

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The shortfall is mainly due to non-availability of SC/ST candidates in adequate numbers. All efforts are made to fill vacancies reserved for SC/ST from candidates belonging to these communities.

(e) Number of reserved vacancies which lapsed during this period was 4 in respect of SC and 13 in respect of ST.

Counter Verification of candidates for recruitment to Central Services

3422. SHRI SURESH KURUP : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the usual procedure of Police verification for the recruitment of candidates to Central Services is being done by the concerned State Police authorities;

(b) whether there is a counter verification by Central Intelligence Agencies regarding the candidates from certain States including Kerala; and

(c) if so, the reasons for conducting such counter verifications ?

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) and (c) Verification of antecedents of candidates has been adopted as a usual practice for screening candidates for employment in Government service. The prescribed attestation form furnished by the candidate is referred to the district authorities who are under the administrative control of the State Governments. Where, however, the information received is inadequate to determine the suitability of the persons, the Government have to obtain further material or information

from any of its available agencies. Accordingly, instructions were issued to appointing authorities for having character and antecedents of candidates from a few States, including Kerala, verified through the Intelligence Bureau also.

Damage to SHAR Project due to Cyclone

3423. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any damage to the SHAR Project of Sriharikota due to the recent cyclones in November, 1984; if so, details thereof;

(b) the measures taken to rectify the damage;

(c) whether 'ISTRAC' Unit of Sriharikota is going to be shifted elsewhere; and

(d) if so, reasons thereof ?

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) and (b) Damages have occurred in SHAR Centre, Sriharikota, due to the recent cyclones in November, 1984. As per the assessment, the following are the details of damages due to cyclone at SHAR :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

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| (i) Damages to the buildings and services : | 121.90 |
| (ii) Repairs and reconstruction of the Sullurpetta-Sriharikota road including the RCC bridge across Buckingham Canal : | 102.28 |
| (iii) Damages to equipment/materials/installations : | 135.34 |
| Total : | 359.52 |