

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) and (b). In the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service, Stenographers Grade D working in Government Departments are getting promoted to Grade C after 12 years of service and Stenographers Grade C are getting promoted to Grade B after 20-22 years service. The promotion from lower grade to higher grade is dependent upon the number of posts available in higher grade, which are sanctioned on functional consideration.

#### Training of civilian officers at Harvard

268. SHRI MOHD MAHFOOZ ALI KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send some regular batches of civilian officers for training to Harvard, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such training facilities are available within the country;

(c) if so, the considerations which weighed with Government to send the civilian officers to Harvard in preference to imparting training to them in the country; and

(d) the estimated annual expenditure (in foreign exchange) likely to be incurred on each trainee as a result thereof?

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) There is no proposal to send regular batches of civilian officers for training to Harvard. The ongoing training Fellowships (some of which are tenable at Harvard) which have been in operation for several years will, however, continue.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of above.

#### US arms aid to Pakistan

269. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA: SHRI R. M. BHOYE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that U.S. Administration recently decided to provide military and other aid to Pakistan amounting to over 510 million dollars without any pre-conditions; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government of India in the context of its defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Government are aware that the US has decided to provide military and other aid to Pakistan to the tune of \$ 580 million as a part of second US Aid Package worth \$ 4.02 billion.

(b) Government are keeping a close watch on all developments impinging on our national security and are taking appropriate measures to ensure full defence preparedness.

#### Production of Light Combat Aircraft

270. SHRI V. TULSIRAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Light Combat Aircraft has since been held in abeyance as a result of inclusion of two squadrons of MIG-29 received from the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the Light Combat Aircraft is expected to be included in the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The delivery of series production of Light Combat Aircraft is likely to start in 1994.