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Defence
**Promotional Avenues of AFHQ
 Stenographers Grades
 'A' and 'B'**

2838. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in CSSS, Grades 'A' and 'B' Stenographers, are at present provided with about 25 per cent promotional avenues to Group 'A' posts;

(b) whether similar avenues are available to such Stenographers of AFHQ; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government for providing AFHQ Stenographers with promotional avenues equal to the avenues available to CSSS Stenographers Grade 'A' and 'B'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

(c) Though the Armed Forces Headquarters Stenographers' Service is patterned on the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service, in view of the variance between the strength and profile of the two cadres and because of the administrative and organisational requirements of the latter, it is not practicable to provide identical promotional avenues in all respects to the members of the two Services.

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Religious Places
**Newsitem Captioned "Official Lab.
 Used for Tests"**

2839. SHRI ABDUL SAMAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a report appearing in the "Sunday Observer", New Delhi of 1 July, 1990 about technical assistance stated to have been rendered by the Central Building Research Institute, Roorki or some senior

staff thereof to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad for testing the building material for the proposed Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir at Ayodhya;

(b) if so, the facts thereon and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) whether the C.B.R.I. or any other G.S.I.R. facility is permitted to extend such assistance to private parties under formal contract or on informal basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An oral enquiry was made by a representative of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas, New Delhi regarding the possibility of technical evaluation of Makrana Marble and red sand stone at CBRI. He was informed that currently facility for this did not exist at Central Building Research Institute (CBRI). This was subsequently confirmed in writing.

(c) CBRI provides consultancy services to private parties only within the areas of activity of the Institute and under guidelines on technology transfer issued by the CSIR. These are on the basis of a formal contract.

[Translation]

**Amount Invested in Public Sector
 Undertakings in Gujarat**

2840. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount invested by the Union Government in various Public Sector Enterprises in Gujarat till 31.3.90 and the number of enterprises in which the investment has been made;

(b) the details of profit earned and loss