

(f) A SC/ST member is nominated on the interview Committee for SC/ST candidates;

(g) SC/ST candidates interviews are carried out separately if necessary.

(g) For recruitment to the cadre of AAO SC/ST candidates with 45% passing marks are eligible as against 50% for general category.

The concessions/relaxations given to SC/ST employees in the matter of promotion are as under:

(a) Under the Promotion Policy for Clerical and Sub-Staff SC/ST candidates appearing for the Departmental Test are declared passed with 40% marks; whereas general requirement is 50%

(b) Under the marks rating system laid down under the Promotion Policy for Development Staff, for 22½% vacancies available the marks scored by SC/ST candidates are loaded by 10% to improve their promotion chances.

(c) In the Departmental Promotion Committee formed under the Clerical and Subordinate Staff Promotion Policy, a SC/ST Officer is co-opted as a member while interviewing SC/ST candidates.

(d) To encourage SC/ST employees to acquire professional qualifications, and, improve their promotional prospects, postal tuition fees and also cost of study courses are reimbursed for examinations conducted by the Federation of Insurance Institutes.

#### General

The above concessions have encouraged adequate representation of SC/ST in the various cadres during the recent years.

मिर्जापुर भदोही क्षेत्र के गलीचा उद्योग में संकट

2189. श्री उमाकान्त मिश्र : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि मिर्जापुर भदोही क्षेत्र के गलीचा उद्योग को संकट से बचाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा) : कालीन उद्योग को उसके निर्यात प्रयारों के सम्बन्ध में सहायता देने के लिए निम्नलिखित उपाय किए जा रहे हैं :—

(1) कालीन के लिए एक अलग निर्यात संवर्धन परिषद् स्थापित की गई है।

(2) खाड़ी के देशों जैसे नए बाजारों का पता लगाने तथा वर्तमान बाजारों का विकास करने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

(3) एक अध्ययन दल से कालीन उद्योग के लिए निर्यात ऋण का अध्ययन करने के लिए कहा गया है।

(4) उत्पादन आधार को बढ़ाने के लिए कालीन बुनाई के प्रशिक्षण को जारी रखा जा रहा है।

#### Crashlanding of IAF Jet Plane

2190. SHRI P. RAJGOPAL NAIDU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force jet crashlanded recently at Zila Parishad High School grounds near Vangapalli Railway Station in Nalgonda District, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, whether there was any damage to the jet and injury to the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir, an Indian Air Force trainer