

9.	Shri M. Bhaktavatsala	Film distributor
10.	Shri Justice K. Punniah	Retired High Court Judge
11.	Shri D. Sitaramiah	Auditor and Social worker
12.	Shri N. Ramakrishnamacharya	Former Chairman, Official language Commission, Andhra Pradesh
13.	Shri Ajoy De	Vice-President, Federation of Film Societies of India
14.	Shri D.K. Sircar	Film producer and director
15.	Ms. Ruma Guha Thakurta	Film actress and singer
16.	Shri Appukkuttan Nair	Academician and film book writer
17.	Shri N.P. Mohammed	Novelist and dramatist
18.	Ms Kamala Mankekar	President Authors Guild of India
19.	Dr. Gurnam Singh Tir	Advocate, Supreme Court
20.	Shri Dev Anand Misra	Lawyer
21.	Ms Reena Ramachandran	Public sector Executive
22.	Dr. P.N. Chopra	Historian

#### Setting up of SC/ST Cells at State Bank of Bikaner & Jalpur

\*704. SHRI THAN SINGH JATAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in January, 1983, his Ministry had issued directives to all the banks to establish SC/ST cells at each Zonal/Regional offices of the banks;

(b) whether these directives have been complied with in the State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur and SC/ST cells established at Zonal/Regional offices with SC/ST staff posted therein to oversee the implementation of reservation policies and to look into the grievances of SC/ST employees; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c). In January 1983, the public sector banks were advised by the Government, inter alia, to appoint Liaison Officers at their Head, Zonal and Regional Offices. Subsequently on 22nd February 1985 a copy of the then Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms OM dated 18th January 1985 regarding setting up of SC/ST cells in the attached and subordinate offices for enforcement of the orders of reservations for SC/ST in services were forwarded to the

banks for necessary action. As per these instructions, cells were to be set up in each attached/subordinate offices to ensure due compliance of the orders of reservations issued from time to time in favour of SC/ST employees and to scrutinise the statistical data in respect of the attached and subordinate offices required to be furnished to the Ministry/Department proper. The functions of the cell were to assist the Liaison Officer in discharge of his duties effectively. The strength of the cell was to depend on the work load.

State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur has reported that it has an SC/ST cell at Head Office. At the Zonal/Regional offices, the Regional Managers have been entrusted with the duties of Liaison Officers. Since the entire work of recruitment/promotion is done at the Head Office, the task of overseeing the implementation of reservation policies and looking into the grievances of SC/ST employees has been entrusted to the SC/ST cell at the Head Office only.

#### **Price and Cost of Production of Steel**

\*706. SHRIBABUBHAIMEGHJISHAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the fluctuation in the prices of saleable steel during the Seventh Plan period with year-wise break-up;

(b) the total production of saleable steel and its sale by public sector steel plants during the above period with year-wise break-up;

(c) whether Government propose to set-up a panel to study the reasons for high cost of production of saleable steel in public sector steel plants in comparison to private sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Open market prices of iron and steel fluctuate on the basis of demand and supply and levels of JPC prices from time to time. However, the JPC prices for main producers are increased by the Joint Plant Committee (JPC) from time to time to neutralise the increases in input costs and other levies. The major average increases in JPC prices in the Seventh Plan have been as follows:—

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*24.12.1987	15.6%
08.01.1989	7.6%
01.03.1989	2.1%
02.06.1989	1.5%

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\* During the period 1.4.85 to 24.12.87 (2 years, 9 months) there had been no increase in steel prices by JPC.

(b) Production of saleable steel and sales by public sector steel plants is given

below:—