

Opening of Training centres for SC/ST to Compete for all India Services

6147. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of training Centres to impart training to the SC/ST candidates to compete and for getting services for All India Services States Services have been opened throughout the country;

(b) if so, the names of such places in the country where such Centres have been opened during the last 3 years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the State of Maharashtra not a single such Centre has been opened inspite of demand and availability of eligible candidates; and

(d) whether Government propose to open such Centre in Maharashtra and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of pre-examination Coaching Centres so far sanctioned under the Centrally Sponsored Programme of 'Coaching & Allied Scheme' is annexed, indicated those of the Centres, which were sanctioned during the last 3 years, 1979-80, 1980-81 and 1981-82 is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-3801/82.]

(c) The following three Centres have been sanctioned for Maharashtra during 1981-82:

1. Shivaji University, Vidya Nagar, Kolhapur.

2. Marathwada University, Aurangabad.

3. Nasik District Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj, Central Office, Shivaji Nagar, Gangapur Road, Nasik.

(d) Does not arise.

Socio-Economic Survey of Tribal Population of U.P.

6148. SHRI ANAND SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a socio-economic survey of the tribal population of U.P. was conducted by some Government institution;

(b) whether it was discovered that many of the tribals there subsist on the forest leaves; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to ameliorate their plight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scheduled Tribes subsist on agriculture and minor forest produce.

(c) Integrated tribal development projects are being implemented in tribal sub-Plan area, aimed at their allround socio-economic development.

Setting up of working Group on Steel

6149. SHRI KAMAL NATH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has set up a working group on Steel; and

(b) if so, the composition and functions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Planning Commission has set up a Working Group on Iron and Steel to prepare the broad long-term profile of the steel demand and the development programme of steel industry upto the turn of the Century (2000 A. D.)

(b) A statement giving the composition and terms of reference of the Working Group is attached.