year.

Shri Ram Krishan Gupta: May I know whether any such request has been received from any other State?

Shri Datar: There are three States where there are no centres for the U.P.S.C. examinations. Kerala is one, Madhya Pradesh is another and Rajasthan is the third.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: This question of establishing a centre for the U.P.S.C. examinations has been pending for some time. What are the difficulties in arriving at an early decision in this matter?

Shri Datar: It has been pending for some time. The difficulty is of choosing a particular place—Bhopal or Indore. And, at Bhopal there is want of necessary accommodation.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May we know what are the places which are under the consideration of the U.P.S.C. and what are the specific difficulties that have been encountered? May we know whether there is any difference of opinion in the Madhya Pradesh Government or whether there is any difference of opinion between the U.P.S.C. and the Madhya Pradesh Government?

Shri Datar: I may point out that two places were probable, one Bhopal and the other Indore. But Indore is on a branch line and, perhaps, may not be convenient. As far as Bhopal is concerned, want of accommodation is seriously felt and the Government of Madhya Pradesh also feels that after a few months it would be possible for them to provide the necessary accommodation.

Shri Bahadur Singh: May I know whether any assessment has been made about the number of candidates that appear from the States where there are no centres?

Shri Datar: I have not got the figures before me; but, we are anxious to provide centres at all convenient places.

Shri Vidya Charan Shukla: May I know if the Government of Madhya Pradesh proposed the names of other sites such as Gwalior or Jabalpur and whether they were considered by the U.P.S.C.?

Shri Datar: I am not aware of any such recommendation.