

(b) whether that proposal has been abandoned; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals (Shri Alagesan):** (a) to (c). The proposal to set up a public sector plant for the manufacture of basic chemicals and intermediates for drugs, dyes, etc., in the State of Maharashtra has not been abandoned.

#### Reservation for Vacancies of S.Cs. and S.Ts.

**1186. Shri Balkrishna Wasnik:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been treated unreserved by the Union Public Service Commission during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

#### Timings of Government Offices

**1187. Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to cut the extra half-an-hour from office hours introduced after the proclamation of Emergency; and

(b) if so, when a decision in this matter is likely to be taken?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri L. N. Mishra):** (a) and (b). Representations have been received from Central Government employees to restore the pre-Emergency working hours in Government offices. The matter is under consideration and a decision is expected to be taken shortly.

#### Lotteries

**1188. Shri Dharmalingam:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 172 on the 9th September, 1964 and state whether the State Governments have agreed to act on the suggestion made by the Centre to withdraw the sanction given for running up lotteries?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi):** Replies from some State Governments are still awaited.

#### Pictures of Stalin in Delhi

**1189.** { **Shri Hem Barua:**  
**Shri Jena:**  
**Shri Gokulananda Mohanty:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that on the 14th November, 1964, the city of Delhi was widely flooded with the pictures of Stalin; and

(b) if so, the names of persons or organisation responsible for this picture campaign in the city as also the purpose behind this move?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hathi):** (a) Posters carrying Stalin's pictures were found pasted on some walls in Delhi on November 14, 1964.

(b) It is not possible to affix responsibility. The aim behind the move appears to have been to discredit the World Conference for Peace and International Co-operation held in New Delhi from November 14 to 18, 1964.

#### Police Commission

**1190.** { **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:**  
**Shrimati Ramdulari Sinha:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the need and availability of appointing a Police Commission;