

introduction of improved agriculture technology on about 10,000 ha. Expanding the area under rabi crops to about 21,000 ha. from the current 6,000 ha. and improving the rabi yields through better agronomic practices.

- (c) *Brackish water prawn and fish culture*: developing two brackish water fish farms for prawn and fish culture by landless part-time fishermen. Providing technical supervision and guidance to these fishermen; establishing chilling plants and ice plants for proper storage of harvested prawns and fish; providing credit and marketing facilities.
- (d) *Social forestry*: strip planting on embankments, roadsides and canal banks with fast growing species. Planting mangroves on an experimental basis to evaluate the technical, management and distribution aspects of social forestry development in the area.
- (e) *Physical infrastructure*: construction of brickpaved access roads, culverts and river-bridges at selected locations. Construction of 10 large and 20 small landing facilities for river craft. Provision of storage facilities for multi-purpose cooperative societies.
- (f) Providing funds through the ARDC for expanding credit for the purchase of irrigation pumps, construction of fish farms, cooperative storages, excavation/re-excavation on village tanks etc.

Promotion of SC and ST in NCERT

7520. SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether *ad hoc* promotions given to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled

Tribes candidates in some cases in NCERT have been continuing for two years and they have not been regularised so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this, the promotion of other eligible and deserving officials has been affected adversely; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to mitigate their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to information furnished by NCERT, there have been no such cases.

(b) & (c). Do not arise.

Selection Grade for Junior Engineers, Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers in C.P.W.D.

7521. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA YADAV:

ACHARYA BHAGWAN DEV:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is Selection Grade for Junior Engineers, Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers in CPWD and not for the rank of Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the criteria for providing Selection Grade for the first three categories which could not be made applicable to the other two categories; and

(d) whether there is provision in the rules, by which selection grade is to be automatically provided to all categories to avoid stagnation and frustration amongst the different services, if so, the reasons why this has not been implemented for these two categories till today?