

Meeting of Governing Body of ICCR

8039. SHRI PIYUS TIRAKY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governing Body of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations has not met twice every year as per the rules and Regulations of the council during the last several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the defaulting officials?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b). According to the Constitution the ICCR, its Governing Body is required to meet at least twice a year. The governing Body met twice during the year 1989-90. However, it could meet only once each year during 1987-88 and 1988-89 owing to unavoidable reasons.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Employees in Ministry

8040. SHRI CHHABIRAMARGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in

his Ministry, category-wise and the percentage of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes employees among them, category-wise;

(b) The number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes filled during the last three years in each category;

(c) whether Government propose to fill the remaining vacancies by carrying them forward; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) The details are given in Statement – I below.

(b) The details are given in Statement – II below. reservations do not apply in Grades I to IV of the IFS and Senior Scale.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All unfilled SC/ST vacancies are being carried forward according to the rules and shall be filled in the following recruitment year by SC/ST candidates subject to availability of eligible candidates and restricted to 50 per cent of the total vacancies in each year.

The Ministry would also endeavour to recruit SC/ST candidates through Special Recruitment Drives and where the rules so provide through Limited Departmental Examinations held exclusively for SC/ST candidates.