

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work stated on a new water treatment plant at Allahabad has since been stopped;

(d) if so, the reasons for stopping the work there; and

(e) by when the work on the new water treatment plant is likely to start to tide over the shortage of potable drinking water problem in Allahabad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) The U.P. Jal Nigam has reported that there is no acute shortage of potable drinking water in Allahabad. However, there is some shortage in certain pockets of the city due to power failure as a result of which the water supply is 170-175 mld as against the total requirement of 200 mld.

(c) The work started on a new water treatment plant at Allahabad has not been stopped.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Backlog of SC/ST Vacancies

3978. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the backlog of posts reserved for SC and ST in the services of Indian Oil Corporation, ONGC, Gas Authority of India Ltd., Oil India during the last three years as on January 31, 1997;

(b) the specific efforts made during these years to fill these backlog and the number of time advertisements to fill these backlog were issued and whether relaxation in standard permissible under rules were also included in these advertisements; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and how these organisations then propose to fill the backlog of reserved posts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) :

(a) The backlog of vacancies reserved for SC and ST in services of IOCL, ONGC, GAIL and OIL during the last three years is given below :-

Name of PSU	1.1.95		1.1.96		31.1.97	
	SC	ST	SC	ST	SC	ST
IOCL	9	25	-	-	17	27
ONGCL	73	83	170	183	146	140
GAIL	23	36	31	46	44	47
OIL	87	44	82	21	91	29

(b) The specific efforts made during the last three years by these PSUs. to fill up the backlog of above vacancies are mentioned below :-

(i) A Special Recruitment Drive was launched by each PSUs., in 1995 and 1996 to fill up the backlog of vacancies reserved for SC and ST.

(ii) Camp recruitments were made to recruit SC/ST candidates.

(iii) All the vacancies in group 'A' were advertised in leading National News papers and vacancies in group 'C' and 'D' were notified to local employment Exchanges. All relaxations permissible under the rules were included in the advertisements/notifications.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Employment Schemes

3979. SHRI KACHARU BHARU RAUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various employment schemes under operation in the urban areas;

(b) the total number of mandays generated, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount provided to the State Governments for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Two Centrally