## Recruitment to LA.S.

1056. SHRIKAPIL DEV SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that a large number of candidates who are selected for I.A.S. have their close relations in the said service; and
- (b) if so, the number of such candidates selected for I.A.S. during the last three years, year-wise?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISH-WANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). Candidates competing for the I.A.S. are not required to give service particulars of their close relations either in the application form for the Civil Services Examination or at the time they come up for interview. The Civil Services Examination is conducted by the Union Public Service Commission which is an independent Constitutional body and its selections are based totally on merit. Consequently information regarding close relations of candidates in the service is not relevant to the selection process. The information sought in the question is therefore not available.

[English]

## Plan for Mega Projects

1057. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to prepare annual action plan for Mega Project under Public Sector:
- (b) whether Government have given any direction to the Mega Project authorities in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Project authorities to expedite the drafting of the action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) to (c). The Annual Action Plan in respect of Mega as well as major Central Projects under implementation by Public Sector/Government are submitted in the form of PERT (Programme Evaluation and Review Technique) Network and lists of milestones with the scheduled dates of completion in the beginning of each financial year. Actual progress with reference to these milestones is periodically monitored by the project authorities as will as by the Government.

## Growth Rate in Eighth Plan

- 1058. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTA NARASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether the Planning Commission