

mentation of the provisions of the Act rests with the State Governments States have also been asked to rehabilitate the freed bonded labourers under the Central and State on-going Schemes and programmes

Verification of Passport Forms

1480 SHRI SURENDRA BIKRAM
SHRI P K KODIYAN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have decided to withdraw the authority from certain categories of Government officers and Members of Parliament to verify the form for issue of Passport, and

(b) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE) (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise

Invalidity Scheme for ESI Beneficiaries

1481 SHRI VASANT SATHE Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) whether the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has recommended the introduction of invalidity scheme for the ESI beneficiaries,

(b) if so the details of the scheme and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR RAM KRIPAL SINHA) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has

furnished the following information —

(a) Yes

(b) The proposal is to make a provision for an invalidity benefit to cover the contingency of invalidity due to causes other than employment injury, the employment injury cases being already covered under the Act

(c) The implementation of the Scheme will require amendment to the ESI Act The matter is being referred to the Central Government for consideration

Conversion of Branch Post Offices to sub-post Offices

1482 SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULEKAR Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether Government would consider to convert the Branch Post Offices to Sub-Post Offices in Ratnagiri District to provide banking facility through postal agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI) No, Sir There are 686 Branch Post Offices in Ratnagiri district and all provide savings Bank facilities

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