

### Promotion of I.T.Os. in Madras Region

2571. **Shri S. K. Sambandhan:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any promotion for Income-tax Officers has been withheld due to anonymous petitions in the Madras Region;

(b) if so, the number of such Officers; and

(c) whether enquiries were made on these anonymous petitions and decisions taken thereon?

**The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai):** (a) No, Sir. No promotion to the post of Income-tax Officer has been withheld due to anonymous petitions in the Madras Commissioner's charge.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

### Fertilizer Plant, Bombay

2574. **Shri N. K. Sanghi:**  
**Shri Bedabrata Barua:**

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state the progress made in regard to the setting up a fertilizer plant in Bombay which is to be based on liquid ammonia in collaboration with a Kuwait Firm?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Baghu Ramiah):** The matter is under the consideration of Government.

### National Test House, Calcutta

2575. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not upgrading the National Test House, Calcutta to the status of other National Laboratories; and

(b) whether Government have considered the claims of the scientific staff employed at the National Test House for upgrading their pay scales?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Jaganatha Rao):** (a) The National Laboratories are engaged on fundamental research and the work in these institutions is guided and handled by eminent scientists of national and international fame. The National Test House, Calcutta has, however, different functions which relate to testing of materials and allied functions. This has been treated as a small scientific organisation.

(b) Yes, Sir. The scales of pay prescribed by the Pay Commission with effect from 1st July, 1957 were revised to the lowest grade of the Class I Scientific Services for the posts of Assistant Director and Deputy Director in the National Test House, consequent on the recommendations of Professor M. S. Thacker the then Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Secretary, Department of Science with effect from 9th March, 1962 when the National Test House, Calcutta was declared as a Small Scientific Organisation. The scale of pay of the post of Director was also revised from Rs. 1,300-60-1,600 to Rs. 1,600-100-1,800 from 9th March, 1962. Subsequently on the recommendations of the Vidyalkar Study Team as accepted by the Empowered Committee, the scale of pay of the post of Director was further revised from Rs. 1,600-100-1,800 to Rs. 1,600-100-2,000 from 9th December, 1966. The Study Team did not recommend the revision of pay of other scientific staff employed at the National Test House.

Representations have however been received from the Assistant Directors of National Test House for further revision of their scales of pay. These are being considered.