

(b) There is no proposal under consideration to revise the basic pension of those who retired prior to 1st December 1972. However, pensioners who retired before 1st January 1973 will get benefits in the shape of ad-hoc relief and periodic relief.) Therefore, the disparity between those who retired before 1st January 1973 and those who retired subsequently has been reduced.

**Proposal from H.P.F. to set up Research and development centre**

5924. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Photo Films Limited has sent a proposal to Government for setting up a full-fledged research and development Centre in Madras to improve the technology; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). Such a proposal with a possible location at Madras has been received, which is being processed.

**Departmental test for promotion as technical assistant**

5925. SHRI CHANDRA PAL SHAILANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any written Departmental Test for the promotion to the post of Technical Assistant was conducted in Joint Cipher Bureau;

(b) if so, the date of that test;

(c) the number of candidates called to appear for this test; and

(d) the number of candidates appeared in this test and number of those who had qualified this test for the promotion to the next higher post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (d). Notice regarding holding of a departmental test for the post of Technical Assistant, scheduled to be held on 12th February 1980, was circulated in the Bureau for the information of 50 eligible candidates but no candidate appeared for the test.

**Recommendations of Mahajani Committee**

5926. SHRI MUKUNDA MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations of the Mahajani Committee;

(b) if so, facts thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations meant for improvement of the cadets training, organisation of NCC or those which are for the benefits of NCC cadets and officers; and

(d) if so, the action taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) to (c). The recommendations of the Mahajani Committee and the Government's decision thereon are given in the book-let entitled 'Decisions on the recommendations of the NCC Evaluation Committee', copies of which are available in the Parliament House Library.

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Placed in Library. See No. LT-3270[81.]

**Self Employment Scheme**

5927. SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) have Government considered a scheme to set up a chair process of self employment schemes where one Centre could produce about two thou-