

Canteen Stores Department facilities to Ex-servicemen

6545. MAJ.GEN.(RETD) BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-Servicemen are entitled to canteen stores Department (CSD) facilities;

(b) if so, whether the government have laid down any norms or policy with regard to providing this facility to all ex-Servicemen,

(c) whether the Government have laid down separate norms for ex-servicemen living in under-developed, hilly areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to enable ex-Servicemen to avail of such facility;

(f) the number of CSD outlets in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli districts in Uttar Pradesh; and

(g) whether the Government propose to increase such outlets in these two districts considering the large number of ex-servicemen and very poor communication system in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (e): To Provide ex-Servicemen access to canteen facilities, they are attached to the station/unit run canteen nearest to them. At places where separated canteens for the Army, Navy and Air Force exist, the ex-Servicemen concerned are attached, as far as possible, to the canteen run by the service to which they belonged. At other stations, they may be attached to the nearest canteen, irrespective of which service runs it. No separate norms have been laid down for ex-Servicemen living in under-developed hilly areas. Canteen facilities are provided wherever there is a heavy concentration of Ex-Servicemen. If there is no regular canteen they are to be served by extension

counters/mobile outlets of the nearest Unit Run Canteen.

(f) to (g): The details of the outlets in districts of Chamoli and Pauri Garhwal are given below:-

- i) URC of 18 Kumaon at Rudraprayag.
- ii) Extension Counter of the same unit at Gaucher.
- iii) Mobile canteen ex-Garhwal Scouts at Joshimath, which supplies Gopeshwar and Tharali twice a month.
- iv) CSD retailshop at Pauri.
- v) Mobile canteens of the Garhwal Regimental Centre at Lansdown and Kotdwara.

At present there is no proposal under consideration to increase the number of canteen outlets in these districts.

Brain Drain

6246. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians gone to Use for higher studies during the last three years, year-wise and discipline-wise in the field of Engineering, pharmacy Medical, Management science, Agriculture, Architecture and others, Statewise;

(b) the number of the student returned homies on completion of their studies from USA during the period under reference; and

(c) the steps taken to check brain from the country including package of incentives for those who are returning home?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b). some Indian scientists and Technologists do visit foreign countries including USA for higher studies and some of them do return to India. But, it