

C.S.S. for the year 1970 is in the process of finalisation and is expected to be issued very shortly.

(b) The finalisation of the 1970 Select List has been delayed somewhat because it took time to fix the strength of the Select List, in amending the regulations laying down the composition of the Selection Committee and the time taken by the latter in considering all the cases within the zone of consideration. Government have since laid down a time schedule for preparation and issue of such Select Lists.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Departmental Promotion Committee

7726. SHRI SURENDRA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether no Central Secretariat Service Officer is a member of the Departmental Promotion Committee which makes selection for promotion to the Selection Grade of the Service ;

(b) whether all other Central Services Class I Officers of the Service concerned are members of the Departmental Promotion Committee in addition to the Chairman/Member of the Union Public Service Commission ; and

(c) if replies to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, the reasons for this discrimination in the case of the Central Secretariat Service Officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL (SHRI RAM NIWAH MIRDHA) (a) to (c). The required information in respect of all Central Services Class I is not readily available. In the case of Indian Audit and Accounts Service, Indian Defence Accounts Service, the Revenue Service and Indian Postal Service, the position, however, is that members on the respective Service are associated with the Departmental Promotion Committee in addition to Chairman/Member of the Union Public Service Commission.

In the Central Secretariat Service, the Selection Grade comprises of posts of Deputy Secretary and equivalent which being senior administrative posts, are also manned

by officers drawn from other Services like the I.A.S. etc. The Select Lists for Selection Grade of the C.S.S. are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the C.S.S. Rules, 1962 and the Promotion Regulations issued thereunder in 1964 in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission. The Regulations provide *inter alia* that the Selection Committee for preparation of the Select List shall consist of the Secretary, Department of Personnel as Chairman, three other Secretaries to the Government of India and the Establishment Officer, as members. The composition of the Selection Committee conforms to the pattern of the Central Establishment Board on whose recommendation appointments to all the posts of Deputy Secretary and equivalent at the Centre are made. In view of this, the question of discrimination in the case of C.S.S. Officers does not arise.

Import of Menthol

7727. SHRI ANAND SINGH : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state the quantity of Menthol imported last year from foreign countries in the form of crystals of oil ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : During last year i.e. 1970-71 (from April, 1970 to January, 1971) 147 kilograms of menthol was imported and that too only from France. Import statistics beyond January, 1971 are not yet available. Separate statistics relating to import of menthol in the form of crystals and liquid are not available.

Vacant Posts of L. S. G. Monitors in P.M.G.'s Circle, Orissa

7728. SHRI A. C. DAS : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Lower Selection Grade Monitors lying vacant in the Post Master General's Circle, Orissa ;

(b) since how long these posts have remained vacant ; and

(c) how many are officiating in these posts ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA) : (a) 10 posts of Lower Selection Grade