

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes personnel recruited against the vacancies (Technical and Non-Technical)?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Conversion of the silent valley region in Kerala as a National Park**

5949. SHRI P. J. KURIEN:  
SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that Government are considering a proposal to convert the Silent Valley region in Kerala as a national Park; and

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has objected to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): (a) & (b). In May 1980, the Prime Minister in her letter to the Chief Minister, Kerala suggested that action should be taken to establish a Silent Valley National Park under Section 35(I) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act of 1972, with Central assistance, by combining the Kundas, Attapadi, New Amarambalam, and Silent Valley Reserve Forests. In response to this, Chief Minister, Kerala, while urging for early concurrence for going ahead with Silent Valley Hydroelectric Project has agreed that the remaining area of Silent Valley Reserve Forest together with certain other reserve forests could be constituted into a National Park.

**Recruitment through employment exchange in Farakka Thermal Power Station**

5950. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY AND COAL be pleased to state the number of employees recruited through employment exchange and directly for the

Farakka Thermal Power Station in the last three years and for what posts year-wise figures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI VIKRAM MAHAJAN): So far, out of the categories required to be recruited through Employment Exchange under the relevant directives of the Government of India applicable to Central Public Sector Undertakings, no employee has been recruited either through Employment Exchange or directly at the local level for the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project.

At present, there are 34 regular-employees posted at Farakka, the break up and the year-wise recruitment of this total being as follows:—

**1979-80.**

18 officers (All recruited by the Company headquarters on the basis of all-India advertisement deputations etc.). 9 Supervisors including Accountants (5 appointed by Company headquarters on the basis of all-India advertisements, deputation etc. and four transferred from other projects of NTPC)

**1980-81**

6 officers (all recruited by the Company headquarters on the basis of all-India advertisements, deputation etc.) 1 Store-keeper (transferred from the Badarpur Thermal Power Station). In addition to the above, there are a number of persons employed on casual, daily rated basis, as and when required for durations of less than 90 days, in respect of whom notification to Employment Exchange is not required.

**Appointments made against the sanctioned posts of Official Language Hindi**

5951. SHRI ZAINUL BASHER: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state: