

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती राम दुलारी सिन्हा): (क) जी हां श्रीमान ।

(ख) एक अध्यापक श्री कासबी दास कान्याल की पदोन्नति के बारे में चार शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थीं ।

(ग) मामले को उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के साथ उठाया गया था जिन्होंने सूचित किया है कि श्री कासबी दास कान्याल उनके नियमों के अनुसार पदोन्नति के लिए पात्र नहीं है ।

(घ) ये आंकड़े गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा नहीं रखे जाते हैं ।

Programme for Developing a Pool of Marine Scientists

4128. SHRI K. MALLANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in order to create a self-reliance technological base for tapping the nation's vast ocean resources, Department of Ocean Development have initiated an ambitious programme for developing a pool of marine scientists ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard so far as the question of initiation of the fellowships and associateships along with the subjects are concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Department of Ocean Development has initiated a number of fellowships and research associateships in different centres, universities and central organisations which are involved in

marine-oriented work. Nearly 25 fellows are already in position in the disciplines of marine biology, marine chemistry, marine geology, marine geophysics, marine instrumentation etc. The fellowships and research associateships are awarded to about 125 persons per year. The fellowship scheme has certain distinct advantages as no major institutional set-up is required for this purpose. The existing centres of excellence can be used to take up new fellowships in specialised branches of marine science and technology.

Narora Atomic Power Plant Prone to Earthquake

4129. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Narora Atomic Power Plant falls within the severe earthquake prone area ;

(b) whether it is among the four earth quake prone areas ;

(c) if so, whether the Plant at Narora endangers Ganga and Indus ;

(d) if so, whether there is any change of seepage of radiation into the Ganga water in small amount thus endangering Ganga basin areas of West Bengal, U.P. and Bihar ;

(e) if so, whether the Plant at Narora site should not be changed ; and

(f) if not, the reasons in details ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, the Narora Atomic Power Project is not located within the severe earthquake prone area.

(c) to (e) No, Sir.