

staff of 39. The services of most of them were also transferred from BALCO to the new company. However, the percentage of non-executive employees belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is respectively 5 per cent and 3 per cent.

Backlog in Officer Cadre in Central Bank of India

3841. SHRI T. NAGARATNAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog in the officer cadre in the Central Bank of India under the All India Service since the introduction of Reservation in promotion year-wise;

(b) whether the Bank holds All India Service Test every year; if not, the reason;

(c) the number of All India Service Test held since introduction of Reservation in promotion year-wise;

(d) whether the Bank has held any special All India Service Test exclusively for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees to complete the huge backlog if not, reasons; and

(e) whether the Bank propose to hold in 1981 an exclusive and special All India Service Test only for SC/ST employees to complete the existing huge backlog; if not the reasons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The Bank has reported the following figures of backlog in promotion from clerks to Sub-Accountants as on 31-12-1980:—

Scheduled Castes 62

Scheduled Tribes 34

(b) In terms of the promotion policy agreement of the Bank the

written test under All India Service should normally be held once in a year. However, if the existing panel of successful candidates is not exhausted during a particular year the next test may be postponed by one year.

(c) After introducing reservation in promotion w.e.f. 1-3-1978 the Bank has conducted two All India Service Tests on 30-4-1978 and on 28-9-1980.

(d) and (e). The Bank has reported that in All India Service Test held in 1980 sufficient number of SC/ST candidates had appeared and that the percentage of successful SC/ST candidates was much better than that in the earlier test. This was mainly because of the exclusive pre-examination coaching training imparted to the SC/ST employees. The Bank, therefore, does not consider it necessary to hold any exclusive test for the SC/ST employees in 1981.

Cancellation by AI of Direct Flight from Calcutta to New York

3842. SHRI SUDHIR KUMAR GIRI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Air India's decision to cancel its direct flight from Calcutta to New York; and

(b) whether it is a fact that passengers travelling by Air India from New York to Calcutta had to wait about 12 hours at Bombay Airport and many of them were not even accommodated in hotels or given any food?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) The direct flight from Calcutta to New York was not cancelled. With effect from April, 1981, Air India have extended the Calcutta terminator to Bangkok with a change in the flight number although connections to/from Calcutta were maintained as before. With effect from