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(Employees') Pension Regulation, 1995, provides for grant of pensionary benefits to those who voluntarily retire from banks' service on or after 1st November, 1993 after completing 20 years of qualifying service. While Government has not framed a new VRS, views of Chief Executives of public sector banks have been sought on the desirability of introducing in public sector banks a Scheme which is in operation in public sector undertakings, with or without modifications. Since as yet, no firm proposal has been formulated, (c), (d) and (e) do not arise.

Revision of conveyance allowance payable to Central Government

Employees

127. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the increase in fare in transport services, there is any proposal under Government's consideration for rationalisation and revision of the conveyance allowance in respect of the Central Government employees, particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the proposal would materialise; and

(c) by when the conveyance allowance at the revised rate would be paid to the Central Government employees in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Does not arise.

Export House Status to Hotels

128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to bestow Export House status to the hotels; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Government have bestowed the service export house status

to all Service Providers including Hotels on the basis of earning of foreign exchange as per the table given below:

TABLE

Category	Average foreign exchange earning during the preceding three years, in Rupees	Free exchange earning during the preceding licensing year, in Rupees	Average free foreign exchange earning during the preceding three years, in Rupees	net foreign exchange made during the preceding licensing year, in Rupees
(1)	(2),	(3)	(4)	(5)
Service Export House	4 crores	6 crores	3 crores	5 crores
International Service Export House	20 crores	30 crores	15 crores	25 crores
International Star Service Export House	100 crores	150 crores	75 crores	125 crores
International Super Star Service Export House	300 crores	450 crores	225 crores	375 crores

Declaring DPCL Under KVSS

129. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Indian Petro Chemical Corporation Ltd. (IPCL), a public sector unit has also declared under K.V.S.S. Excise duty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A unit of IPCL at Nagothane in District Raigad, Maharashtra,