

Setting up of Office of Telecom Superintendent at Jaisalmer

2764. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts without the office of Telecom Superintendent;

(b) the norms laid down for opening such office in a district;

(c) the reasons for which Telecom Superintendent's office has not been opened so far in Jaisalmer district; and

(d) the time by which this office to be opened in Jaisalmer district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There is no office of Telecom Superintendent existing in the Department of Telecom.

(b) to (d). Does not arise.

[English]

Protection of Seniority of Ex-Combatants and Released Army Personnel

2765. SHRI RAJ KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued to Government departments/public sector undertakings to protect seniority of ex-combatants and released army personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these instructions are being adhered to; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). Instructions had been issued in the past for providing benefit of seniority in services for the released Emergency Service Commissioned Officers and Short Service Commissioned Officers on their appointment against the reversed vacancies in All India and Central Services. These instructions are, however, no longer in force after they ceased on 29-1-1974.

(c) and (d). Does not arise

Zirconium Factory In Kanyakumari

2766. SHRIN. DENNIS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study into the uses of zirconium has been undertaken by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of follow-up action taken on the study report;

(d) whether Government propose to set up a zirconium factory in Kanyakumari where raw materials are available; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (e). Zirconium alloy is used as material for the manufacture of pressure tubes and as canning material for the fuel elements in the nuclear power reactors. The Nuclear Fuel Complex at Hyderabad produces Zirconium