

(d) whether some cases of that nature are still pending; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay and the time by which these employments will be given to those widows/dependents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) and (b). 8 persons employed in BEL, Sahibabad, died during the last 2 years. Four persons died due to prolonged sickness not connected with service, and 4 persons died due to personal accidents outside the factory. None of the deaths is attributable to service.

(c) to (e). Out of the above eight cases, two widows of the deceased employees were given employment within six months of the death of their husbands. One deceased employee's widow was already employed in BEL at the time of his death. Of the remaining five cases, three dependents have applied for any suitable job in BEL. They were interviewed by a preliminary Selection Committee to assess their potential for employment. At present, no suitable post has been identified against which they can be employed. Efforts will be made to give them employment if and when vacancies arise.

Enquiry into activities of foreign missionaries

1379. SHRI V. SOBHANADREE-SWARA RAO :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD
SETHI :
SHRI JAGANNATH PATTNAIK :
SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently made any high level enquiry into the activities of foreign missionaries operating in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action has so far been taken on the report of the Neogi Commission which had dealt with the activities of these missionaries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) State Government of Madhya Pradesh had appointed a Commission headed by Dr. M. Bhawani Shankar Niyogi in 1954 to enquire into the activities of Christian Missionary Activities in Madhya Pradesh only and any action on the recommendations of the Commission was to be taken by the State Government and not by the Central Government.

Diseases around the vicinity of NPP

1380. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any comprehensive survey has been made by Government to ascertain the increase in diseases in the vicinity of nuclear power plants of the country ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that according to a UK Government's investigation report the incident of leukaemia among children near the nuclear power plants are ten times above the national average; and

(d) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (d).