

the Traders Association after the shops are handed over to them. In this case the shopkeepers were persuaded to take over the lavatory block for maintenance, but they did not take over the possession. The DDA has further reported that it will hand over the lavatory block to the shopkeepers if they are prepared to maintain the same.

Condition for promotion from T.E.S. Group 'B' to I.T.S. Group 'A'

9530. SHRI NATHU RAM SHAKYAWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the eligibility condition for the ad-hoc promotions of the S/C and S/T Officers from T.E.S. Group 'B' to the Sr. Time Scale of ITS Group 'A'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KARTIK ORAON): As per the Recruitment Rules, Permanent officers of TES Group 'B' ordinarily with not less than 8 years approved service in the grade are eligible for consideration for promotion to ITS Group 'A'. These eligibility conditions applicable to all the officers including those belonging to S/C and S/T, apply in case of ad-hoc promotions also. It is however submitted that no ad-hoc promotion is made in the Sr. Times Scale of ITS Group 'A' as a matter of principle. The vacancies arising in circles are filled up in local arrangement in absence of an approved panel.

Holding of interview for award of National talent search Scholarship

9531. SHRI RAM SWAROOP RAM:
SHRI R. P. VERMA:
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training holds an interview of the candidates

who qualify in the written test to decide the merit of the candidates for the award of National Talent Search Scholarship for Class X;

(b) if so, the rationale behind holding the interview and how many total marks are allotted for interview;

(c) the marks obtained by the first 250 students in order of merit in the written test only;

(d) how many of these students awarded scholarships after adding the marks obtained by them in interview; and

(e) the marks obtained in the written test and the interview by the 250 students who were finally selected for the award of scholarships?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Merit is decided on the aggregate of marks in the written examination carrying 200 marks and interview carrying 25 marks.

(b) The interview is held to confirm and probe more deeply the performance of candidates in the written test and to test abilities and qualities not covered in the written test but expected of talented candidates.

(c) The details are given in the statement attached as Annexure-I. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2500/81.]

(d) Two hundred and eleven.

(e) The details are given in the statement attached as Annexure-II. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2500/81.]

Development of Sawan Park

9532. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Authority has re-