

- (b) There is no such proposal.  
 (c) and (d). Do not arise.

#### SALT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

56. **Shri Hem Raj:** (a) Will the Minister of **Production** be pleased to state the number of meetings held by the Salt Advisory Committee during 1953?

(b) What are the main functions of this Committee?

(c) What were the recommendations made by it during this year and how many of them were accepted?

**The Minister of Production (Shri K. C. Reddy):** (a) One.

(b) The functions of the Committee are to advise Government on all matters referred to it concerning, in general, the development of the Indian Salt Industry on rational lines and, in particular, the attainment of increase in production, improvement in quality, reduction in costs and prices, efficiency in distribution and increased exports to foreign markets.

(c) It is presumed that by "this year" the hon. Member refers to 1953. A statement giving the required information is attached. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 25.]

#### RECRUITMENT FOR FOREIGN SERVICES

57. **Shri Gadlingana Gowd:** (a) Will the **Prime Minister** be pleased to state the methods adopted by Government to recruit personnel for foreign services to work in embassies abroad?

(b) Are these persons selected by the Union Public Service Commission or by direct recruitment?

(c) What is the percentage of direct recruitment and the basis therefor?

**The Prime Minister (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru):** (a) and (b). Selection of officers for the Indian Foreign Service is made on the results of the annual combined competitive examination held by the Union Public Service Commission for recruitment to the Indian

Foreign Service, the Indian Administrative Service, etc. Personnel for Foreign Service posts in lower grades are generally drawn from corresponding grades of the services in the Central Secretariat who in turn are recruited centrally by the Ministry of Home Affairs either on the basis of competitive examinations through the Union Public Service Commission or under other authorised procedures for competitive selection. Specialist officers e. g., Information Officers and Research Officers are as a rule recruited through the U.P.S.C. with reference to the requirements of each individual post.

There is no direct recruitment otherwise than as already stated except into the lowest clerical grades.

(c) The percentage of direct recruitment has not so far been laid down precisely. About 90 per cent. of the vacancies arising in the Indian Foreign Service 'A' are filled by recruitment on the results of the combined competitive examination conducted by the U.P.S.C., and the remaining 10 per cent. will be filled by promotion of category 'B' personnel when the Foreign Service 'B' has been constituted.

#### COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN RAJASTHAN

58. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of **Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted by the Centre upto March 1954 for Community Projects in Rajasthan and the amount actually spent so far by the Rajasthan Government against these grants; and

(b) the proportion thereof to the total expenditure to be incurred by the Centre and Rajasthan in this behalf?

**The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi):** (a) Rs. 20.63 lakhs (representing grant and loan) out of which Rs. 4.02 lakhs was spent upto 30th September, 1953.

(b) 11.3 per cent. and 2.2 per cent. respectively.