

Assistance for Special Category States is pre-empted from the Total divisible pool and the remaining amount is allocated among the Non-Special Category States like,

Punjab on the basis of various principles embodied in the modified Gadgil Formula as will be seen from below:

Sl. No.	Item	Weightage
1	2	3
1.	Population	60%
2	Per Capita tax effort	10%
3.	For States having per capita income below National Average	20%
4.	Special problems	10%

In the case of Punjab, Special central loans were also given during the Seventh Plan period.

Recruitment of Junior Programme Assistants in CSIR

6949. SHRI PARASRAMBHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the prescribed qualifications for recruitment of entry level of group III (Rs. 1400-2300) of NRAS of CSIR:

(b) whether these were relaxed for making recruitment to the post of Junior Programme Assistant last year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the claims of highly qualified candidates who had applied for the post were ignored and only departmental candidates were called and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The prescribed qualification for Group-III at entry level under New Recruitment and Assessment Scheme (NRAS) in the CSIR are: B.Sc (Sc.)/B. Lib. Sc./Diploma in Engg./Tech. of three years duration or equivalent.

(b) and (c). Besides degree in Science/ Diploma in Engg./Tech. , on the basis of approval of the competent authority, qualifications of B.Com/B.A. (Math) were also prescribed for the post in the advertisement. In addition, a Certificate Course in Computer Languages of at least a total of 6 months' duration, as well as minimum experience of one year in the field of computer applications were prescribed, so as to widen the choice in selecting competent persons well versed in computer operation and applications.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. On the recommendations of the Screening Committee 22 candidates were called for test and interview, out of which only two belonged to CSIR.