

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:646  
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2000  
FIVE DAY WEEK IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES  
SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any review has been made about the effect of the five day week in Government offices and consumer departments;
- (b) whether the Government are aware that the five day week has resulted in delays and affected the public; and
- (c) the steps taken or propose to be taken by the Government to switch over to the six day week for Government offices?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. VASUN RAJE)

(a),(b) & (c): Five day week system introduced in June 1985 without reduction in the weekly working hours as under six day week, was reviewed through study conducted by the Department of Administrative Reforms in February, 1987 and November, 1988 and was recommended for continuance. On a further review in the light of the recommendations of the 5th Central Pay Commission, Government Departments whose functions are pre-dominantly marked by public dealings or of commercial nature have been advised to review the existing arrangement and switch over to six day week working wherever feasible.