

Promotion of directly recruited Assistants in the Central Secretariat Service

3934. SHRI SHASHI BHUSHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the highly qualified persons who were directly recruited as Assistants on the basis of the U. P. S. C. examinations held in 1955 and 1957 are still stagnating in the grade and have not had any promotion to the next higher grade; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove this stagnation for this category of Assistants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). Promotion of Assistants to the grade of Section Officer is regulated by the C. S. S. Rules, 1952. The rules prescribe separate quotas of vacancies in that grade for being filled on the basis of seniority in the grade of Assistant and on the results of Limited Departmental Examinations held by the U. P. S. C. As such, directly recruited Assistants can get promoted either by competing at such examinations or when their turn for promotion is reached on the basis of their seniority in the grade of Assistants. 100 Assistants out of those directly recruited on the basis of the U.P. S.C. Examination held in 1955 and 1957 have so far been promoted as Section Officers on the basis of Limited Departmental Examinations, which are held periodically.

Study of Spending Habits and Directional Tendencies of Foreign Tourists

3935. SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
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SHRI ONKAR LAL BERWA :
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey to study the

spending habits and directional tendencies of foreign tourists has been launched ;

(b) whether a similar survey on the same subject was conducted in 1967;

(c) if so, the reasons which necessitated Government to launch another survey on a similar subject so early; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred in 1967 survey and the estimated cost of the present survey ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A similar survey was conducted from July 1965 to June, 1966. Because of devaluation of the rupee in June 1966, with consequential rise in hotel rates, transport charges and prices in general, and also because statistical data has to be periodically brought uptodate, it was decided to have the present survey. It started in November 1968, and will continue for 12 months.

(d) The Survey in 1965-66 cost Rs. 75,000/-- and the present survey will cost Rs. 1,36,000/--.

Employees of Asiatic Society, Calcutta

3936. SHRIMATI ILA PALCHOU-DHURI: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the employees of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta have approached the Government of India for the grant of Dearness Allowance at the rate given to their own staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the request has been acceded to; and

(d) if not, the reasons for its rejection ?