

**Centre and State Relations**

790. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has called for a fresh look at the Centre-States relations in view of the rapid economic changes and to enable the States to fulfill their responsibilities;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have also received the recommendations of Sarkaria Committee in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted and implemented/rejected;

(e) the recommendations still under consideration; and

(f) the time by which these are likely to be accepted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (f) With a view to examining the working of the existing arrangements between the Union and States, the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State Relations was set up. The Sub-Committee of the Inter-State Council entrusted with the examination of the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission has so far considered 191 recommendations out of 247 recommendations. The Government would take a view on the various recommendations of the Commission after these have been considered by the Inter-State Council.

**Women Employees**

791. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to State :

(a) the total number of women employees in the Department of Post at present, Group-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the number by allocating special quota for them;

(c) if so, the details therefore; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Total number of women employees in the Department of Post :-

|         |   |       |
|---------|---|-------|
| Group A | : | 71    |
| Group B | : | 83    |
| Group C | : | 22621 |
| Group D | : | 4742  |

(b) to (d) The Department of post has been following the instructions issued by the nodal Ministry of the Government of India i.e., the Ministry of Personnel from time to time in this regard. No separate policy for women is proposed to be adopted by the Department in this regard.

[*Translation*]

**Voluntary Organisations in Maharashtra**

792. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether grants have been given to various voluntary organisations of Maharashtra engaged in welfare activities for physically handicapped and mentally retarded as well as for deaf and dumb persons;

(b) if so, the details of these organisations and the amount of grant given to each of them during each of the last three years;

(c) the number of applications pending for approval; and

(d) the time by which the pending applications are likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) and (d) Twenty-seven cases are pending out of which seventeen (17) are old which will be processed on receipt of the recommendation of the concerned State Government. Remaining ten(10) cases which are new will be processed only when additional funds become available.

**STATEMENT**

| Sl. No. | Name of NGO  | Amount Released |         |         |
|---------|--|-----------------|---------|---------|
|         |  | 1992-93         | 1993-94 | 1994-95 |
| 1.      | 2.   | 3.              | 4.      | 5.      |
| 1.      | Hellan Keller Instt. for Deaf & Deaf Blind, Bombay | 2.02            | -       | 8.70    |
| 2.      | Production Audiology & Research Society, Bombay    | -               | -       | 4.09    |
| 3.      | Maji Vidyarthi Sangh, Jalgaon                      | -               | -       | 1.54    |