

Stagnation in various grades of Central Government employees

2146. SHRI MOHAN LAL PIPIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a very large number of employees of various grades of Central Government have completed more than 20 years service in their grades;

(b) whether Government are aware that this stagnation has been causing considerable discontentment and indignation among the employees; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to mitigate the hardships of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH): (a) Information about the position in different Departments is not available with the Department of Personnel, and is being collected from various Ministries/Departments.

(b) Government are aware that wherever there is stagnation, it causes dissatisfaction among the employees.

(c) In order to mitigate hardship which might arise from stagnation, orders have been recently issued providing for the following:—

- (i) Introduction of Selection Grades for Groups 'C' and 'D' grades.
- (ii) Introduction of Selection grades for stenographers in subordinate offices.
- (iii) Creation of posts of Record Keepers to provide promotion posts for Group D staff.
- (iv) Relaxation of upper age limit upto the age of 35 years for Departmental candidates for their appointments to Group C and D posts in their own Department.

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(v) Setting up of Cadre Review Committees to review the different aspects of cadre management periodically and systematically to remove the grievances of inadequate promotion, wherever these might exist for Group 'A' services.

Second mine cut at Neyveli

2147. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the reasons for delay in sanctioning the second mine cut at Neyveli in view of the chronic power shortage in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): Opening of the second mine cut at Neyveli is linked with the setting up of a Super Thermal Power Station at Neyveli to meet the power requirements of the Southern Region in general and the State of Tamil Nadu in particular by the end of the Sixth Plan period. This is under examination by the Government. Meanwhile, a sum of Rs. 70 lakhs has been provided in the Budget Estimates for 1977-78 for detailed geological and hydrological investigation in the second mine cut area.

Reservations in Services

2148. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh have granted 15 per cent reservation in services, to the persons belonging to Backward castes on the lines of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe; and

(b) what the Union Government propose to do in this regard in All India Services?