

Regulations for Promotion of Top Officers in Central Information Service

9876. SHRIMATI MRINAL GORE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Information Officers have in a resolution appealed to Government not to impose outsiders into the Press media and providing them top most posts;

(b) if so, what are the regulations for the promotions of Information Officers, Dy Information Officers and Deputy Principal Information Officers;

(c) whether these regulations are observed; and

(d) if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The C.I.S. Association have made a representation requesting the appointment of an officer of the C.I.S. to the post of Principal Information Officer in Press Information Bureau. All other posts are held by Officers of Central Information Service.

(b) For promotion to the post of Information Officer which is included in Grade I of CIS, an officer should have put in 5 years of continuous approved service in the lower Grade i.e. Grade II of C.I.S. Likewise for the post of Dy. P.I.O. which is included in the Junior Administrative Grade of C.I.S., an officer should have put in 5 years of continuous approved service in the lower Grade i.e. Grade I of C.S.I. For promotion, there is also a provision that "provided that where an officer in a particular Grade is considered for promotion, all officers senior to him in that Grade shall also be considered for such promotion notwithstanding that they may not fulfill the requirements as to the minimum length of service prescribed above". There are no posts of Deputy Infor-

mation Officer in the Central Information Service Cadre.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Broadcasting of Interview of former Prime Minister

9877. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIR and/or Doordarshan Stations in Delhi and/ or elsewhere in the country recorded and/ or broadcast interview/talk/message by the former Prime Minister of India, Smt Indira Gandhi, between March 24, 1977 and April 20, 1978,

(b) if so, full facts and reasons thereof; and

(c) whether during the said period any of the Radio and/or Television Stations broadcast or showed any programme which featured Mrs. Gandhi's personal participation appearance, if so details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c). All India Radio did not broadcast any new interview, talk or message by the former Prime Minister, Smt Indira Gandhi, after March 24, 1977. However, a few sentences in her voice were used in two programmes, one in English and the other in Hindi, put out at the end of 1977 recapitulating the major events of the year. These sentences related to the announcement made by Smt. Gandhi about holding of Lok Sabha elections in March 1977 and her remarks while stepping down from office after her defeat which were relevant in the context of the developments during the year.

On Doordarshan no programme featuring Mrs. Gandhi's personal participation was telecast during the period between March 24, 1977 and April 20, 1978. But three film-based News-items about her, in which she appears briefly in vision, were telecast in its news-bulletins by the Delhi Door-