

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि केवल विशेष जातियों के मेरिट ही विशेष रेजिमेंटों में रखे जाते हैं ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री कुम्भ मेनन) :

(क) तथा (ख). कुछ रेजिमेंटों अभी परम्परागत नामों को अपनाए हुए हैं, जैसे सिख, जाट, डो.रा।

(ग) उपरोक्त में से कई रेजिमेंटों के लिये अब भी जाति विशेष के रंगरूट भरती किए जाते हैं। कुछ दूसरियों में, वद्यपि रेजिमेंटों के नाम जातियों विशेष पर रखे गये हैं, दूसरी जातियों में भी रंगरूट भरती किये जाते हैं। उदाहरणतः गजपूत रेजिमेंट में गजपूतों के अलावा गुजर, ब्राह्मण और बंगाली भी भरती किए जाते हैं।

इन सभी रेजिमेंटों में अधिकारियों के विषय में कोई प्रतिबन्ध नहीं है, वह भारत के किसी भी भाग से आ सकते हैं।

I.A.S. and I.P.S. Officers

*272. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of I.A.S. and I.P.S. officers selected from each of the various States, and how they have been allotted to the different States during the last five years; and

(b) what criterion is followed in putting the selected candidates to the cadre of different States?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Two statements giving the requisite information in respect of candidates selected on the basis of the annual Competitive Examination are laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3030/61].

(b) The policy of the Government is to allot to each State cadre of these two services, as far as practicable, at least 50% candidates from

outside the State. In making allotment the rank of the candidates in the merit list and the preferences for the States indicated by them are generally taken into account.

Demand for Hill State

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 Shri P. C. Barooah;
 Shri Prakash Vir Shastri;
 Shri P. G. Deb;
 Shri S. A. Mehdi;
 Shri Ram Krishan Gupta;
 Shri Chuni Lal;
 Shri N. M. Deb;
 Shri M. K. Kumaran;
 Pandit D. N. Tiwari;
 Shri Hem Raj;
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi;
 Dr. Ram Subhag Singh;
 Maharajkumar Vijaya
 Ananda
 Shri Hem Barua:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leaders of the Assam Hill area visited New Delhi to have discussion in regard to their demand for a separate Hill State in May this year;

(b) if so, whether a Scottish pattern of autonomy was offered for the Hill State by Government; and

(c) what was their reaction to this offer?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) A delegation of the All Party Hill Leaders Conference met Prime Minister and Home Minister in Delhi on the 17th and 18th May 1961.

(b) Arrangements somewhat on the lines of the Scottish Committee of the British House of Commons were discussed.

(c) The All Party Hill Leaders Conference have not agreed to these arrangements; however, the Assam Hill Peoples' Convention organised by the Khasi Hill District Congress Committee has expressed itself in favour of their acceptance.