

(b) The total number of degree holder Sectional Officers who have completed more than 3 year's service in the grade as on 1st August, 1969, is as follows:—

Sectional Officers (Civil)	387
Sectional Officer (Elect.)	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>448</b>

#### Top Ten Income-Tax Payers in Gujarat

3731. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH MAHIDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the top ten individuals who pay the highest income-tax in Gujarat;

(b) the arrears, if any, due from each of the above as on the 31st March, 1969; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to recover the arrears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

#### Committee to Study Inventory Levels in Public Undertakings

3732. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by Government to study the inventory levels in selected Public Undertakings has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee on Inventory Control examined the following five undertakings:

- (i) Heavy Electricals (India) Ltd.
- (ii) Fertiliser Corporation of India (Trombay Unit).
- (iii) Fertiliser Corporation of India (Sindri Unit).

(iv) National Coal Development Corporation.

(v) Hindustan Steel (Rourkela Steel Plant).

The Committee has observed that there is considerable scope for reduction in the inventories of these units by applying modern inventory control techniques. In particular, the Committee has recommended the introduction of the following techniques to achieve the objective:—

- (1) Application of A, B, C Analysis and Economic Order Quantity techniques for inventory control;
- (2) Fixation of reasonable re-coupmnt limits;
- (3) Proper Classification, standardisation, codification and cataloguing of stores items;
- (4) Periodic review of the quantum of surplus stores;
- (5) Maintenance of separate accountal for construction and special stores;
- (6) Introduction of automatic replenishment systems; and
- (7) Utilisation of mechanised equipment/computers.

The Report is under examination of Government.

#### Level of Inventories in Public Undertakings

3733. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the value of inventories of several industrial running concerns in the Public Sector have, in 1964-65, instead of decreasing, increased as compared to 1963-64 amounting to 15 months value of production; and

(b) whether any firm directives have been issued by the Government to these undertakings to reduce their level of inventories.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, (SHRI P. C. SETHI) : (a) There were 22 Industrial running Undertakings of the Central Government in 1964-65. Of these, in the case of 8 undertakings, the inventories, calculated in