

Secretary in the Indian Council of Social Science Research has been lying vacant for over a year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the processing of various research projects is suffering owing to the absence of the incumbent; and

(d) by when the post is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The post of Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research, fell vacant on August, 16, 1989. According to the rules the Member-Secretary has to be appointed by the Council with the approval of the Government. The Council has sent its proposal to Government in October, 1989. The matter is under consideration of Government.

According to the information furnished by the Council, the Council processes the research projects through its Programme Committees and work of the Council has generally not suffered due to the absence of the regular incumbent to the post of Member-Secretary. The work of the Member-Secretary is being looked after by an Acting Member-Secretary.

Grant by the Indian Council of Social Science Research to Peace Research Institute

3018. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details of grants given by the Indian Council of Social Science Research to the Peace Research Institute during the last three years;

(b) what is the number of the conferences organised by the Institute during the same period, stating the details of participants;

(c) whether the participants included persons from foreign countries also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Council has not given any financial support to the Institute for holding any seminars/conferences/workshops. However, one research project submitted by the Institute was sanctioned with a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1.10 lakhs by the Research Committee in April, 1988.

(b) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Council since the Council has no connection with the Institute of Peace Research and Action, the Council do not have information about the conferences organised by the Institute.

Post Doctoral Fellowships by University Grants Commission,

3019. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of post doctoral fellowships offered by University Grants Commission every year;

(b) whether retired university/college teachers holding doctoral degrees can apply for them; and

(c) whether they can also apply the fellowship for separate/individual project work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission does not have any Scheme known as 'Post Doctoral Fellowship'. However, there are Schemes like Research Associateship (full-