

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on assessments of exportable surplus, the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers Marketing Federation has been allotted 65,000 bales of long and extra long cotton for export.

Ban on Government recruitment

90. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 960 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1985 and state:-

(a) whether Government have extended the period of ban on recruitment to Government service; if so, the period up to which it has been extended;

(b) whether Government are aware that the ban has adversely affected the career prospects of thousands of job seekers who would become over-age by the time the ban is lifted; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide relief to the job seekers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 960 on 26th March, 1985, as a part of antiinflationary measures, Ministries/Departments of the Government of India were advised not to create new posts or fill up existing vacancies. Instructions issued in this regard were valid up to 31st March, 1985. Having regard, however, to the continued need for utmost economy in Government expenditure, it has been decided that the above instructions should stand extended until further orders. Proposals for creation of posts/filling up of vacancies

are considered on merits and relaxations are given in most exceptional circumstances.

(b) and (c) As already stated in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 960 on 26th March, 1985 that having regard to the eligibility span of upto seven years for various posts under the Government, the persons who become over-age during the period of the ban would normally have had ample opportunities of being considered for different relevant posts.

It is expected that with the overall expansion and growth in the economy, employment opportunities should increase in the non-Government sector also.

Survey for new collieries in Sarguja District in Madhya Pradesh

91. SHRI PRAVIN KUMAR PRAJAPATI: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the sites in Sarguja District in Madhya Pradesh where survey work is in progress for operating new collieries;

(b) what are the names of places where survey work has since been completed and the names of places where new collieries are likely to be operated as a result thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated number of persons likely to get employment in these collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE):

(a) Survey work is presently, in progress in Churcha West block of Sonhat coalfield, and Katkona block of Jhilimili coalfield in Sarguja District of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Based on earlier exploration work carried out, new mines are expected to come up in Bhatgaon-I and II blocks of Bishrampur coalfields, and Girjapur and Bhaskarpara blocks of Jhilimili coalfields in Sarguja district.

(c) Detailed plans have not yet been finalised.