

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Temporary Assistants

1324. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of temporary Assistants at present;

(b) how many of the temporary Assistants have put in more than seven years of service;

(c) how many posts of Assistants have been filled permanently by direct recruitment from 1955 to 1961;

(d) how long will it take for the Assistants from a date earlier than the 31st March, 1954 to get confirmation; and

(e) what steps are being taken or are proposed to be taken to expedite their confirmation?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) About 1880.

(b) About 1150. Out of these, about 425 persons have not yet been confirmed in any grade.

(c) 1385.

(d) and (e). The confirmation of temporary Assistants is made against the departmental quota i.e. 50 per cent of the permanent vacancies in the grade, and no definite time-limit for the confirmation of all temporary Assistants of the category referred to can be indicated.

Assistants

1325. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Assistants who have actually put in more than 15 years of service in that grade have been deprived of their chances of promotion because of different criteria adopted by Govern-

ment for fixing seniority in that grade;

(b) if so, what is the number of such persons;

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure that the chances of persons with such a long service in the particular post are not jeopardised; and

(d) how long will it take for all those with more than 15 years of service to get promotion to the next grade?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): (a) and (b). There are about 800 permanent Assistants who have put in more than 15 years' service in the Assistants' Grade, out of whom about 320 are officiating as Section Officers. The criteria relating to seniority in Grade IV of the Central Secretariat Service adopted from time to time were formulated after due consideration of claims based on length of service as well as other relevant factors.

(c) and (d). According to the Central Secretariat Service Scheme, 50 per cent of the permanent maintenance vacancies in the Section Officers' Grade are required to be filled by direct recruitment on the results of the I.A.S. etc. Combined Competitive Examination, and the remaining vacancies are to be filled by promotion from the Assistants' Grade as follows namely:

(i) half the number of vacancies, on the basis of a departmental competitive examination held by the Union Public Service Commission and open to Assistants possessing a minimum length of service; and

(ii) the remaining half of the vacancies, by the promotion of Assistants on the basis of seniority in Grade IV of the Central Secretariat Service, subject to fitness. Assistants who have not yet secured promotion to the Section Officers' Grade will be eligible for such promotion in their turn in accordance with the above