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Recruitment to Grade III and IV C.I.S. through U.P.S.C.

9225. SHRI P. N. SOLANKI :
SHRI R. K. AMIN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recruitment to Grade IV and Grade III of the Central Information Service is done through an open competitive Examination held by the UPSC ;

(b) if so, how many such examinations have been held since 1960 for these grades and how many officers have been recruited through them ; and

(c) the reasons for not holding these examinations at fixed intervals ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) to (c). All vacancies in Grade IV are filled through an open competitive examination held by the Union Public Service Commission. 25% vacancies in Grade III were also filled similarly upto 31.12.64. Direct recruitment to this Grade has, however, been discontinued with effect from 1st January, 1965, on the advice of the UPSC.

Two examinations have been held for recruitment to Grade IV in 1964 and 1965 and one for Grade III in 1963. 106 and 13 officers were appointed to the two Grades respectively.

It has not been possible to hold an examination for Grade IV after 1965, as the question of age relaxation in respect of *ad hoc* appointees and revision of C.I.S. Rules has been under consideration in consultation with the Commission.

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9226. SHRI NANJA GOWDER :
SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assis-

tant Information Officers are recruited through allied services ; as well as from Grade IV of the Central Information Service ;

(b) if so, why the new entrants are placed higher than the seasoned journalists of several years' standing ; and

(c) if so, why they are given different scales of pay ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. SHAH) : (a) The Posts of Assistant Information Officers in the Press Information Bureau can be held by officers of Grade II (Rs. 400-900 Class I) and Grade III (Rs. 350-800 Class II) of the Central Information Service. All vacancies in Grade III are filled by promotion from Grade IV (Rs. 270-485, Class II). Similarly except for 50 per cent of the permanent vacancies which are filled on the basis of the I.A.S. and Allied Services Examination, all vacancies including all temporary vacancies in Grade II are filled by promotion from Grade III.

(b) The *inter se* seniority of officers in Grade II is fixed in accordance with the general instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs governing recruitment by Central Services.

(c) The position in the CIS is similar to what is obtaining in other Central Services. Grade II of the CIS with provision for direct recruitment has been introduced on the advice of the UPSC in order to induct persons with high academic record and mental calibre.

Appointment on Contract Basis in C.I.S.

9227. SHRI NANJA GOWDER :
SHRI S. P. RAMAMOORTHY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that before the formation of the Central Information Service in 1960, the officers/staff in different categories were appointed on contract basis ;

(b) if so, what were their grades, number of posts in each grade and general terms of contract ;