

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a) to (c). The recruitment for officers staff in public sector banks is done on an all-India basis after calling for applications through advertisements in newspapers and candidates are selected after a written test and an interview. Clerical recruitment is generally done on a regional basis after notifying the vacancies to the employment exchanges and also simultaneously issuing local advertisements for the recruitment. The selection of candidates for clerical posts is made after a written test followed by an interview of the candidates who qualify in the written test.

(d) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) This matter is under consideration of the Government.

Recruitment of Clerks in Punjab National Bank

9229. **SHRI K. A. RAJU :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank held an examination for recruitment of clerks on 6th February, 1978 ;

(b) the number of candidates who appeared and the number who qualified for final interview ;

(c) the precise criteria followed for determining the candidates to be called for interview ;

(d) whether it is a fact that nongraduates, though otherwise qualified, were given a comparatively lower weightage even when their performance in the written examination was quite good ;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(f) the reasons for the enormous time lag from the advertisement to the publication of the final result ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir. The test was also held on 25th & 26th Decmber, 1977 for Reserved Category candidates and on 23rd January, 7th, 8th and 9th February, 1978 for general category candidates.

(b) The number of candidates who appeared from reserved category was 1609 and those in the general category was 8435. The number of candidates who qualified from these two categories was 189 and 2812 respectively.

(c) In the case of reserved category candidates, the Bank called all those candidates who qualified in the written test. From the general category, however, candidates equal to three times the number of vacancies were called for interview.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Results have been declared only in respect of reserved category candidates. A number of factors such as adequate notice to the candidates for applying, scrutiny of applications and testing a large number of candidates was responsible for the time lag between advertisement and publication of final results.

Muslim Officers in various categories in Income Tax Department

9230. **SHRI MAHMOOD HASAN KHAN :** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Income Tax Commissioners in the Income Tax Department and the number of Muslim Income Tax Commissioners ;

(b) the total number of Assistant Commissioners of Income Tax and the number of Muslim Assistant Commissioners ;

(c) total number of Income Tax Officers; and the number of Muslim Income Tax Officers; and

(d) total number of Income Tax Inspectors and the number of Muslim Income Tax Inspectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGRAWAL) :

(a) Total No. of Commissioners of Income-tax. Number of Muslim Commissioners of Income-tax.

59

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(b) Total No. of Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax. Number of Muslim Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax.

551

12

(c) Total No. of Income-tax Officers. Number of Muslim Income-tax Officers

3689

89

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines issued to Nationalised Banks for granting loans to Educated unemployed and self-employed Persons

9231. SHRI AMARSINH V. RATHAWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to nationalised banks for granting loans to educated unemployed, self-employed persons belonging to weaker sections and for small industrialists ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether such category of people are facing great hardship for such grants ;

(d) whether Government propose to make rules more liberal so that actual person of these categories can get loans at the earliest; and

(e) how much such loans have been sanctioned and granted to such categories of persons by different nationalised banks (Statewise and Bankwise) during January to April, 1978 ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI H. M. PATEL) : (a) and (b). In pursuance of the accepted policy of the Government to create avenues of gainful employment, the public sector banks have been advised to enlarge the flow of credit to the neglected sectors to the level of 33.3% of their aggregate credit by March, 1979. Further to stimulate the growth of small and cottage industries the Ministry of Industry has recently formulated a new scheme, which envisages assistance to the State Governments for provision of margin money to small units involving investment in plant and machinery not exceeding Rs. 1 lakh. The public sector banks have also been advised to actively participate in the implementation of the scheme.

(c) and (d). In order to ensure expeditious disposal of loan applications, banks have been advised to dispose of loan applications involving credit limits upto Rs. 10,000 within 3 to 4 weeks and those involving credit limits of Rs. 10,000 and above within a period of 3 month from the date of receipt of applications.

(e) The available data on the outstanding credit of public sector banks under Employment Promotion Programmes as at the end of December, 1977, are set out in the statements I & II.

Statement I

Number of applications sanctioned and amount outstanding with Public Sector Banks under employment oriented programme as at the end of December, 1977.

Name of the Bank	No. of applications sanctioned	Amount outstanding (Rs. lakhs)
A. State Bank of India	23350	2242.82
B. Subsidiaries of SBI	7063	475.39
C. Nationalised Banks :		
1. Central Bank of India	5899	514.91
2. Bank of India	6601	1504.61
3. Punjab National Bank	3178	1029.82
4. Bank of Baroda	1880	290.18
5. United Commercial Bank	3013	616.95
6. Canara Bank;	11248	630.68
7. United Bank of India	4524	995.00
8. Dena Bank	1862	217.98
9. Syndicate Bank	2626	573.40
10. Union Bank of India	1806	201.43
11. Allahabad Bank	1472	200.92
12. Indian Bank	730	39.20
13. Bank of Maharashtra	3843	309.22
14. Indian Overseas Bank	3134	171.74
TOTAL	82229	10014.25

(Data provisional)