

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) and (b). There are three grades of Draftsmen in C.P.W.D. The Pay scales of these three categories of Draftsmen were revised as under in accordance with the recommendation of the Third Pay Commission:—

Name of the Post	Pre-revised scale	Revised scale
	Rs.	Rs.
Draftsmen Grade III	110—200	260—430
Draftsmen Grade II	150—240	330—560
Draftsmen Grade I	180—380	425—700

2. The Third Pay Commission also made some specific recommendations saying that "in the Posts and Telegraphs Department (outside its Civil Engineering Wing) where the prescribed qualification for the grade of Rs. 110-200 is Matriculation with a Diploma in Draftsmanship, the duties in these posts should be examined to see if any of the posts would deserve to be placed in the next higher grade". The Commission did not make any other specific recommendation for the upgradation of the scales of three categories of Draftsmen of the C.P.W.D.

3. As the qualification for recruitment to the post of Draftsmen Grade III in the C.P.W.D. is a 2 years Diploma in Draftsmanship, the Staff Side made a demand in the Departmental Council (JCM) of the Ministry of Works and Housing for upward revision of the existing scale of pay of this post and also the consequential revision of the scales of pay of the Draftsman Grade II and Draftsman Grade I. The demand was not agreed to because, on analysis it was observed that Draftsmen Grade III in the C.P.W.D. perform routine duties like tracing and drawing whereas Draftsmen in the scale of Rs. 330-560 in the Railways and Military Engineering Service have higher duties and responsibilities. The Ministry, there-

fore, is of the view that the duties of Draftsmen Grade III in the C.P.W.D. are not comparable with the duties performed by similar categories in other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India

4. However, the question was referred to a Committee set up by the Departmental Council of the Ministry and it will again come up for discussion in the next meeting of the Departmental Council (JCM) of the Ministry

Take-over of Irrigation Projects

3019. SHRI DRONAM RAJU
SATYANARAYANA;
SHRI B. P. KADAM;
SHRI G. S. REDDI:

Will the Ministry of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over big projects of irrigation in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

The Plantation under 5-Point Programme

3020. SHRI B. P. KADAM;
SHRI DRONAM RAJU
SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accept the idea of tree plantation given under the 5-Point Programme during 1975-76; and

(b) if the reply to (a) above is in the negative, the reasons thereof?