

often several people miss consequential promotion all along the hierarchical strata. Keeping in mind these general guidelines various Ministries/Departments are competent to grant re-employment in service to Government employees working in and under them. Similarly PSUs are competent to grant re-employment. Information about the number of retired employees who are on re-employment at present is not available centrally in this Department. No survey has been carried out in this regard.

Defects in the Flat in IIT, Delhi

2170. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that serious defects have been noticed in the flats constructed for Professors and Lecturers of IIT, Delhi by Government agency ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's proposals to remove these defects to avoid any risk to the future occupants of these flats, the total cost involved and whether the construction agency has agreed to clear the cost ;

(c) whether Government are aware that about half a dozen Engineers, both from IIT and the construction agency who were actively associated with this project have recently been promoted by their employers instead of taking stern action against them ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA) :

(a) Some defects have come to the notice of IIT, Delhi in the flats for Professors and Lecturers under construction by National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC).

These defects are minor/routine as per specification of Book/Code of the Central Public Works Department (CPWD).

(b) Defects noticed are Honey-combing, Inadequate Cover, Bulging of Concrete and some mis-alignment in columns which have been conveyed to NBCC for rectification as per terms and conditions of the agreement. NBCC has assured that there is no risk to future occupants of the flats. However, guniting is being carried out by them for further strengthening a few columns to eliminate the elements of risk altogether. The cost will be 1% of the total contract value to be borne by Construction Agency as per terms and conditions of agreement.

(c) and (d). No IIT Engineer associated with the Project has been promoted since the award of the Project. NBCC has informed that three of their engineers were promoted in normal course and the above did not tantamount to an impending factor in their promotion.

Number of Pensioners in the Country

2171. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Central Government pensioners in the country ; and

(b) what is the annual financial commitment therefrom ?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. The information relating to the exact number of Central Government pensioners is, therefore, not available. On a rough estimates, as on 1.1.1988, there were