

**Promotional avenues for Stenographers,
.. Grade C and D in AFHQ ..**

8272. SHRI T. S. NEGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Force Headquarters Stenographers, especially Grades 'C' and 'D' have practically very meagre promotional avenues within their own cadre, what avenues of promotion are available to AFHQ Stenographers,

(b) whether those avenues are sufficient enough in view of the existing stagnation in the cadre;

(c) if not, which other avenues are proposed to be made available for them on a permanent footing; and

(d) whether it is proposed to introduce 'time-scale' or 'in-situ' promotions after, say ten years, of service in this services as in DRDO, DGI, some other Central Services and Government Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The posts of Stenographers in Air Force Headquarters (Air Headquarters) are manned by Stenographers belonging to Armed Forces Headquarters Stenographers Service. The promotional avenues of AFHQ Stenographers are as follows:—

(i) Stenographers Grade 'D' are eligible for promotion against 50 per cent of the vacancies in Stenographer Grade 'C', 25 per cent on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness and 25 per cent on the basis of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination;

(ii) Stenographers Grade 'C' are eligible for promotion against 50 per cent of the vacancies in Stenographer Grade 'B' on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness and 50 per cent on the basis of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination.

(iii) Stenographers Grade 'B' are eligible for promotion against 100 per cent of the vacancies in Steno-

grapher Grade 'A' on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness;

(iv) Stenographers Grade 'A' are eligible for promotion as Civilian Staff Officer in the AFHQ Civil Service against every 25th vacancy, on the basis of merit-cum-seniority.

(b) and (c) There is stagnation at present in Stenographer Grade 'C'. To mitigate this, Selection Grade has been introduced in this grade in the pay scale of Rs. 650—960. Moreover, 63 posts of Stenographer Grade 'C' attached with officers of the rank of Brigadier and equivalent holding the appointment of Director, have been upgraded to that of Stenographer Grade 'B', as a special case. These measures have brought improvement in the career prospects of AFHQ Stenographers.

(d) No, Sir.

**Expansion of instrumentation Ltd.,
.. Palghat, Kerala ..**

8273. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to expand the Instrumentation Ltd. in Palghat, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). The Palghat Unit of Instrumentation Limited has a programme to introduce new items in their product range for increasing overall growth in production and turnover, the details of which are being worked out.

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8274. श्री कृष्णदत्त मुल्तानपुरी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कसौती, जतांग, स्वाटू और नहान छाबनिबों में जल प्रदाय के निम्ने वर्तमान व्यवस्था क्या है ;