

<i>Group</i>	<i>SC</i>	<i>ST</i>
A	9	3
B	2	1
C	3	6
D	—	—
	14	10

A Special Recruitment Drive was conducted earlier by PEC in 1989 to clear the backlog as a result of which PEC could fill up only two posts in the reserved category.

Electronic Units in African Countries.

*797. SHRI PRAKASH KOYO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some African countries such as Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana have expressed a keen desire to set up electronic units based on kit imports from India;

(b) if so, whether a delegation of Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council visited these countries and submitted their report to the Government if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether they have also found good market for computer software in these countries; and

(d) if so, whether any concrete proposals are being considered in this regard; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU):

(a) to (d). The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council sponsored a 5 Member delegation which included industry representatives from the consumer

electronics, computer hardware, software, and the electronic component sector, to visit Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana in March 1990 in order to identify the market potential for export of electronic items from India. It is gathered that in the absence of the requisite infrastructure and component base for integrated manufacture, there is a desire in these countries to establish assembly units based on kit import of Indian made computer hardware, peripherals, power supplies and software.

The market opportunities are being pursued by individual firms and it is reported that orders worth Rs. 50 lakhs for public address equipment and consumer electronic items have been booked.

[*Translation*]

Adoption of Villages by Nationalised Banks in Uttar Pradesh

*798. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria prescribed by the nationalised banks for giving loans for rural development; and

(b) the number of villages adopted so far by the nationalised banks in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Loans for any viable Schemes undertaken by any entrepreneurs for rural development are provided by the commercial banks. The margin money, the security norms and rates of interest are liberal in case of agricultural lending. It has been provided that:

- (i) No margin may be asked on agricultural loans upto Rs. 10,000/- and loans to small scale