

(d) whether the candidates of the above examination have not been appointed in the Ministry of Finance; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) On the basis of the Clerks Grade Examination, 1984, the Staff Selection Commission has recommended 6640 successful candidates to the user departments for appointment. Since the actual offers of appointment are made by the various appointing authorities of different offices, no centralised information regarding the number of successful candidates actually appointed by the various Ministries/Departments is available.

(b) 96 candidates who have been nominated to Delhi Administration are yet to be appointed.

(c) The Ministry of Finance have imposed a ban on recruitment and appointments under the Delhi Administration fall under the ban order.

(d) and (e) Out of 104 candidates nominated for oppointment to LDC Grade in the Ministry of Finance Cadre, 51 have already joined and the remaining are in the process of joining.

Financial Assistance for Water Supply in Hill Areas of Darjeeling

4639-B. SHRI. PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government propose to extend financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal for the Rs. 22 crore Neora Valley Water Supply Scheme for the hill arers of Darjeeling district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Central assistance extended/proposed;

(d) to what extent Central assistance has so far been utilised by the State Government,

(e) the reason for shortfall, if any, in utilisation of Central assistance; and

(f) the progress of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). The Government of India have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 10.45 crores towards the capital cost of the Neora Khola Water Supply Scheme being executed by the Government of West Bengal. The first instalment of Rs. 50 lakhs has already been released.

(d) and (e). It has been reported that the first instalment of the loan has been utilised by the Government of West Bengal.

(f) The West Bengal Government has reported that the State Public Health Engineering Department have commenced work on the section of pipeline between Deola reservoir above Kalimpong and Cantonment area and also from Thakchu in-take point to the municipal area.

Destruction of American Wheat near Calicut

4639-C. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 35,000 sacks of American wheat were destroyed in Beypore sea near Calicut being unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are other reasons for destroying the same;

(c) the purpose for which wheat was given by America; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the port authorities did not give clearance for the unloading of the above wheat ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d). A Statement is given below.

Statement

An amount of 1,444 tonnes of gift wheat were unloaded at Beypore in April 1984 dumped into the sea during the period from 5 March, 1985 to 5 April, 1985. The wheat was heavily infested at the time of initial discharge at Beypore and the Health Inspector had certified it as unfit for human consumption and recommended its destruction.

2. The wheat was donated by the United States for free distribution by Catholic Relief Services in India under the Indo-US Agreement.

3. The American Vessel which brought this wheat for unloading at Cochin Port reached Bombay Port on 26 December, 1983. The ship over-carried this wheat to Singapore on 4 January 1984. It was brought back by another vessel to Bombay on 6 April, 1984 when there was a general strike at many Ports in India. The vessel sailed to Beypore, a minor Port not designated for receipt of gift cargo under Indo-US Agreement and frustrated the cargo there on 19 April, 1984.

4. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the recipient of the cargo, had protested to the American President Lines against their arbitrary and unilateral decision.

12.01 hrs.

MEMBER SWORN

SHRIMATI MEERA KUMAR (Bijnor)

[English]

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA (Basirhat) : According to the news which has come today about the decision to wind up the judicial enquiry into the Bhopal gas disaster, it has been done at the instance of the Central Government. (Interruptions) We want a statement on this. There are only two days left. (Interruptions) An attempt is made to cover up the whole thing. (Interruptions) This

will not be permitted. Two thousand people have lost their lives. This is not a joke. There should be no attempt to cover up all these things, on some technical plea. (Interruptions) We want to know from the Government what the position is, and what they have advised the Madhya Pradesh Government. (Interruptions)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE (Rajapur) : Why not give a reply to the query made by Mr. Indrajit Gupta ? (Interruptions)

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : What is the answer ?

MR. SPEAKER : Let the Hon. Member give it to me. I will find out.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : It is a serious matter.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Is there a collusion with the Union Carbide ? Is not an active lobby working here ? (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : I have got it. (Interruptions)

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : I have demanded that the Jyotirmoy Committee's report should be laid on the Table of the House.

MR. SPEAKER : I was replying to you. I have got the full reply from the Minister yesterday. I will go through it, and tomorrow I will give my decision.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Tomorrow you will take a decision. Will you allow it to be laid on the Table ?

MR. SPEAKER : I will see. If according to all the things.....

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : You are talking like a Minister, Sir. (Interruptions) You are in a better position than a Minister. Why do you reply like a Minister ?

MR. SPEAKER : I am not. I will have to look into all these things, because I have to be answerable to you.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Mahbubnagar) : A group of prominent Indians of