

Writing of Confidential Reports

548. SHRI RAJ KRISHNA DAWN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing procedure of writing annual confidential reports of Government Servants adopted by the previous Government provides wide scope to the reporting officers to give undue favour to certain persons which ultimately affects the overall efficiency of Government machinery; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are considering to eliminate such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) No, sir. The procedure of writing annual confidential reports has been devised to ensure objectivity of appraisal by Reporting Officer, after taking into account the recommendations made by the Administrative Reforms Commission and after consulting the various administrative Ministries.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for Promotion to Post of Station Director

549. SHRI RAM MURTI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 7426 on the 19th April, 1978 and Starred Question No. 1051 on the 10th May, 1978 and state:

(a) whether the Verghese Committee has suggested a single cadre for all the experts;

(b) if so, the reasons why Producers are not called for interview in the departmental promotions for the post of Station Director and Assistant Station Director when they are experts;

(c) whether Station Directors in the All India Radio are being given

continuous promotions departmentally although they do not have any special merits;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to keep in abeyance such promotions till the implementation of Verghese Committee report so as to give justice to the experts; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The Verghese Committee recommended five separate cadres, namely, Programme, Engineering, Finance, Personnel and Information/ Audience Research. The Committee also recommended *inter alia* that programme staff including staff artists should be brought under a single unified cadre.

(b) A decision on the recommendations of the Verghese Committee is yet to be taken. At present producers cannot be considered for promotion to the ranks of Assistant Station Director and Station Director because under the Recruitment Rules they are not eligible for the same. Moreover, producers have their own channels of promotion, namely that of Deputy Chief Producer and Chief Producer.

(c) No, Sir. Promotions are made in accordance with the recruitment rules.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. In the interest of work it will not be proper to keep the vacancies unfilled.

TA/DA drawn by Officers in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

550. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of days the officers i.e. Heads of Department under the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands including Chief Commissioner and Secretaries were present in the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands since