

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2376  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2004  
PROMOTION TO NEXT HIGHER GRADE  
Oran Dr. Rameshwar

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

- (a) whether the Government had promoted Section Officers and Under Secretaries of Central Secretariat services to the next higher grade under schemes during 1998-99;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also thinking along the same analogy to promote assistants of CSS to their next higher grades;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): Section Officers and Under Secretaries of Central Secretariat Service (CSS) had been given in situ upgradation to the next higher grade during 1998 and 1999. This was so given because the issuance of the Select Lists for regular promotion as Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary had been inordinately delayed due to protracted litigation over the issue of inter se seniority between the direct recruit and promotee Section Officers.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): For the Assistants of CSS, unlike Section Officers and Under Secretaries, Select Lists for promotion to the grade of Section Officer, have regularly been issued. Assistants thus stand on a different footing. Further, the CSS has since been restructured and the Government has, inter alia, decided that there will be no further in situ upgradations in any of the grades of CSS and all promotions will be vacancy based.