Stagnation in Assistants Grade

6026. SHRI NATAVARSINH SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct recruited Assistants of 1971 and 1972 batch of UPSC have not yet got a single regular promotion;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve their promotional prospects;

(c) whether cadre review in case of junior Engineers in CPWD was recently undertaken to remove the stagnation;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to undertake a similar cadre review in case of Assistants;

(e) whether Government are considering to relax the ban orders in case of the proposals received from such Ministries to remove the stagnation in the Assistants Grade; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE 'IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC AND PENSIONS GRIEVANCES AND OF STATE IN MINISTER THE **MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS : (SHRI** P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Select lists issued so far for making regular promotions to Section Officers' Grade cover the direct recruit Assistants up to the batch of 1976.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Orders have already been issued vide O.M. No. 2/1/87-PP dated 23rd November 1987 regarding cadre review of Groups 'B', 'C', & 'D' cadres, to be undertaken by respective Ministries/Departments.

Delay in Issue of Final Orders in Disciplinary Cases

6027. SHRI RAM SAMUJHAWAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether inordinate delay takes place in the issue of final orders on vigilance/ disciplinary cases and those of appeals/ revision/review petitions after the competent authorities have taken decision on the files; and

(b) if so, reasons thereof, with details of steps taken to check such delays and details of cases where such delays exceeding one week has taken place during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme

6028. SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a joint working group on Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme has decided to initiate collaborative research in developing and improving vaccines for seven types of diseases relevant to India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The priority diseases identified in the first meeting of the Joint Working group of the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme for collaborative Research and Development are :--

Viral Hepatitis, Rota viral Diarrhoea, Cholera, Shigellosis, E. coli Diarrhoea, Typhoid, Pertussis, Pneumococcal disease, H. Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Canine Rabies and Poliomyelities.

Under this programme Scientists and Institutions have been invited to submit joint collaborative research proposals in the priority areas. Proposals submitted will be subjected to scientific scrutiny by expert peers and also administrative clearances/