

Schooling of Children in Madhya Pradesh

3265. **Dr. Chandrabhan Singh :**
Shri U. M. Trivedi :
Shri Shiva Dutt Upadhyaya :
Shri Wadiwa :
Shri Parashar :

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh will have only 58 per cent. of the children of the age group of 6 to 11 years attending school during the Third Plan as against an All-India average of 78 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that although paucity of financial resources is standing in the way of opening of primary schools in Madhya Pradesh, 5,000 teachers after receiving training are without employment in that State; and

(d) whether Government, realising the backwardness in primary education and paucity of resources in the State, would come up with the Central assistance outside the Plan for the expansion of primary education in Madhya Pradesh?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Education (Shrimati Soundaram Ramachandran) : (a) Yes, Sir. The shortfall is, however, only 7 per cent. (boys) and 26 per cent. (girls) as against the original targets fixed for the State by the State Government.

(b) Due to non-availability of requisite funds in the annual development plans of the State, the required number of teachers could not be appointed and the targets of enrolment and opening of new schools could not be achieved.

(c) Government's attention has been drawn to this.

(d) No such assistance has been provided for in the provisional IV Plan. Assistance inside the State sector plan is proposed to be given for special schemes to promote girls' education.

Promotions of Central Secretariat Officers

3269. **Shri Reddiar :**
Shri M. Malaichami :

Will the Minister of **Home Affairs** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had fixed the percentage of Central Secretariat Service Officers for promotion to the cadre of Dputy Secretaries and above;

(b) whether Government are aware that a very large number of Central Secretariat Service Officers are working for more than ten years without any chance of promotion; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up an independent Commission to look into the grievances with regard to the promotion of Central Secretariat Officers?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) The posts of Deputy Secretaries and above are selection posts for which merit rather than length of service is the guiding consideration.

(c) Grievances are constantly under consideration. It is not considered necessary to set up an independent commission for this purpose.

Wage Board for Tea Plantation Workers

3270. **Shri Warior :**
Shri Prabhat Kar :

Will the Minister of **Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of the plantation workers have expressed dissatisfaction with the recommendations of the Central Wage Board for Tea Plantation Workers;

(b) whether there is a strike notice pending in West Bengal plantations on this issue;

(c) if so, the steps taken to secure a just revision of the Board's recommendations; and