

FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those Government servants who opted for sterilisation were granted one increment extra and were eligible to draw allowances on that amount;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Fourth Pay Commission has doubled the amount of Special Pay in all other cases, except that of Voluntary sterilisation cases;

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to remove the hardships caused to such Government servants; and

(d) whether it would not affect adversely the family planning measures sponsored by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (d) The Government employees who opt for sterilisation are granted 'personal pay' equal to the amount of next increment due.

As the incentive granted to Government employees is in the nature of 'personal pay' and not 'special pay', the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission regarding special pay are not relevant in this regard.

The incentive of personal pay equal to the amount of next increment due would continue to be available to Central Government employees who opt for sterilisation even in the revised scales of pay.

Implementation of recommendations of Pay Commission

1995. PROF. (MRS.) ASIMA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an incumbent drawing pre-revised pay @ Rs. 725 p.m. in the scale of Rs 425—

800 on fixation in the scale of Rs. 1400—2800 is entitled to a basic pay of Rs. 2150 p.m.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an incumbent drawing the same pay in the scale of Rs. 550—900 on fixation in the revised scale of Rs. 1640—2900 is entitled to a basic pay of Rs. 2120 p.m. with effect from the same date; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remove the disparity in order to see that a person in a higher scale may not draw less from the incumbent in a lower scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The position stated is correct except that revised scale is Rs. 1400—2600 and not Rs. 1400—2800.

(c) Initial fixation of pay of the two incumbents drawing pay in different pay scales, which are not comparable, is to be done under the provision of Central Civil Service (Revised Pay) Rules, 1986. There is thus no disparity involved.

Issue of passports by the Regional Passport Offices

1996. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for the issue of passports have been received since 1st January, 1984 in all the regional passport offices in the country specially in Patna;

(b) how many applications have been rejected or are pending and how many passports have been issued; and

(c) how long it takes on an average to issue a passport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:) (a) and (b):—

Year	Passport applications received (including Po, Patna)	Passport applications rejected (including Po, Patna)	Passports issued (including Po, Patna)
1984	14,42,748 *(19,952)	91 *(Nil)	14,15,634 *(19,592)
1985	12,32,447 *(15,962)	23 *(2)	10,84,923 *(10,384)
1986 (upto 1986 October)	10,14,718 *(10,253)	26 *(Nil)	10,42,691 *(13,979)

*These figures pertain to PO, Patna.

Arrears of fresh applications as on 1-11-1986 were 1,87,523.

(c) 6 weeks where passport applications are complete and clear police reports have been received.

Establishment of Spinning Mills in Maharashtra

1997. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 spinning mills were to be established in Maharashtra during the Sixth Five Year Plan period with institutional finance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 11 spinning mills started construction work and spent huge amount on construction of civil work, purchase of machinery, etc. and collected about 5 crores from the members of the co-operative societies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that I.D.B.D., I.F.C.I. etc. are not granting loans to the cooperative spinning mills as they feel there is no necessity of establishing new spinning mills in the country at present; and

(d) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take so that infrastructure created with farmers' money and State Government finance is not wasted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to available information, 11 spinning mills took steps for civil construction, purchase of machinery etc. As reported by the Maharashtra Cooperative Spinning Mills Federation, some share capital has been collected from the members of the 11 units.

(c) The financial institutions feel that adequate spinning capacity already exists in the country.

(d) Government of Maharashtra had indicated during April, 1986 availability of financial assistance from National Cooperative Development Corporation for 6 mills and tie up under export oriented programme for 3 mills. The projects for the remaining 11 mills were under implementation by the State Government.

Export of raw cotton

1998. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maha-