

curring for the scheme is of the order of Rs. 2.21 lakhs.

(d) There is no commitment to absorb the Apprentices who successfully complete the training scheme.

Supply of Kerosene Oil to Karnataka

4959. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has passed orders not to supply kerosene oil to kerosene oil pumpsets and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(b) what steps Government of India propose to take to help the State Government to overcome the shortage and difficulty faced in supplying kerosene for irrigational pumpsets?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Government of Karnataka has not passed any such Orders.

(b) Use of kerosene in pumpsets for irrigation is not permissible under the Kerosene (Restriction on Use) Order, 1966. It is proposed to advise the Governments of Karnataka and other States concerned to pass an Order in this regard.

Promotional Avenue of Class IV Staff of AIR

4960. SHRI B. D. SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotion of class IV staff of the AIR and its subordinate Offices to CG-II grade is made on the basis of examination against 10 per cent quota reserved for the purpose;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by an order issued in August 1981 employees having attained the age of 50

years are debarred from appearing in the examination for promotion to CG-II Grade; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the promotional chances of persons after their attaining the age of 50 years being debarred from appearing in the promotional examination?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The stipulation has been laid down on the basis of the guidelines applicable to Government of India offices. This age limit is relaxable by 5 years for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes candidates and 2 years for physically handicapped persons.

(c) For Group D staff who are above/below the age of 50 the promotional avenues exist as follows:—

(1) Peon to Daftry.

(2) Daftry to Selection Grade Daftry.

(3) Peon/Daftry to Junior/Senior Gestetnor Operator.

गया में स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के लिए भवन का निर्माण

4961. श्री रुद्र प्रताप षाडंगी :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने को तैयार करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दिभाग ने गया में स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के भवन के निर्माण के लिए पहले ही भूमि ले ली है और इसका प्रारम्भिक निर्माण प्रारम्भिक कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किया जा रहा था और भारतीय टेलीफोन उद्योग द्वारा गया के स्वचालित टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के लिये उपकरण के आर्वेदन वर्ष 1982-83 के सप्लाय कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत किये जाने की सम्भावना