

Job reservation for handicapped persons by Central and State Governments and Public undertakings

827. SHRI 'D. M. PUTTE GOWDA : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of job reservation for the handicapped in Central Government and State Governments and Public Undertakings ;

(b) whether there is any reservations for the handicapped in the Private Sector also and if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the checks exercised by the Government to ensure that handicapped persons actually get the jobs reserved for them and the reservation quota is fully utilised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRIES OF RAILWAYS AND EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) 3% posts of Group C and D under the Central Government and in Public Sector Undertakings have been reserved for the Physically Handicapped persons. According to available information, about 15 States have also reserved certain percentage of posts under them for the Physically handicapped persons.

(b) According to available information, 1½% reservation for disabled persons in the factories has recently been introduced in Gujarat.

(c) Following steps have been taken to ensure that the physically handicapped persons are able to get the posts reserved for them :—

1. A 100 point roster has been prescribed indicating the specific roster point which has to be filled by appointing the blind, the deaf or the orthopaedically handicapped person.

2. All the Ministries/Departments are required to send a quarterly statement to the Ministries of Labour and Social Welfare.

Government Strategy to Counter Khalistan Movement Abroad

828. SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps for long term strategy to counter the Khalistan movement abroad where anti-national elements are spearheading this campaign among overseas Sikhs ;

(b) whether Government have reviewed their activities abroad particularly in USA, Canada, West Germany, U.K. and Singapore through diplomatic channels as well as through Indian citizens visiting these countries ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Government are taking requisite steps to counteract the campaign abroad of anti-national elements among the overseas Sikh communities.

(b) and (c). Government keeps under review the activities of such elements in the concerned countries through our Diplomatic Missions who keep in constant touch with the Indian community, visiting Indian citizens and local authorities.