

of STs only; and

(f) if so, the number of vacancies filled up as a result of the said test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Central Bank of India has reported that a total of 136 vacancies were filled by it in two lots as under :

With effect from	SC	ST	General
1-11-90	5	9	54
29-12-90	4	50	14
TOTAL	9	59	68

As there was oldest backlog in the ST category for promotions from clerical to JMGS-I cadre, it had conducted a special All India Service Test for ST category on 18-11-90 and promoted 50 ST candidates with effect from 29-12-90. Since these vacancies, reserved for the Scheduled Tribe candidates, have been filled through Special Promotion exercise owing to such candidates not becoming available through normal promotion process, it is not possible to ante-date their promotion dates.

Mobilisation of Savings by NHB

4053. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the scheme launched by the National Housing Bank for mobilising savings from the general public; and

(b) the details of their operation and achievements, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Housing Bank (NHB) launched a loan-linked savings scheme for the general public known as the Home Loan Account Scheme (HLAS) on July 1, 1989 which is being implemented through the scheduled commercial banks and select housing finance companies. Under the HLAS any individual not owning a house/flat/apartment anywhere in India can open an account in the scheduled commercial banks or select housing finance companies. The minimum contribution is Rs. 30 per month and there is no ceiling on the amount to be saved under the scheme. The rate of return on deposits under HLAS is 10% compounded annually. The minimum period of savings is 5 years to be eligible for a housing loan under the scheme.

As per the report received from NHB more than 5 lakh accounts were opened under HLA Scheme with total deposits of about Rs. 92 crores by the end of June, 1991.

Export of Beedies

4054. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of beedies exported during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned from such exports?