

for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981. When the sealed cover was opened, his name was included in the Select List for the year 1980 by virtue of his seniority. This explains the excess of one number in the Select List of 1980 and corresponding one less number in the Select List for 1981.

(d) Does not arise.

Unearthing of a Mysterious Organisation in U.P.

2427. SHRI MOHAMMAD MAHFOOJ

ALI KHAN :

SHRI INDERJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the Press report appearing in the Times of India dated 20 February, 1985 regarding unearthing of a mysterious organisation claiming to run parrallel Government in Uttar Pradesh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, an organisation styled as 'Karma Veer Ram Rajya Bharat Society Samiti', which has for its aim the running of a parrallel Government, has come to notice in Distt. Kanpur. One Beniram Yadav, S/o Vishal Yadav r/o village Hridaypur PS Bidhau, Distt. Kanpur, is said to be the so called 'Pradhan Adhyaksha' of the above organisation. The Head Office of the organisation at Bidhau in Distt. Kanpur was raided by the police when uniforms, equipment, seals, documents, notice of warrant of arrest, etc. were inter-alia recovered. It appears that the motive of the organisers was to export money from the common people for appointing them to various posts under the so called parallel Government. A case has been registered and 6 persons including Beniram Yadav have been arrested. The investigation is in progress.

Inclusion of Chemical Engineering Subjects in I.A.S. and Engineering Services Examinations

2428. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether chemical engineering is missing among the optional subject for IAS Examination, even though civil mechanical and electrical engineering are very much there; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to include it, both in the IAS and Engineering Services Examinations as it has been done in the case of the Indian Forest Service Examination ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b). Chemical Engineering is not included in the list of optional subjects for the Civil Services (Preliminary and Main) Examination whereas Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering subjects are included in the list of optional subjects for the Civil Services (Preliminary and Main) Examination. The existing scheme of Civil Services Examination is mainly based on on the Report of the Committee on Recruitment Policy and Selection Methods headed by Dr. D.S. Kothari which had also recommended the optional subjects to be included in the scheme. In drawing up the list of optional subjects for the examination, the Committee had observed as under :—

“.....the list, both for the Preliminary and the Main Examination, should not be restrictive in its coverage of subjects as would tend to deter promising candidates from offering themselves for selection. On the other hand, if the list is too large, it would hardly be feasible to maintain any reasonable uniformity of standard. Also, with a very large list of optional subjects the number of candidates in several subjects would be too small. The examination in that case would split, as it were, into a large number of separate

examinations. Therefore, subjects in which the number of competing candidates is relatively small should be avoided unless there are strong reasons to the contrary. It is apparent that there can be no clear cut criteria for determining optional subjects for the Civil Services Examination. We have tried to include for the Main Examination all of the more "common" subjects, excluding those which are specifically professional or technical. We have also kept in view the general needs of the Services.

It is in the nature of things that a list of this nature has to be a compromise between several conflicting claims and considerations....."

It would appear that the Kothari Committee did not consider "Chemical Engineering" as one of the more "common" subjects and did not, therefore, include it in the list of optional subjects. In 1978 the Government had accepted the recommendations of the Kothari Committee regarding the list of optional subjects. There was no subsequent review regarding the subject of "Chemical Engineering."

1. There is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to include "Chemical Engineering" in the list of optional subjects for the Civil Services Examination.

2. Engineering Services Examination is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission for recruitment to Group 'A' and Group 'B' Engineering posts in various Ministries/Departments of the Government in four disciplines only viz., Civil, Mechanical, Electrical and Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering. Accordingly four discipline-oriented schemes of the Examination have been devised and there are no optional subjects. Since Chemical Engineering is a separate discipline by itself, it cannot be included in the present scheme of Engineering Services Examination.

Excavation for Location of Uranium in Himachal Pradesh

2430. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR :

SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Atomic Energy is carrying on excavations in Hamirpur and some other districts of Himachal Pradesh for the location of uranium;

(b) if so, the names of the exact places where the excavations are being carried out alongwith the precise dates w.e.f. which they have been started; and

(c) the outcome of the investigations so far and the likely period for which they are planned to be carried out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

Started on

(b) (i) Astotha,	16-8-1977	Operations
Hamirpur		closed on
Districts.		24-9-1984
(ii) Khya,	25-12-1984	Work in
Hamirpua		progress
Districts.		

(c) Mining at Astotha has provided valuable information on subsurface behaviour of uranium mineralisation in the Siwalik rocks. Work at Khya has just started and is likely to continue for 3 to 4 years more.

Depletion of Forest Area

2431. PROF. NARAIN CHAND PARASHAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been