

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of Union Ministers are in possession of T.V.-cum-Radio sets;

(d) if so, whether any special permission for import of these T.V.-cum-Radio sets was given; and

(e) what is the number of such sets imported so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SAN-JEEVI RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No information is available on the matter.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Filling up of Posts of Assistants in the Department of Electronics

975. SHRIMATI NOORJEHAN RAZACK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Departmental Competitive Examinations are conducted in the Department of Electronics for promotion to the posts of Assistants;

(b) if so, whether reservations for SC/ST are made and the instructions contained in DP&AR O.M. Nos. 8/12/69-Est (SCT) dated 23-12-70, 3602/10/76-EST (SCT) dated 21.7.77 and 3611/6/77-Estt. (SCT) dated 19.4.79 are followed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that sometimes vacancies are exclusively notified for SC/ST candidates, if so, on what basis the vacancies are reserved and the reason for not filling up the same from amongst the available SC/ST candidates; and

(d) the number of SC/ST candidates allowed to take the examination of Assistants and de-

clared qualified during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS (SHRI M. S. SAN-JEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The D.P. & A.R. instructions regarding relaxation of standards in favour of SC/ST candidates are being followed in regard to the departmental competitive examinations for promotion to the posts of Assistant.

(c) Reservations for SC/ST are being made in accordance with the instructions on the subject; and vacancies notified accordingly for SC/ST and General category candidates. The qualifying standards are relaxed in the case of SC/ST candidates. The reserved vacancies are filled up by qualified general category candidates, in accordance with the instructions on the subject, only when SC/ST candidates do not qualify for promotion even according to the relaxed standards.

(d) The number of SC/ST candidates who appeared in the said examination during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	S.C.	
1979	--	2
1980	--	2
1981	5	2

None of them qualified even with relaxed standards.

Funds Allocated to Punjab for the Annual Plan

976. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated to Punjab for the annual plan for 1979-80 could not be fully utilised;