

(b) what is the number of posts advertised during that period and how many scientists were recruited from outside against the advertisements?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) None, Sir.

(b) The number of posts advertised during the last three years, from Junior Scientific Assistant and above, is 87. Out of the 55 posts filled, 22 have been recruited from outside.

Tarkunde panel report on encounters between police and Naxalites in Punjab

1275. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH
ANAND: SHRI BHAIKAR
CHANDRA
MAHANTI: SHRI
MAHENDRA MOHAN
MISHRA: SHRI SITARAM
KESRI; SHRI BHISHMA
NARAIN
SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government's attention has been drawn to the Tarkunde Commission Report on alleged encounters between the Punjab police and the Naxalites between July, 1970 and February, 1976;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Report;

(c) whether the Central Government have invited the comments of the Punjab Government on the report; and

(d) if so, what is the reply of the Punjab Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The findings of the Committee are that 8 alleged Naxalites did not die in encounters with the Police but were killed in "staged encounters".

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reply of the State Government has not yet been received.

Guidelines for State plans

1276. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH
ANAND:
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA
SHRI BHAIKAR CHANDRA
MAHANTI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the guidelines for State plans have been sent to the State Governments;

(b) whether the Central Government have recently written to the State Government to the effect that if they do not properly implement the family planning programmes, the 8 per cent of the plan assistance to them would be withheld; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government have protested in this regard and decided not to attend any meeting for the annual plans under the aegis of the Central Government?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The decision to link the release of Central Plan assistance to the performance of States in family planning was communicated to the States on May 9, 1978 in a letter from the Prime Minister to all the Chief Ministers. Planning Commission in their letter to State Chief Secretaries on 30th June, 1978 informed them that 8 per cent of the Central assistance which was to have been released on the basis of the family welfare performance in 1976-77, had been released during 1977-78 without such linkage, however, from 1978-79 the linkage would operate, relating the release of 8 per cent of Central assistance to the attainment of certain levels of performance in the field of family planning.