

upgradation of Stenographers posts and state:

(a) the number of stenographers posts yet to be created/upgraded as a result of each Cadre Review including Cadre Review of AFHO Civil Service Officers and also according to 1988 authorisation letter separately; and

(b) what steps the Government propose to take for clearance of the above backlog within a limited time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) and (b). As already mentioned in reply to Question No. 4431 answered on 3rd Apr. 89, the information is being collected. Since the information is required to be collected, scrutinised and compiled in respect of all the constituents of the Ministry including lower formations, it is likely to take some more time. It will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it has been compiled.

#### **Expansion of Indian Navy**

1900. SHRIMATI JAYANTIPATNAIK:  
SHRI SRIBALLAV PANI-  
GRAHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for the strengthening and expansion of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the expansion of Navy in 1989-90; and

(c) the salient features of the expansion programme drawn up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) to (c). The modernisation of the Indian Navy is being done in accordance with a Long-Term perspective Plan drawn up for the purpose. Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.

#### **Opening of New Post Offices In States during 1989-90**

1901. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to open some new post offices in different States during the current Financial year;

(b) if so, the number of new post offices proposed to be opened in the State of Karnataka in the current Financial year; and

(c) the details of the location of those post offices in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A target of 105 branch post offices and four Sub Post Offices has been provided for Karnataka in Annual Plan 1989-90.

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

[*Translation*]

#### **Anomaly in Pay Scales**

1902. SHRI KESHORAO PARDHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: