

**Political prisoners in jails**

4096. SHRI DILIP CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of political prisoners still in jails in different States; and

(b) what steps are being taken to set them free as a mark of the new era?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). The term 'political prisoners' is not defined under law and, therefore, it is not possible to collect precise information in this regard. Immediately after the Janata Government came into power, steps were taken for the release of all such persons who were either kept under preventive detention or had been prosecuted/convicted for acts directly relatable to their political beliefs or political activities.

**Uranium deposits in Gurundia Block of Sundergarh District, Orissa**

4097. SHRI D. AMAT: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether uranium deposit is found in the Gurundia block of Sundergarh District of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to operate upon the quarry?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Promotion to Class II Gazetted posts in Ministries**

4098. SHRI PRADYUMNA BAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the pay scale to which Government officers in the pay scale of Rs 650—1200 (Class II—Gazetted) are promoted in the various Ministries and Departments of Government of India;

(b) whether there are some Ministries and Departments of Government of India where persons after serving for more than ten years in the pay scale of Rs. 650—1200 are promoted to the pay scale of Rs. 700—1300 and if so, the particulars thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to remove this anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) The pay scale of Rs. 650—1200 is the standard Group 'B' Gazetted scale and officers in it are normally promoted to the next higher grade which is Rs. 700-1300 in Group 'A'. In respect of Organised Services, a statement containing the information available with the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms in regard to promotions:—

(i) from Rs. 650—1200 to Rs. 700—1300; and

(ii) from Rs. 650—1200 to Rs. 1100—1600 or other prescribed scale is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Promotion from the pay scale of Rs. 650—1200 to the higher grade is dependant on the number of vacancies occurring each year and the percentage of vacancies reserved for promotees. The promotions are not made purely on the basis of length of service in group B grade. These promotions are made by Departmental Promotion Committees which are presided over by a Member of the Union Public Service Commission. It is possible

that in some posts and services, persons after serving for more than ten years in the pay scale of Rs. 650—1200 may not yet have been promoted to the next higher grade. As recruitment to group B grade as well as group A grade is made by the concerned administrative Departments the particulars are not available with the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

(c) The rules for promotion are reviewed from time to time by Cadre controlling authorities in consultation with this Department.

#### Statement

*Promotion from Group B Standard Scale of Rs. 650—1200 to the level of Junior Scale of Group A i.e. Rs. 700—1300 or directly to Senior Scale of Group A of Rs. 1100—1600.*

*A. Services in which promotion from Group 'B' standard scale of Rs. 650—1200 is currently at the level of junior scale of Group 'A' i.e. Rs. 700—1300.*

#### I. Non-technical Services.

1. Indian Audit and Accounts Service
2. Indian Civil Accounts Service.
3. Indian Defence Accounts Service.
4. Indian Postal Service.
5. Indian Income Tax Service.
6. Customs and Central Excise Service.
7. Military Lands & Cantonment Service.
8. Central Information Service.
9. Indian Railway Accounts Service.
10. Indian Railway Traffic Service.
11. Indian Railway Personnel Service.

#### II. Technical Services

1. Central Power Engineering Service.
2. Central Water Engineering Service.
3. Telegraph Engineering Service.
4. Indian Inspection Service.

5. Indian Supply Service.

6. Indian Railway Service of Engineering.

7. Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineering.

8. Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineering

9. Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineering.

10 Indian Railway Stores Service.

#### III. Others

Central Industrial Relations Machinery of the Ministry of Labour (Labour Commissioners etc.)

*B Services in which promotion from Group 'B' standard scale of Rs. 050—1200 is directly to the senior scale of Group 'A' i.e. Rs. 1100—1600 or as indicated.*

- I. 1 Central Engineering Service.
2. Central Electrical Engineering Service.
3. Central Engineering Service (Roads).
- 4 Central Legal Service (Scale Rs. 1200—1600).
5. Director General, Mines Safety (Rs. 1200—1700).
6. Cadre of Tourism Officer in the Department of Tourism.
7. Indian Meteorological Service.

Note:—There is no junior scale in services listed at 4, 5 and 6 above.

*II. Secretariat Group of Services in which there is no junior scale and promotion from Group 'B' (standard scale) is directly to senior scale, which is Rs. 1200—1600.*

1. Central Secretariat Service.
2. Indian Foreign Service 'B'.
3. Armed Forces Headquarter Civil Service.
4. Railway Secretariat Service.