(b) Briefly, the demands are:

"(a) Revise the pay scales of Supdts. grade I from Rs. 550—750 to Rs. 550—900 with retrospective effect.

(b) Stop induction of UPSC candidates in the department till the ratio of 1 : 1 is reached between Asstt. Engineers Class II and Asst. Executive Engineer Class I as decided by the Government vide their letter dated 10 Feb. 1977.

(c) Fill all the vacancies of Asstt. Engineer Class II through departmental promotions from serving civilian Supdts, grade I only.

(d) Scrap the age limit for departmental candidate who wish to appear for the UPSC examinations/ interviews.

(e) The Government's decision of 22 Feb. 78 to give time scale promotions to Central Government Employees whose promotional chances are remote, based on the Third Pay Commission's recommendations must be made applicable to our cadre also.

(f) The ratio between Suptds. Grade I and Grade II shall be made I: 1 by increasing the vacancies of Supdts. grade I and resultant vacancies must be filled by promotion from Supdts. grade two."

The representation containing the demands is under examination.

## Promotion of Stenographers Grade 'C'

8875. SHRI B. K. NAIR:

## SHRI SHIV NARAIN SARSONIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the chances of promotion for direct

recruit Stenographers in Grade 'C' in Central Secretaria<sub>t</sub> Services are much less compared to similar category of direct recruit Assistants and that in consequence there is a widespread and acute discontentment among the former category of employees; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove this disparity and to provide equality of opportunity to both the categories in the matter of promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL); (a) and (b). Grade 'C' Stenographers and Assistants belong to different Services and are governed by different set of rules. The prospects of promotion to higher grades in the two Services are consequently different and as such it will not be appropriate to compare the chances of promotion of direct recruit Grade 'C' Stenographers in the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Services to those of direct recruit Assistants in Central Secretariat Service. the However, a Selection Grade has recently been introduced for Grade C of the Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service.

## Regularisation of Scheduled Caste Persons in the Department of Statistics

8876. SHRI R. L. KUREEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities in the Computer Central and the Central Statistical Organisation, Department of Statistics, have not yet regularised many Scheduled Caste persons on the posts of Peons, frash, sweepers although they have put in more than two years continuous (full time) service as daily wages workers and many clear vacancies are lying vacant for these posts; and

(b) If so, the reasons thereof?