

included in the Scheme. Applications are invited by issuing advertisement in the leading daily Newspapers. The applications are then considered by a Selection Committee constituted by the Government of India for the purpose every year, to make their recommendations regarding the nomination of candidates to various medical colleges where seats are reserved. While making their recommendations the selection Committee keeps in view the various requirements which a candidate has to fulfil for admission to various medical colleges, e.g. minimum age, percentage of marks, etc. The preferences indicated by the students are also taken into account subject to availability of seats in the specific colleges. All the seats reserved for the students belonging to Union Territories (other than Delhi) in the various medical colleges are pooled together and the seats are allotted to the eligible candidates.

M.B.B.S. Course

2369. Shri Naval Prabhakar: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have kept separate quota of seats for M.B.B.S. course for the wards of the Central Government servants posted in Indian Missions abroad; and

(b) if so, what is the total number of such seats and out of them how many have been reserved for wards of Scheduled Castes employees?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) and (b). Usual arrangements are made every year for the reservation of seats in the M.B.B.S. course in the Medical Colleges in various States for students (both boys and girls) belonging to the Union Territories of Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Naga Land and NEFA. Sons and daughters of the India-based Staff employed in Indian Missions

abroad are also considered for admission against the reserved seats. All the seats reserved are pooled together and allotted to eligible students. There is no specific quota of seats for children of Central Government servants posted in Indian Missions abroad. Twenty percent of all available seats are reserved for students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes. The selection of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is subject to their possessing minimum qualifications prescribed by the Universities or the colleges concerned.

Telephone Exchange, Mysore

2370. { Shri Siddiah:
Shri P. N. Kayal:
Shri Sonavane:

Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding the construction of Telephone Exchange building at Mysore city; and

(b) when it is likely to be completed?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Land has been taken over. The preliminary drawings for the building have been finalised and the detailed drawings are under preparation by the Central P.W.D.

(b) By end of 1964.

Badagara Pier in Kerala

2371. Shri A. V. Raghavan: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) the progress that has been made in the construction of the Badagara pier in Kerala;

(b) whether necessary foreign exchange has been sanctioned; and

(c) when the work is likely to be completed?