

Services have been promoted superseding their senior ones;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of representations received in this regard and the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY) (a) and (b). Recently one Architect was appointed as Project Architect even though his rank in the seniority list was number two. The officer was selected as he was considered more suitable for the post than his senior.

(c) Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Architects in Directorate General of Health Services

4550. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Assistant Architects who have rendered more than three years service in the Directorate General of Health Services and are still unconfirmed;

(b) the detailed reasons for not confirming them; and

(c) the time likely to be taken to confirm them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Eight.

(b) and (c). Against 6 permanent posts of Assistant Architects in the Directorate General of Health Services, one officer has already been confirmed. The confirmation of other officers against the remaining 5 posts could not be done so far as there have been some representations about the seniority of the eligible candidates. As soon as the representations are disposed of, the seniority list will be finalised and necessary order will be issued regarding confirmation in about three months.

Confirmation of Draughtsmen in Directorate General of Health Services

4551. SHRI ABDUL GHANI DAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Draughtsmen in the Directorate General of Health Services who have not been confirmed so far; and

(b) the reasons therefor and time likely to be taken to confirm them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Thirty seven.

(b) Against 43 permanent posts, 8 persons have already been confirmed. The confirmation of the remaining 35 persons will be made as soon as the seniority list of Draughtsmen is finalised. It is likely to take 3 Months time.

Promotions of Sectional Officers and Assistant Engineers of C.P.W.D.

4552. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Officer of outstanding merit could be included in the list of eligibles for promotions to the selection posts apart from the field of choice normally extending to five or six times the number of vacancies expected in a year as per Home Ministry's instructions in this regard; and

(b) if so, why this method as enunciated by the Ministry of Home Affairs has not been adopted in the Central Public Works Department also for the promotions of Sectional Officers and Assistant Engineers where good number of eligible candidates are on the waiting list for promotion for quite a long time?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI IQBAL SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) This provision is only permissive and not obligatory.