

**Expansion of Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam**

3323. SHRI DRONAMARAJU SATYANARAYANA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam from 4 ships to 8 ships;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps for expansion of Hindustan Shipyard; and

(c) how much money Government needs for the expansion of the Shipyard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). - A Project Report for the expansion of the Hindustan Shipyard to raise its present capacity from 3 ships to 6/8 ships of 21,600 DWT each per year has been recently received by the Government. The report is under consideration.

(c) The estimated cost of expansion according to the Report will vary between Rs. 27 crores and Rs. 36 crores, depending on the scheme selected out of the three variants suggested by the Consultants.

**Selection for the post of Assistant Station Director through UPSC**

3324. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased state:

(a) whether recently a selection for the post of Assistant Station Director was held through UPSC;

(b) if so, how many amongst the persons recommended are simple Graduates in the list for AIR and T.V. Centres;

(c) how many programme Executives of All India Radio/T.V. had applied for the post of Assistant Station Director and how many amongst them were rejected for the post;

(d) whether many of the persons who have been rejected by the UPSC for appointment as ASD are now being considered for appointment as ASD's through promotion; and

(e) the justification for bringing such rejected persons through the garb of promotional quota?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b). Five.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e). Under the existing recruitment rules for the post of Assistant Station Director 75 per cent of the posts are filled by promotion through a Departmental Promotion Committee presided over by a Member of the UPSC and the remaining 25 per cent by direct recruitment. The two methods of recruitment are different from one another and the fact that certain candidates are rejected by the UPSC does not debar them in any way for promotion under the departmental promotion quota. This system applies not only to the posts of Assistant Station Directors in All India Radio but to all posts in the Government of India where mode of recruitment is both by direct recruitment and through departmental promotion.

**Alleged confessions of non-existent conspiracies from Political Prisoners**

3325. SHRI KALYAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Emergency the police secured confessions of non-existent conspiracies from political pri-