

(b) One; and his case is under consideration by the Board of Higher Secondary Education, Delhi. He has officiated once from 9th October 1954 to 9th January 1955 and has not been officiating since 14th May 1955 after the retirement of his predecessor.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Teachers of Higher Secondary Schools in Delhi

92. **Shri Vajpayee:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the replies given to Unstarred Question No. 1011 on the 17th December, 1956 and Starred Question No. 237 on the 9th February, 1949 and state:

(a) the scales of pay prescribed for teachers of Higher Secondary Schools in Delhi working as:

- (i) teachers of lower mathematics teaching up to XI class,
- (ii) teachers of mathematics teaching up to X class,
- (iii) teachers of English teaching up to X class;

(b) the criterion for determining *inter-se* seniority among teachers of the same school, drawing the same scale of pay but working on different posts viz. teachers of English, teachers of lower mathematics, teachers of physical science, and language teachers (other than of English);

(c) whether promotion from (say 120-300) to a higher grade (200-400) is made on the basis of seniority (length of service in the lower grade) from among teachers who hold M.A. degrees in the same subject in which the post in the higher grade has fallen vacant; and

(d) if not what other factors are taken into consideration?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) (i) Rs. 200-400.

(ii) Rs. 120-300.

(iii) Rs. 120-300.

(b) *The Inter-se Seniority of teachers drawing the same scales of pay working in Higher Secondary Schools is determined not in respect of a particular school, but is determined within that particular category on the basis of length of service in that particular grade or equivalent grade (equivalent grade means a rate of pay more than the minimum of that grade). It is determined on the basis of a joint cadre for the whole department.*

(c) Promotions from a lower grade to a higher grade are always made on the basis of seniority-cum-merit. In the case of promotion of teachers working in the scale of Rs. 120-300 to the scale of Rs. 200-400, a joint seniority of all the M. A. B. T. teachers in the scale of Rs. 120-300 for all subjects is considered and not in respect of each subject separately.

(d) In addition to seniority, merit, experience and satisfactory record of service are also taken into consideration.

Geological Survey of Bikaner Division

93. **Shri Karni Singhji:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether any geological survey of Bikaner Division in Rajasthan has been made with a view to discovering the possibilities of extracting petroleum;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is proposed to undertake the same?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swarn Singh): (a) An aeromagnetic survey has been carried out in Rajasthan extending over an area of about 20,000 sq. miles. Bikaner area was also included in the portion so surveyed.

(b) and (c). The results of this survey has just been received and are being studied. If the results show that further investigations are necessary, arrangements will be made accordingly.