

(c) if so, what is the result of such inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) :

(a) Government has seen the press report.

(b) and (c) NTC Holding Company has appointed a Committee to enquire into the allegations and such action as may be warranted by the report will be taken.

Complaint against Opium purchasing Officials in Jawad

2229. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint had been lodged in police station, Jawad (district Mandsaur) against staff and opium purchasing officers in respect of purchase of opium in opium season 1982;

(b) if so, the investigation and findings of any enquiry conducted by Vigilance Officers of Opium Department; and

(c) a copy of the complaint lodged in the said station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) :

(a) to (c) The purchasing of opium for the crop season 1982 83 is yet to start. There was also no complaint against the staff and opium purchasing officers of the Madhya Pradesh Unit of the Narcotics Department in respect of purchase of opium for the crop season 1981 82.

However, in April, 1981, there were some complaints alleging malpractices in the weighment operations relating to purchase of opium in the Morwan Weighment Centre in Distt. Mandsaaur. These complaints were looked into departmentally and on the basis of the preliminary enquiry, 5 officials were suspended and the services of one person employed on daily wages were terminated. The case has also been entrusted to the C. B. I. for enquiry. Their report is awaited.

It has also been ascertained by the Narcotics Department that an F. I. R. in the-matter had been lodged in the police station, Jawad (Distt. Mandsaur) by one Shri Bagdi Ram Keshariya. A copy of the same is laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library, See No. LT—6020/83*]

SC/ST employees in all grades of private secretaries and Senior P.As. and P.As. of C.S.S S Cadre

2230. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of posts of all grades of Senior Personal Assistants and Personal Assistants of the C.S.S.S. Cadre as on 1st January, 1983 in his Ministry, along with the roster :

(b) total number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe employees in (a) above; and

(c) is it a fact that adequate representation has not been given to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) The total number of posts of grades A (Private Secretary), B (Senior Personal Assistant), C