

was appointed by the UPSC to review the Scheme of the Civil Services Examination and has furnished its report.

(b) A gist of the main recommendations contained in the Report is given in the statement attached. The recommendations are under consideration of Government.

(c) In view of reply to (b), no further review is contemplated.

STATEMENT

Main recommendations contained in the Report of Prof. Satish Chandra Committee

S. No. Gist of recommendations/ conclusions

1. The S.C./S.T. candidates who qualify in general merit list without having availed of age concession and concession in terms of cances should be treated as general candidates and should not be set off against reserved quota.
2. Some of the Group 'A' Services and the Group 'B' Services should be delinked from the Civil Services Examination.
3. Doctors and Engineers should continue to be eligible to appear at the Civil Services Examination.
4. An Eassay paper of 200 marks should be introduced in the Main Examination. Candidates could be allowed to answer this paper in English or any one of of the Indian Languages included in Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.
5. The following optional subjects should be deleted from the syllabus for the Main Examination:
 - French
 - German
 - Russian and
 - Chinese.

[Translation]

Earthquake Tremors in Northern India

1970. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether earthquake tremors were recorded in Srinagar, Chandigarh, Jalandhar and the adjoining cities in the second week of July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the loss of lives and properties due to these earthquake tremors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The earthquake took place at 14 hours 39 minutes IST on the 14th July, 1991 with its epicentre (origin) in the Hindukush Mountains at Latitude 36.5° North and Longitude 71.0° East, at a distance of about one thousand kilometers from New Delhi. The magnitude of the earthquake was 6.6 on the Richter scale.

(c) None reported in Indian territory.

[English]

Cachar Sugar Mill, Assam

1971. SHRI DWARAKA NATHA DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cachar Sugar Mill, Ratabari in Karimganj District of Assam is closed for years together; and

(b) if so, the reasons for its closure and when it would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Cachar Sugar Mills Ltd., Ratabari, Distt. Karimganj is lying closed since 1985-86 due to non-availability of