

Sonwari. It will cater to the credit requirements of Village Sonwari as well as other villages in the area. The factory campus of M/s. Maihar Cement Factory spreads over 3 villages, viz., Sonwari, Chopda and Sagmania and the Factory has named the campus as Sarlanagar. The fact that the branch is within the campus of the factory will in no way stand in the way of its providing credit to the rural population.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The United Commercial Bank has reported that none of its Directors is connected with the Birla family.

#### Reservation For SC/ST in Recruitment/Promotion in STC

6826. SHRI R.D. RAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether reservation orders for Scheduled Castes/Tribes in recruitment /promotion are implemented in State Trading Corporation of India Limited New Delhi; if so from which date ;

(b) what is the total strength of employees working in State Trading Corporation ; the figures of general class and SC/ST separately ;

(c) whether there is any backlog shortfall for SC/ST in recruitment as well as against promotion quota ; and

(d) if so, how do you propose to fill-up the backlog/shortfall for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in recruitment and promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG) : (a) Yes, Sir, Rosters are being maintained for direct recruitment and promotion by selection with effect from January 1970 and for promotion by seniority-cum-fitness with effect from 27-11-1972.

(b) Total strength of employees working in STC and the number of employees in the general class and SC and ST is given below :—

General	.	.	2050
SC	.	.	137
ST	.	.	9
TOTAL	.	.	<u>2196</u>

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A statement is attached.

#### Statement

(i) Advertisements have been issued from time to time exclusively for SC/ST candidates to cover the backlog of unfilled reserved posts in various cadres.

(ii) In cadres like Finance, where no applications were received, the unfilled posts have been carried forward.

(iii) Qualifications have been relaxed in certain cadres.

(iv) Instructions have been issued that a reserved post will be kept vacant till a suitable SC/ST candidates becomes available and will not be de-reserved.

(v) Promotions will be effected from within the organisation against unfilled reserved vacancies wherever eligible incumbents are available as per the rules of the Corporation and the directives received from the Government from time to time.

#### Smuggled Goods seized at Nepal Border

6827. SHRI SHANKERSINHJI VAGHELA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of goods seized at the Nepal border during the year 1977 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATISH AGRAWAL) : During the year 1977, goods valued at Rs. 1.54 crores were seized for having been smuggled across the Indo-Nepal border.

#### Filling up of post of Chairman in Allahabad Bank

6828. SHRI K. LAKKAPPA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Allahabad Bank Chairman Shri A. Ghosh was promoted as Chairman straight from the post of Chief Accountant ignoring many others senior to him ; and

(b) if so, that are the reasons therefor, and what is the procedure for filling up of post of a Chairman in the said Bank?