

**Vacant Posts of Senior Civilian Staff Officers**

7717. SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of Senior Civilian Staff officers lying vacant in the Armed Forces headquarters and since when; and

(b) the number of posts out of them filled on ad-hoc basis for more than six months together with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No post of Senior Civilian Staff Officer is presently lying vacant.

(b) No post in the grade of Senior Civilian Officer has been filled on ad hoc basis. However, 49 posts in the grade have been filled on officiating basis under Rule 10(2) of the Armed Forces Headquarters Civil Service Rule 1968. These posts could not be filled on regular basis, because seniority in the feeder grade of Civilian Staff Officer is likely to under go a charge (as a result of directions of the Central Administrative tribunal and the Supreme Court), for which papers have already been sent to the Union public Service Commission.

**Assistance to Electronic Units**

7719. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any financial assistance to any electronic unit in private sector during the last three years; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to extend similar financial assistance to any

other private electronic units; if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Financial Assistance to Cannanore Engineering College**

7720. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Engineering College, Cannanore, Kerala Pending with Government for financial assistance/grant; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

The following three proposals have been received from the engineering College, Cannanore, Kerala:

1. Development of Electronic Lab;
2. Establishment of Computer Centre;
3. Library and documentation Centre.

These proposals will be considered at the meetings of the expert committees in the concerned areas during 1990-91 for direct central assistance under the scheme of Thrust Areas of Technical Education.