Promotion of Senior Economic Investigators in Indian Economic Service

2782. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) what was the number of Senior Economic Investigators working in the Planning Commission who were inducted by the Department of Personnel as departmental candidates into the Indian Economic Service in 1983:
- (b) what criterion was adopted while selecting such candidates; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that some of these investigators have superseded their senior counterparts?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Posting of Husband and Wife at the Same Station

2783. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any specific rules/orders or guidelines have been issued by his Ministry regarding posting of both husband and wife at the same station in case both are Central Government employees;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof:
- (c) whether the orders regarding the posting of both the spouses at the same place are applicable to all the employees of Government of India including their Departments/Subordinate offices, etc. and irrespective of their nature of work; and
- (d) if the answer to part (c) abovebe in negative, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) . and (b) No, Sir. However, requests received from the Government ser-

vants for posting at the same station usually receive sympathetic consideration subject to administrative requirements and exigencies of service.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Import of Coking Coal for Steel Plants

2784. SHRI S. W. DHABE: SHRIMATI RODA MISTRY:

Will the Minisrter of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the quantity of coking coal imported for the various steel plants, during the last two years; and
- (b) what is the quantity of coking coal, likely to be imported during the next two years for the various Steel Plants in the country and from which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) In 1982-83, the Steel Authority of India imported 1.381 million tonnes of coking coal and in 1983-84 it imported 0.463 million tonnes.

(b) For the year 1984-85, the short-fall between projected demand and estimated domestic availability of prime coking coal for SAIL plants has been assessed at 0.663 million tonnes which quantity is likely to be imported. Import requirements of 1985-86 have not yet been estimated.

IAS/IPS Officers posted in Uttar Pradesh

2785. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of those IAS/IPS officers posted in Uttar Pradesh who have tendered their resignations or sought premature retirement with designations and year of recruitment during the last three years, yearwise:
- (b) the reasons which have been assigned by them for tendering resignations seeking premature retirement;