

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA FLAJE):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Given the highly competitive global tourism market and for enhancing the tourism potential of India, there is a need for selecting best and bright officers for posting overseas in tourist offices who can aggressively market the rich cultural, spiritual and natural tourism products of our country and who can help brand Indian tourism products. In order to fulfil this need, the zone of consideration for selection of officers on overseas jobs has been enhanced by considering officers of all organised services having 2 years experience in tourism.

Committee to redress anomalies in the pay scales

988. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee formed to redress the grievances due to certain anomalies in the pay scales of the Central Government employees as recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission is still functioning; and

(b) if so, the details of the grievances which could be noted and redressed till date, scale-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) National Anomaly Committee constituted under the Department of Personnel and Training has discussed all the 62 items of anomalies submitted by the Staff Side, National Council (JCM) and a final decision thereon has been taken. This Committee is not in existence now. Information in respect of Departmental Anomaly Committee is not centrally maintained.

State Human Development Report

989. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have brought out State Human Development Reports and others are in the process;

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(b) the States which have already brought out such annual reports and which are likely to publish them this year; and

(c) whether any assistance, financial or technical has been taken from UNDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Governemnts which have brought out their Human Development Reports (HDRs) are Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Sikkim, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. The State Governments which are now in the process of preparing their State HDRs are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh. Out of these, the States which are likely to publish their reports this year are Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Yes, Sir. Under the UNDP Project "Capacity Building for Preparation of State Human Development Reports", financial and technical assistance is being provided to the State Governments for holding Workshops and for accessing the services of professionals and experts.

National Human Development Report

990. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per National Human Development Report—2001 the poverty in the country has declined during the last two decades;

(b) whether the conditions in poor States like Bihar and Orissa have worsened as the report has revealed;

(c) if so, the steps initiated by Government to bring the poor States at par with development States in the matter of development; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes,