

lay down any educational or technical qualifications for the eligibility of the State Service Officers for promotion to the Indian Forest Service.

For the first time cases of 26 eligible State Forest Service officers of Himachal Pradesh were considered by the Selection Committee in December, 1975 for promotion to the State cadre of the Indian Forest Service. Out of Select List of 16 officers prepared by the Committee and approved by the Union Public Service Commission, 9 officers were appointed to the Indian Forest Service by promotion. No Select List was prepared after the 1975 list because of court's orders to revise the seniority of State Forest Service Officers.

Special Investigating Body to Inquire into Irregularities of Birla Firms

2495. SHRI SAUGATA ROY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the special investigating body appointed to enquire into the irregularities of Birla firms in the late sixties has submitted its report;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI): (a) The Commission of Inquiry on Large Industrial Houses appointed in February, 1970 has not yet submitted its report.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One of the main reasons for delay in the submission of the report has been the writ petitions filed by a number of companies belonging to the Birla Group and the interim orders staying Inquiry by the Commission passed by the Calcutta High Court thereon.

Part Time Employment to Educated Unemployed

2496. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to give part time employment to educated unemployed who have not been able to get work for a long time;

(b) whether some state Governments have also formulated the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c). There is no Central scheme specifically for giving part-time employment to the educated unemployed. But a number of State Governments are implementing schemes for self-employment of the educated. Under these schemes margin money is given to educated youths to start industries and business with bank loans. Plan schemes for rural development, block-level planning, adult education, rural health-care etc. will also absorb educated unemployed. However, no specific scheme for part-time employment of the educated unemployed has so far been received from any State Government.

भारत द्वारा दक्षिण अफ्रीका को ब्रिटिश टैकों की बिक्री

2497. श्री केवशराव घोडगे :

श्री श्रोम प्रकाश त्यागी :

श्री अनन्त दबे :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री 22 जून, 1978 के "इन्डियन एक्सप्रेस" (नई दिल्ली प्रकाशन) के पृष्ठ एक के समाचार के संदर्भ में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पहली सरकार ने राष्ट्र की सुरक्षा पर ध्यान दिये बिना ही 250 सेन्चुरियन टैंक कवाड़ के रूप में बेच दिये थे ;

(ख) ये टैंक कवाड़ के रूप में किन परिस्थितियों में बेचे गये थे ;

(ग) राष्ट्र को हुई इस हानि के लिए कौन जिम्मेदार है ; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इन टैंकों के किन्हीं शत्रु देशों के हाथ में पहुंचने की संभावना है ?