

A number of Central and State Government projects in Fertilisers, Engineering, Aviation, Power, Handloom, Leather and Chemical sectors are located in the area.

National Institutes for Handicapped in Uttar Pradesh

4430. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of national institute working for handicapped persons in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are considering to open an institute for handicapped persons in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the time by which and the place at which this institute will be opened?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) Only one national institute viz. National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun is located in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Recruitment in Army

4431. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new recruitment procedure has been adopted in the army;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the response from the public in respect of recruitment to the army is quite satisfactory; and

(d) if not, the measures contemplated to get better response from the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SON-TOSH MOHAN DEV): (a to (d). A Statement is given below.

STATEMENT

There is no substantial change ... the Recruitment System for enrolment into the Army. Earlier in the high response areas the candidates used to be shortlisted on the basis of educational qualification, high bar and one mile run. This procedure has been replaced with the introduction of 'Application System of Recruitment'. This system was introduced with effect from 1st October, 1987 in the States of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. It will be introduced in all Zones (except Gorkha Recruiting Depot, Kunraghat, responsible for enrolment of Gorkhas) for both Matric Entry Rate (MER) and Normal Entry Rate (NER)—Matric Categories with effect from 1st April, 1988. In this system, applications are invited from prospective candidates after wide publicity. Specific date is laid down for receipt of applications. After the due date, applications are acknowledged and scrutinised at the Headquarters of Recruiting Zone. Shortlists are prepared on the basis of education, age, height, NCC/ITI certificates, sports, etc. Candidates thus selected are given call up letters for Screening, Medical and Physical Tests, Written examinations and final selection at a given date and venue.

2. The response from the public in respect of recruitment to the army is quite satisfactory.