

state :

(a) whether ex-combatant war service candidates (Clerical Cadre) were given all the war service benefits along with civilian/non-combatant war service candidates appointed in the Central Government offices, Departments, Establishments etc.;

(b) whether these benefits have not been allowed to those ex-combatant war service candidates (Clerical Cadre) who were re-appointed on the Railways; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or being taken to enforce a uniform policy in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The general instructions governing the fixation of initial pay of war service candidates on appointment to civil posts are equally applicable to ex-combatant war service candidates (Clerical Cadre).

(b) Attention is invited to the reply given on 6th July, 1971 to Unstarred Question No. 4083.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of Capital Goods Equipment Dies etc.

4213. SHRI DHANDAPANI : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the foreign exchange allocation made for the import of capital goods equipment, dies, jigs and tools required by the exporting units for expansion; and

(b) the number of applicants, the amount utilised and the items of capital goods etc. that have been imported so far ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) No bulk allocation of foreign exchange is made for the import of capital goods, equipment, dies, jigs and tools on behalf of exporting units for expansion. However, allocations of foreign

exchange been made on *ad-hoc* basis for this category of applicants as and when their cases are cleared for import. The period for which information is desired has not been indicated in the question. Information relating to two licensing periods *viz.* April-69 to March-70 and April-70 to March-71 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The information relating to two licensing periods *viz.* AM-70 and AM-71 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exports of Iron and Manganese Ores

4216. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) the inhibiting factors in the way of increasing the exports of iron ore, manganese ore and even minor ores; and

(b) the steps which are under the contemplation of the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for increasing the production of manganese ore ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) As far as export of iron ore is concerned, the main inhibiting factors are the high transport costs, insufficient rail transport facilities, dearth of modern mechanical loading equipments at the ports, and lack of facilities at the ports to take in deep draft bulk ore carriers.

In regard to *manganese ore*, the growth in exports has been inhibited by various factors such as the increasing indigenous demand for high-grade ore, the fall in the unit value of manganese ore, in the international market, increase in freight particularly on export to West Europe and U.S.A. and competition from other manganese ore producing countries. Further, it is preferable to export ferro-manganese rather than manganese ore.

In regard to minor ores, exports could be improved with provision of better port facilities, arrangements for beneficiation and processing of the ores to make them accept-

able to consumers abroad and reduction of the cost of production through the mechanisation of mines. Some of these minor Ores are however available only in limited quantities and these are required to meet the rising internal demand.

(b) The MMTC is not directly concerned with the production of Manganese ore. The Ministry of Steel and Mines had constituted a Working Group on the Manganese Industry to study the various problems of this industry. This Working Group has submitted its interim report, which contains various recommendations for the development of this industry and these are now under the consideration of Government.

Export of Raw and Fabricated Mica

4217. SHRI SAMINATHAN : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the steps taken for exploiting the potentiality for export of Mica in raw and fabricated form ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : Government had set up a Committee namely, Mica Advisory Committee, last year, to recommend steps which are necessary for promoting exports of mica and mica products. The Committee has made a number of recommendations for promoting exports of mica and mica products. The recommendations are under active consideration.

Temporary Government Servants in Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu

4218. SHRI ERASMO DE SEQUIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of temporary as against permanent Government servants in the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu; and

(b) the action proposed to be taken by Government to make temporary staff as permanent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI

K. C. PANT) : (a) The Goa Administration have intimated that there are 81% temporary Government servants under them.

(b) The Goa Administration have initiated action to convert 60% of the temporary posts into permanent ones and to confirm temporary Government servants on permanent posts.

अन्वमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूहों के दैनिक साप्ताहिक समाचार-पत्र

4219. श्री हुसम खन्व कछवाय : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय अन्वमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूहों में निजी पार्टियों द्वारा कितने दैनिक और साप्ताहिक सामाचार-पत्र प्रकाशित किये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या उनमें सरकारी विज्ञापन दिये जाते हैं ;

(ग) उनकी सहायता करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या व्यवस्था की है ; और

(घ) प्रत्येक पार्टी को अवसारी कागज का कितना कोटा आवंटित किया गया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री धर्मवीर त्रिठ) : (क) अन्वमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूहों में सरकारी पार्टियों द्वारा कोई भी दैनिक समाचार-पत्र प्रकाशित नहीं किया जा रहा है। तथापि, श्री समर सोम द्वारा एक अंग्रेजी साप्ताहिक "अन्वमान-टाइम्स" प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है।

(ख) अंग्रेजी साप्ताहिक "अन्वमान-टाइम्स" का सरकारी विज्ञापनों के लिए उपयोग किया जा रहा है।

(ग) तथा (घ). सभी समाचार-पत्रों को अवसारी कागज के आयात तथा मुद्रण यंत्रों के संबंध में जो सुविधाएँ उपलब्ध हैं, वे