

deputation to the Centre without nine years of initial service in the State;

(b) the number of IAS Officers at present posted to Central tenure posts who did not serve either as District Magistrates or Collectors or Deputy Commissioners for two or three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND CULTURE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Field experience is ordinarily a pre-requisite only for officers of the rank of Under Secretary, Deputy Secretary or Director. Some field posts in each State, other than District Magistrates/Collectors/Deputy Commissioners also count for field experience. 40 I.A.S. Officers out of 360 IAS Officers of the above level who do not have the requisite field experience are at present working at the Centre.

(c) Does not arise.

517. [Transferred to 29th March, 1985].

**Bureaucracy coming in the way of Working of Minorities Commission**

518. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Minorities Commission bureaucracy is coming in the way of its working as reported in the Telegraph of 25th February, 1985; and

(b) if so, what corrective steps have been taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA):

(a) and (b) In their Fifth Annual Report for the period 1-4-1982 to 31-3-1983, recently submitted to the Gov-

ernment, the Minorities Commission has made such an observation. The printed copies of the report have not so far been received. The report is being processed by the Government. It is difficult at this stage to view any single observation in isolation from other observations/issues.

**Scheme to Improve the Quality of Ganga Water**

519. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out an action plan to improve the quality of water and controlling the pollution river Ganga; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the plan and the phases in which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The broad outlines of the plan include—

(i) Renovation of the existing sewerage pumping and treatment plants.

(ii) Renovation of the existing sewerage system.

(iii) Installation of new sewerage treatment plants in selected towns to treat sewage and to have resource recovery in terms of biogas and manure, besides provision for irrigation and agriculture.

(iv) Providing waste water sub-pumping stations at the outfall points of open drains not yet intercepted by the existing sewerage system.

(v) Extending the existing sewerage system in the towns to cover the unserved areas.

(vi) Construction of large community cattle sheds in urban areas to facilitate collection of animal and human wastes at suitable places and generating biogas and manurial matter at these points.

The first four actions are proposed to be taken up in the first phase and the remaining two in the second phase of the programme.

#### Survey of Himalayan region to identify Aromatic and Medicinal plants

520. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for undertaking an ethno-botanical survey of the Himalayan region to identify aromatic and medicinal plant having therapeutical value and sources of essential oil; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and when it is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and

(b) Through All India Coordinated Research Scheme on Ethnobiology, Botanical Survey of India and its various Regional offices are making a survey on all aspects of drugs, medicinal and aromatic plants used by different ethno-biology groups in Himalayan Region.

Details of All India Coordinated project so far done have been published in the Annual Reports for 1983 and 1984 on the project. A number of national laboratories, science and technology survey organisations and university research centres including Regional Research Laboratories at Jammu & Jorhat, Central Drug Research Institute and National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow and Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta located in different parts of the country are actively involved in the project.

जनता सरकार के एक भूतपूर्व मंत्री द्वारा आतंकवादियों के साथ विदेश में बैठकों का किया जाना

521. श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :

श्री राम कृष्ण मजुमदार :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि जनता सरकार के एक भूतपूर्व केन्द्रीय मंत्री ने विदेश में सिख आतंकवादियों और अलगावादी सिख नेताओं से भेंट की; और

(ख) क्या उक्त मंत्री ने इन सिख संगठनों से धन भी प्राप्त किया था ?

विदेश विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (धुर्गोद आलम खाँ) : (क) जो, हाँ ।

(ख) बताया जाता कि इस वर्ष फरवरी में जब वे यू० के० गये थे तब उन्हें लोक सहायता समिति के लिए कुछ धन-राशि दी गई थी ।

#### Derogatory statements made by Indian Muslim League Leaders in Pakistan

522. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the derogatory statements reported to have been made by the Indian Union Muslim League leaders Shri Ibrahim Sulaiman Sait and Shri G. M. Banatwala during their visits to Pakistan in February, and September 1984;

(b) whether it is a fact that the late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi had sought clarifications from these leaders regarding their reported statements during their visit to Pakistan; and

(c) if so, what was the explanation given by these leaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): to (c) Government's attention had been