

Promotions

[English]

5765. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways are evolving a new personnel policy to ensure that promotions take place at a fixed schedule;

(b) whether there is a sense of demoralisation amongst the middle level railway officers due to uneven promotion policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHR C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Railways have a well-set time tested personnel policy regarding promotions. As per Department of Personnel and Training's guidelines, periodical reviews of the policy, are conducted.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Sportsmen's Problems

5767. SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV :
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether several talented sportsmen of yester-years are facing a lot of problems these days;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government over this; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to solve their problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) (i) Government gives Cash Awards to the medal winners at international level under the Scheme of Special Awards to winners of International Sports events and their Coaches.

(ii) Pension is given to Olympic medalists and Gold medal winners in Asian Games, under the scheme of 'Sports Fund for pension to Meritorious Sportspersons' @ Rs.2000/- & Rs.1500/- P.M. respectively after the age of 30 years.

(iii) Monthly pension upto Rs.1500/- is given to Outstanding Sportspersons whose income from all sources is less than Rs. 2000/- P.M. under the scheme of 'National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons'.

Fishery Wealth

5768. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are taking steps to identify fishery wealth through National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which this information will be available to the fishermen and Indian entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From the reports available from the Department of Space and Department of Ocean Development, Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) forecasts are made based on the location of thermal fronts measured through Sea Surface Temperature (SST) by the Satellites. These forecasts are valid for area beyond 10 nautical miles for a maximum of 3-5 days.

(c) The Potential Fishing Zone forecasts are made available through media, telephone/telex/fax (wherever such facilities are available) and through Statellite Communication System to the fishermen, maritime States/UTs, Fishermen's Associations, entrepreneurs, etc. In addition, National Remote Sensing Agency has set up a microwave earth station at Hyderabad to have direct access to all the maritime district Headquarters for disseminating the information to all District Fishery Officials.

Science Centres in Karnataka

5769. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought approval of the Union Government for strengthening and opening of Science Centres in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the number of such centres likely to be strengthened and opened alongwith their locations; and

(d) the amount of financial assistance sought by the State Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The Government of India in the Department of Culture has not received any such proposal.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.