

(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. SANJEEVI 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. SANJEEVI 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;