

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) This is a matter concerning the U.P. State Government. However, it is learnt that the State Government has taken no such decision.

(b) There is no proposal under the consideration of Government of India in this regard.

Indian Economic Service

2149. SHRI L. L. KAPOOR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Third Pay Commission had recommended that all services having economic content would be managed and run by the Indian Economic Service;

(b) whether this recommendation is being flouted;

(c) whether all such posts have been identified by the concerned department and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to restore all such posts to the Indian Economic Service for speedy economic development of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member has in view the suggestions made by the Third Central Pay Commission for the encadrement of posts in Grade I and Grade II of the Indian Economic Service in the content of improving career prospects of members of that Service. The Commission had observed that a number of posts which seemed to qualify for inclusion in Grade I and Grade II had not been encadred because of reluctance on the part of Ministries concerned. The Commission, therefore, suggested that Government should review the position so as to augment the strength of Grade I and Grade II which would

improve promotion prospects and the balance between various Grades of the Service.

(b) to (d). The question of encadrement of posts with economic functions in Ministries and Departments is constantly under review of Government. All such posts which are required on long-term basis and do not need specialised experience not generally available with members of the Indian Economic Service are being encadred in appropriate grades in consultation with the concerned Ministries or Departments and the Union Public Service Commission. As a result of this exercise, the number of duty posts in Grade I and Grade II has increased from 30 on the date of the constitution of the Service i.e. 1-11-1961 to 65 as on 1-6-1977. The strength of duty posts in Grades I, II, III and IV taken together rose from 324 to 465 during the same period.

Retirement of Programme Officers in A.I.R. and Doordarshan

2150. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Programme Officers such as Station Directors, Dy. Director Generals, Asstt. Station Directors, in All India Radio and Doordarshan offices who are due to retire by 31-12-1977;

(b) the number and names of such officials referred to above who are either being considered for extension of service or re-employment; and

(c) the justification for the action?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The following

eleven officers are due to retire by 31-12-1977:—

Dy. Directors General

- (1) Shri D. K. Sengupta
- (2) Shri G. K. Mathur
- (3) Dr. S. B. Singh

Station Directors

- (1) Shri A. N. Kapur
- (2) Shri D. P. Basu
- (3) Shri A. M. Rasheed
- (4) Shri D. P. Loomba
- (5) Shri S. D. Durgachallam

Assistance Station Directors

- (1) Shri A. A. Khusrau
- (2) Shri S. R. Das
- (3) Smt. P. H. Thakore

(b) and (c). In the usual course, two proposals for grant of extension have been under consideration. In one case it has been decided not to grant extension. The other case is still under consideration of Government.

Launching of Rockets from Thumba Rocket Launching Station

2151. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rockets launched from the Thumba Rocket Launching Station during the year 1976-77; and

(b) how far these experiments have been successful in improving the facilities for environmental studies as well as in the development of more sophisticated multi-staged rockets in the country?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) 103.

(b) These experiments have provided valuable information on the

stratospheric winds and temperatures which would enable more accurate long-term weather forecasting. Experiments are also being conducted to measure minor constituents and ozone in the middle atmosphere to determine their effect on the environment. The sounding rocket flights also provide valuable flight data in improving rocket systems. Some of these flights are used specifically to test out sub-systems required for bigger multi-staged launch vehicles under development.

Shifting of some Units of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre from Thumba

2152. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift some of the existing units of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre from Thumba to some other place;

(b) whether the employees of this centre have registered their protest against this move; and

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

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A section of employees of the Centre have registered their protest on the erroneous assumption that there is a move to shift some of the existing units from the Centre.

(c) Does not arise.

Buses at Rampura Bus Stand

2153. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints about the non-availability of buses at Rampura Bus Stand during peak hours;