them have been included in the Select List of Assistants' Grade for the year 1983 under the aforesaid provisions; and

(c) if not, the time by which all those Assistants, who were promoted to this Grade on long-term basis from 29-12-1983, will be included in the above said Select List?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME **AFFAIRS** (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (c). Thirty UDCs who were within the zone prescribed for temporary promotion to the Assistants' Grade under Deptt. of Personnel and Training O.M. dated 29-12-83 were promoted with effect from 29-12-83, on long-term basis to the Assistants' Grade. None of them has been included in the select list as they are not covered by the zone prescribed for the purpose under Deptt. of Personnel and Training O.Ms dated 29-12-83 and 9-1-85. They will be included in the select list subject to the availability of vacancies when the zone for select list is extended to cover them by the Deptt. of Personnel and Training.

## Direct Supply of Grocery Items in Kendriya Bhandar

6631. SHRI HAFIZ MOHAMMAD SIDDIQ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that requirements of all the grocery items are not submitted by the branch stores of the Kendriya Bhandar and some of the suppliers go round them obtaining the requirements and supplying the goods;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to discontinue this practice;
  - (c) if not, reasons thereof; and
- (d) the items, requirement/supplies of which are obtained/made by the suppliers direct to the branch stores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) The main reason for obtaining such

supply is that some of the items require immediate supply to the branch stores and some of them get damaged during storage in the branches. For such item direct supply by suppliers ensure quick supply, replacement of damaged goods and also savings in transport cost to the Society.

(d) The items of direct supplies are eggs, wholemeal Atta in Consumer pack, locally made washing soap, Agarbatties, condiments and local made biscuits.

## Implementation of Five Day Week in Central Government Offices

6632. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 44 on 13 March, 1985 regarding introduction of five day week in Central Government Offices and state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to implement a five day week plan for the employees in Central Government Offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the date from which this plan will come into force; and
- (c) the number of working hours per week at present and in the proposed five day week plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b). The matter in all its aspects is still under consideration.

(c) In all Central Government Offices doing work of Secretariat nature, the average working hours per week, with every second Saturday in the month closed, works out to  $37\frac{1}{2}$  hours. In the five day scheme under consideration, the existing working hours are proposed to be maintained.

## Industrial Disputes Pending Against the Management of ITDC

6633. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: