

materials and literature in connection with setting up of Gardens lay out, type of plants to be propagated, gardening, research activities in Botany, horticulture, plant chemistry and allied subjects etc., whenever asked for by parties.

National Botanic Garden, Lucknow supplies plants and plant material to private parties at nominal price and also imparts training in advanced Horticulture and Botany in order to produce trained personnel to set up and man Botanical Gardens in the country.

Employment Exchange for Handicapped Persons

648. **Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the newly opened employment exchange in Delhi for the employment of handicapped and crippled people has proved successful; and

(b) the number of placements which have been made during the last six months?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 84.

Class IV School Employees Union in Delhi

649. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Class IV School Employees' Union of Delhi has demanded a rise in the salaries of the Class IV employees in Government Schools in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) Representations were received from the Delhi State IV Division Government Employees Association and the Laboratory Assistants Union for the revision of the scales of pay of Laboratory Assistants.

(b) Government do not see any justification for the revision of pay scale of the Laboratory Assistants, which has recently been revised on the basis of the Second Pay Commission's recommendations.

Oil and Natural Gas Commission

650. **Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) how many posts carrying a salary of Rs. 500 p.m. and more have been filled up by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the last 3 years-break up figures year-wise separately for technical and non-technical posts;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many of the above cases the vacancies were not duly notified through advertisements in the press or otherwise; and

(c) what is the criteria and machinery for selection of officers for deputation to Oil and Natural Gas Commission?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) The information regarding the number of technical and non-technical posts, carrying a scale of pay whose maximum is Rs. 500 per month or more, filled up by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission during the last three years is as under:

Year	Technical Posts	Non-Technical posts	Total
1959	40	4	44
1960	119	41	160
1961	146	39	185
Total	305	84	389

(b) No, Sir. All posts were filled up from the open market through advertisements in the press except where posts were filled by officers on deputation from Government or where these were filled up through Departmental Promotions.