

- (i) better employment opportunities after retirement;
- (ii) more beneficial terms and conditions of post retirement employment; and
- (iii) higher pensions.

With a view to go into these and other related matters, a High Level Committee was set up by Government in March 1984. Of the 68 recommendations made by the Committee, 45 have already been accepted and a few more have been either partly accepted or are likely to be accepted. 18 recommendations remain on which a decision is to be taken.

Rehabilitation of ex-servicemen

4567. DR. V. VENKATESH :
SHRI H. G. RAMULU :
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories Organisation in Kanpur like OEF, PGK, OPF, OF & SAF have not done anything further to rehabilitate properly all the ex-servicemen of various forces working in supervisory posts;

(b) the total number of such employees working in aforesaid factories who have put in more than three years service as supervisors and have not been given further promotion to the post of chargemen etc; and

(c) efforts being made to assure their immediate promotion to higher posts and for counting each of their service period in forces for determining inter-se seniority ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (c). Implementation of Government's policy on grant of concessions for rehabilitation of ex-servicemen in Central Civil posts in Ordnance Factories at Kanpur is being ensured. Under the rules, ex-servicemen are considered for promotion alongwith other in the grade according to

their seniority. Their past service in the Armed Forces does not give them any additional seniority.

(b) The information is being collected and will be furnished in due course.

Setting up of environment committee in every District

4568. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether to give impetus to creating consciousness and awareness for the environment and to facilitate implementing the programmes, it was proposed to set up environment committees in every district;

(b) whether such a proposal has been included in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what financial allocation has been made for this and the progress made in this regard so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It could not be included due to resource constraints.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Incentives to officials to work in rural areas

4569. SHRI R. M. BHOYE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government are aware of the fact that most of the high officials and other staff hesitate to go to villages, particularly in far-off rural areas, due to lack of proper facilities there;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give some more allowance and other facilities to high officials in such backward areas; and