

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (PROF. SHER SINGH) (a) to (e): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posts of Selection Grade Station Directors in AIR and Doordarshan

5845. **SHRI S. R. REDDY**: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some posts in the cadre of selection grade of Station Directors in the A.I.R. and Doordarshan are lying vacant; and

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for which these posts are not being filled up?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b). In All India Radio seven posts in the cadre of Station Director (Selection Grade) are lying vacant. In Doordarshan there are no posts in the cadre of Station Director (Selection Grade) as such, but there are 13 posts on the programme side which carry the same pay scale as that of Station Director (Selection Grade) in AIR. Pending finalisation of Recruitment Rules, officers of the cadre of Station Director (Selection Grade) in AIR are posted against these posts. At present, seven of these posts in Doordarshan are manned by Station Directors (Ordinary Grade) of Air.

The reasons for not posting Station Directors (Selection Grade) to the

fourteen posts in AIR and Doordarshan mentioned above is non-availability of officers in the Grade of Station Director (Ordinary Grade) with six years approved service, as prescribed in the recruitment rules, for selection as Station Directors (Selection Grade). As and when the officers become available, they will be appointed against the available posts meant for them.

Collaboration with Japan for Fertilizer Technology

5846. **SHRI KRISHNA SINGH**: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enter into collaboration with Japan for fertilizers technology; and

(b) the names of foreign companies who have collaborated for manufacture of fertilizers in India?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a)

Bids have been received from international engineering companies including companies from Japan for the supply of process know-how, basic engineering package and supervisory services for procurement, detailed engineering, erection and commissioning of the ammonia and urea plants proposed to be set up on the West coast based on gas from the off-shore structures. The bids are currently under evaluation.

(b) Foreign financial participation has so far been obtained in the following fertilizer plants:

Name of the Indian Company	Name of the collaborator
1. Midas Fertilizers Limited	National Iranian Oil Co., Iran. Amoco India Inc., U.S.A.
2. Indian Explosives Limited	Imperial Chemical Industries, U.K. IFC, Washington.