

role. It is difficult to identify their exact numbers in view of the varying types of roles played by different individuals and therefore, to give additional incentive to all of them.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Drilling Operations have commenced recently and it would take some time to obtain the necessary information.

[Translation]

#### Commercial Flower Development Scheme

5079. SHRI GAURI SHANKER CHATURBHUIJ BISEN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Regional Commercial Flower Development Scheme is being implemented in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the amount provided by the Union Government to Madhya Pradesh for implementing this scheme during 1997-98;

(c) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded increase in the allocated funds for 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL) : (a) and (b) The Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Commercial Floriculture in the State of Madhya Pradesh since 8th Five Year Plan. The Government of India have released Rs. 5.20 lakhs during 1997-98 to Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) No request has been received for allocation of additional funds during 1997-98. However, keeping in view the potential of the state for floriculture development, the Government of India have sanctioned a Model Floriculture Centre to Madhya Pradesh to be set up in Indore area at a cost of Rs. 52.50 lakhs during 1998-99. Total allocation under the Scheme for the current year is proposed at Rs. 61.50 lakhs.

[English]

#### Promotion Policy

5080. SHRI ANIL BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether office Memorandum of Department of Personnel and Training regarding service matters, including promotion, encadrement, isolated posts etc. is binding on all other departments;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Fifth Pay Commission has recommended in Chapter on Promotion Policy. (Para 22.41 and Annexure 22.1) the Dynamic Assured Career Progression for the isolated officers;

(d) whether the Government propose to accept this recommendation; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) and (b) The Department of Personnel and Training issues policy instructions on a number of subjects concerning conditions of service of the Central Government employees. These instructions are to be implemented by the Competent Authorities in various Ministries/Department who are required to abide by them. It is the responsibility of the Ministries/Departments concerned to ensure the implementation of these instructions.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended the Dynamic Assured Career Progression Scheme in case of isolated posts.

(d) and (e) These recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

#### Propaganda in Foreign Countries

5081. SHRI K.S. RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received reports and information about propaganda in foreign countries that the imposition of sanctions by USA, Japan, etc. and the statements made by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank authorities in the wake of the nuclear tests conducted by India in May, 1998, has created panic in the Indian Missions abroad that the economic development and the ongoing projects and also those projects in the pipelines are likely to be adversely affected thereby;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to combat the propaganda and to create confidence in the Indian Missions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The Government has no reports of any panic in Indian Missions abroad due to the imposition of restrictive economic measures by some countries.