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Appointment in NHAI

3493. SHRI SHANKAR PANNU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the appointments made till date in National Highways Authority of India, Post-wise;

(b) the number of SCs/STs among them; and

(c) the details of backlog regarding SC/ST Vacancies and the likely time by which it would be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) As in the Statement enclosed.

(c) There is a backlog of one SC and two OBC in Group-B posts. NHAI being a new and expanding organisation, backlog for SC/ST/OBC is being filled up from time to time.

Statement

Appointments made post-wise (including SC/ST/OBC) till date in NHAI

Sl. No.	Particulars of Posts	Posts filled up				
		On deputation basis	Direct recruitment basis			
			Gen.	SC	ST	OBC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Group A						
1.	General Manager	13	—	—	—	—
2.	Deputy General Manager	16	2@	—	—	—
3.	Manager	27	2	1	1	1
Group B						
1.	Accounts Officer	4	—	—	—	—
2.	Assistant Programmer	—	1	—	—	—
3.	Private Secretaries	2	—	—	—	—
4.	Librarian	—	1	—	—	—
5.	Assistant Manager	3	—	—	—	—
6.	Personal Assistants	11\$	—	—	—	—
7.	Cashier	1	—	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8.	Caretaker-cum-Store-keeper	1	—	—	—	—

Group C

1.	Receptionist	—	—	—	—	1
2.	Steno Grade 'D'	—	20*	9*	1	5*
3.	Draftsman	—	2	2	—	2
4.	Staff Car Driver	—	1	2	—	—

Group D

1.	Jamadar	1	—	—	—	—
2.	Peon	—	3	1	1	1
3.	Watchman	2	—	—	—	—

@ Includes one officer who was initially appointed as Manager in 1989 and subsequently promoted as Deputy General Manager in 1995.

\$ Includes 7 Personal Assistants initially selected on deputation and later on absorbed on their own request.

* Includes those who resigned after appointment i.e. General-2, SC-2, OBC-3.

[Translation]

Number of Children not Attending School

3494. SHRI SADASHIV RAO D. MANDLIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of children in the age group of 6 to 18 years who do not attend school ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : As per the 1991 Census, out of 168.17 million children in the 6-14 age group, 75.47 million were not attending school. As per the NSS 50th Round 1993-94, school attendance rates among the 5-14 age group was 70% in the rural areas and 85% in the urban areas for boys. It was 55% and 80% among the girls in rural and urban areas respectively.

[English]

Seed Terminator Technology

3495. SHRI SITA RAM YADAV : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have assessed the implications of the seed terminator technology developed by Monsanto in USA;