

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6584  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2010  
ANOMALY IN STENOGRAPHER SERVICES  
Singh Shri Radha Mohan

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

- (a) whether there is a common examination for stenographer for recruitment in the Central Government Ministries and their subordinate offices conducted by Staff Selection Commission;
- (b) if so, whether there is disparity in Pay and Cadres structure and promotional channel of stenographers of Central Secretariat Stenographer Services (CSSS) and subordinate offices and the stenographers in CSSS Cadres are promoted upto PB-4 whereas the stenographers in subordinate offices retire in PB-2 only;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to restructure the service conditions of the stenographers of subordinate offices on the pattern of CSSS to remove this disparity;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the measures taken by the Government to rectify the anomaly existing in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) The cadre structure for Stenographers in the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service (CSSS) which has promotional avenues upto PB-4 is based on the functional requirements in the participating Ministries/Departments. The Sixth Central Pay Commission (CPC) had studied the grade structure of stenographers in the offices outside the secretariat and had recommended corresponding revised pay scales upto Pay Band-2 only after merging the posts of Stenographer Grade I and II. In the CSSS, the cadre starts with PB-1 + Grade Pay of Rs. 2400 and has posts upto PB-4 + Grade Pay of Rs. 8700. In the subordinate offices, the lowest pay scale for stenographers is PB-1 + Grade Pay of Rs. 2400 and the highest post of Senior Private Secretary is in PB-2 + Grade pay of 4800 and Grade Pay of Rs. 5400 on completion of 4 years.

(d)&(e) There is no proposal before the Government in this regard.

(f) In view of answer to (b)&(c), question of anomaly does not arise.