

In place of Prof. S. A. Bhattacharya who resigned from the Committee for personal reasons, Prof. G. R. Kulkarni, Professor, Business Policy at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad has since been nominated as a member of the Committee.

(c) The Committee has been given time upto 31st March, 1979 to submit its Report.

Disparity in promotion prospects between Civilian and Military Officers

*95. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA:

SHRI SYED AHMED HASHMI:

SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned 'Morale in the armed forces' published in the *Indian Express* (Bombay Edition), dated the 7th February, 1979; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to remove disparity in promotion prospects between the Civilian and Military Officers?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b) Government have seen the article.

Some problems of congestion in certain ranks arising out of the increased intakes into the Defence forces following the 1962 conflict, had already been under Government's active examination with a view to finding appropriate solutions. The existing cadre position of each Service is also being looked into, in the light of such issues as continued maintenance of reasonable promotion prospects and relief of any stagnation. The question of rationalising the impact of certain ceilings on Dearness allowance in vogue at present is also receiving sympathetic consideration.

It will be appreciated that in devising sympathetic and positive solutions to such questions concerning

the Defence Services—which are being considered in consultation with the Chiefs of Staff—we have to keep in view the organisational structure, the functional requirements and the terms and conditions peculiar to the Defence Services which in many cases are not comparable to those of the civilian officers.

I may, however, add that Government attach the highest importance to the need to look after the well-being of the Defence Forces, in order to maintain their exemplary morals. It has always been—and will continue to be—their endeavour to do everything necessary and possible in this behalf. With this assurance, Government would like to urge that important issues concerning the Defence forces may not be made a matter of public controversy.

Utilisation of services of staff declared surplus on completion of Pandoh and Talwara dams on Beas river

*96. SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV:

SHRI SULTAN SINGH:

SHRI KALP NATH RAI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technical and non-technical staff belonging to Haryana working at Pandoh and Talwara Dams on Beas river; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to start new projects to utilize the services of staff declared surplus after completion of the dams?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The number of technical and non-technical regular staff of Haryana working on Unit-I and Unit-II (Civil) of Beas Project are as under:

Technical	386
Non-Technical	919

(b) The surplus staff found suitable will have adequate employment opportunities in Central Sector projects, when they are taken up for execution.