

Pay scale of Selection Grade Assistants

2363. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced a selection grade scale at Rs. 650—1050 for removing stagnation in Assistants' cadre;

(b) if so, the date from which it has been made applicable;

(c) the number of Assistants working in various Ministries/Departments/ attached offices of the Government who are likely to be benefited by this scheme;

(d) whether there is also a proposal to switch over from the present scale of Selection Grade Assistants who are already working in Rs. 550—550 to the new scale of Rs. 650—1650;

(e) if so, by when these orders are likely to be issued; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. (SHRI SAWAI SINGH SISODIA): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendations of Third Pay Commission, the Ministry of Finance issued orders -dated 10-1-77 for introduction of selection grades in groups 'C' and 'D' cadres. The Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) placed about 69 posts in the Assistant grade in the pay scale of Rs. 425—800 in Selection grade in pay scale of Rs. 650—960 with effect from 1-8-76 in accordance with the guidelines laid down in the orders issued by the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of External Affairs placed 108 posts in the Assistant Grade in the pay scale of Rs. 425—800 in Selection Grade carrying the pay scale of Rs. 650—960 with effect from 1-10-78 in relaxation of the said orders of Ministry of Finance.

(d) to (f) The scale of pay of Selection grade for Assistants who are

[in the pay scale of Rs. 425—800, has been prescribed as Rs. 650—960. Therefore, the question of their switching over from the present scale of selection grade of Rs. 550—950 to the new scale of Rs. 650—1050 does not arise.

Grant to Trade Fair Authority of India

2364. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving grants to Trade Fair Authority of India to meet its expenditure in full;

(b) if so, what is the total amount paid to it since its inception; and

(c) what are the details of income and expenditure of the Trade Fair Authority of India since its inception year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir. Government is giving grants to Trade Fair Authority only to meet part of its expenditure.

(b) Rs. 1246.74 lakhs.

(c) The Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Trade Fair Authority of India year-wise are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)		
	Expenditure (Capital & Revenue)	Income
1977-78 . . .	300.15	167.39
1978-79 . . .	545.13	195.11
1979-80 . . .	431.23	313.51

Merger of D.A. with pay

2365. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the