

(3) Elimination of currency declaration form.

(4) Streamlining in immigration services.

(5) Duty free import of ground handling equipment, and

(6) Constitution of a study group to visit certain airports abroad.

(c) These suggestions are receiving attention.

Punjab Chief Minister's Remarks about Concept of Sikh Homeland

3760. SHRI DEVINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Punjab Chief Minister's remarks in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha that the Central Government themselves were promoting the concept of a Sikh homeland by the manner they were pulling out Hindus from Punjab ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b). The State Government have been requested to furnish the relevant facts.

Interview for Junior Traffic Assistants held in Gauhati

3761. SHRI N. R. LASKAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that interviews for the posts of Junior Traffic Assistants were held at Gauhati in November, 1969 :

(b) if so, the number of Scheduled Casts candidates who appeared for the interview ;

(c) the reasons for undue delay in selecting the candidates ;

(d) whether adequate representation will be given to the Scheduled Caste candidates in this selection ; and

(e) the number of Scheduled Caste employees working as Traffic Assistants from Assam Region ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION : (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) Twenty-three candidates were interviewed at Gauhati in November, 1969 and fourteen more are to be interviewed there. Three hundred candidates are to be interviewed at Calcutta.

(b) Two have been interviewed so far.

(c) In view of the large number of candidates to be interviewed, the selections have not yet been completed.

(d) Every effort will be made in this regard.

(e) Nil.

Reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Section Officers' Grade Examination

3762. SHRI KIKAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether applicable 'reservation' for the Scheduled Castes to Departmental Assistant Superintendents/Section Officers Grade Examinations from 1955 to 1963 was at 12½ per cent and if so, the reasons how non-Scheduled Castes got 775 out of total 844 vacancies filled through *i.e.* about 92 per cent vacancies ;

(b) whether Government have been promoting the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes at 35 per cent marks and non-Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes at 45 per cent marks and, if so, the reasons how the Scheduled Castes of 1963-Examination with 45-50 per cent marks were left-over ;

(c) what are the minimum qualifying (not selection) marks for a reserved vacancy ;