

(b) the total number of various posts sanctioned in the Staff Inspection Unit as on 1.3.1991 and 1.3.1995; and

(c) the number of posts are in operation in the SIU as on 1.3.1998?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) The role assigned to the Staff Inspection Unit is to review the staffing of Government Establishments with a view to securing economy.

(b) The total number of various posts sanctioned in the Staff Inspection Unit as on 1.3.1991 and 1.3.1995 was 165 and 81 respectively.

(c) The number of posts in operation in the SIU as on 1.3.1998 was 79.

Plan Assistance to Andhra Pradesh

2659. DR. SUGUNA KUMARI CHELLAMELLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request has been made in 1997 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the grant of advance towards Plan assistance to overcome resource crunch; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and amount sanctioned in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) During the financial year 1997-98 the State Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for an advance of Rs. 393 crore in order to maintain the pace of their developmental activities in the wake of difficult financial position. The request of the State Government was considered, and it was decided to give the State Government an amount of Rs. 335 crore by way of an advance against externally (aided) projects (Rs. 263 crore) and ways and means advance repayable during the year (Rs. 72 crore).

Promotions in Banks

2660. SHRI V.K. KHANDELWAL :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether reservation for SCs/STs in promotion from subordinate to clerical cadre is provided in all Public Sector Banks;

(b) if not, whether the Government order has been issued for amendment in earlier provision providing such reservation in terms of Article 16 (4A);

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether permanent part time Sweepers in Public Sector Banks are not entitled for promotion in peon cadre;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reasons for not inclusion of part time Sweepers in the manpower of banks?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) Reservation of SCs and STs in promotions from subordinate cadre to clerical cadre is provided for in public sector banks where the element of direct recruitment in clerical cadre does not exceed 75% of the total vacancies to be filled during a recruitment year.

(c) and (d) In public sector banks, permanent part-time sweepers on full scale wages are eligible for conversion to the subordinate cadre. The other permanent part-time sweepers on 1/3, 1/2 and 3/4 scale wages are not eligible for such conversion as they are junior to sweepers on full scale wages.

(e) Part-time Sweepers on scale-wages/ad hoc wages, work for less working hours when compared to sub-staff cadre employees. Further such part-time sweepers have the chance of working elsewhere locally in other organisations besides working in banks. As such they are not included in the total staff strength of the banks.

[Translation]

Consumption/procurement of Diesel in BCCL

2661. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the consumption of diesel in B.C.C.L during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent on the purchase of diesel during the above period;

(c) whether any case of bungling in the purchase and distribution of diesel has come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any investigation has been made or is being made by the Vigilance Department in this regard;

(f) if so, the action taken on the report of the Vigilance Department so far;

(g) whether the C.M.D. Secretariat had issued directions to check any type of bungling in the procurement and utilisation of diesel; and

(h) if so, the extent to which these instructions have been followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) : (a) and (b) The consumption of diesel in BCCL and the amount spent on purchase of diesel in the company during the last three years are given