

(b) if so, the details of progress made by the Governments of Goa and Karnataka in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Super Computer

1116. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has designed its own Super Computer on the basis of the Super Computer received from Russia;

(b) if so, the specifications of the Super Computer made by India;

(c) whether Indian made Super Computer is being utilized;

(d) if so, the fields where it is being put to use; and

(e) the average expenditure incurred on the development of Super Computer by India and the percentage of foreign components used in the development of indigenous Super Computer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Super computers are currently being used in Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL).

(e) The expenditure on development of super computer is estimated at Rs.100 crores. High end components are imported with an average cost of 35% of total cost.

Indian Foreign Service

1117. SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of officers in Indian Foreign Service, post-wise;

(b) the number of officers belonging to SCs/STs and OBCs out of them;

(c) the number of total vacancies in these categories post-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government so far to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) :

(a) The grade-wise number of officers of the Indian Foreign Service in position as on 1.5.98, is as follows: (i) Grade-I of IFS-26 (ii) Grade-II of IFS-33 (iii) Grade-III of IFS-164 (iv) Grade-IV of IFS-130 (v) Jr. Admn. Grade & Sr. Scale of IFS -169 (vi) Jr. Scale (incl. Probationers)-56.

(b) The number of SCs and STs among them is as follows : (i) Grade -I-1 SC & 1 ST (ii) Grade -II-1 SC (iii) Grade III-25 SCs & 13 STs (iv) Grade-IV-26 SCs & 8 STs (v) Jr. Admn. Grade & Sr. Scale-28 SCs & 12 STs (vi) Jr. Scale-9 SCs & 4 STs . The reservations in the OBC category commenced from the 1995 batch. The officers belonging to this category are therefore all in the Junior Scale of the IFS and number 11.

(c) The total number of vacancies in these categories is 8 (all at the recruitment level, i.e. Jr. Scale). of which 3 are for SCs, 1 for ST and 4 for OBCs.

(d) There is no backlog in recruitment. Some vacancies which exist are being filled as per the recruitment rules. As reservation in the Group 'A' Services exists only at the stage of recruitment, the question of backlog in the higher grades of Indian Foreign Service does not arise.

[English]

Jurisdiction of CAT

1118. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3487 on August 13, 1997 and state:

(a) whether concerned Ministries/Departments have supplied the requisite information;