

States of the region in the previous 5 years, the two factors to be given equal weightage.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Promotion of Ex-Servicemen in DGOF, Calcutta

1378. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ex-servicemen employed in Ordnance factories are not given fair deal in the matter of promotion to higher posts, from the post of Chargemen onwards;

(b) if so, the details of representations/appeals received by the DGOF, Calcutta during the last six months from the employees belonging to Ex-servicemen category, in connection with their promotions from the post of Chargemen etc. to higher post;

(c) whether some of the factory managements under DGOF are blocking their promotion on one pretext or the other;

(d) whether Government instructions in respect to ex-servicemen are not being implemented; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir. Promotions to higher grade in Chargeman Grade. I, Assistant Foreman, Senior PA, Hindi Officer and Junior Works Manager are made as per seniority and suitability subject to reservation for SC and ST.

(b) No such representations/appeals have been received by DGOF.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Pak Spy ring at Interim Test Range

1379. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pak spy ring, smuggling out information on country's missile programme from the Chandipur-on-sea Interim Test Range, has recently been unearthed;