

resort to firing to disperse the unruly mob. Subsequently, a little before 4.30 P.M. curfew had to be imposed in Connaught Place, North Avenue and the area around Gurudwaras—Bangla Sahib and Rakabganj. On 6-11-1978, some incidents of rioting and arson occurred in West Delhi and also when the funeral procession of Avtar Singh Kohli was being taken. As a result the police had to resort to firing to bring the situation under control. In all 37 cases have been registered and 412 persons were arrested. A total of 40 rounds were fired and 423 tear-gas shells were used. Three persons including one police constable were killed while another person died following cardiac arrest. 83 persons including 56 police personnel received injuries.

Recruitment to Grade IV of Indian Economic and Statistical Service

312. SHRI BHAGWATI CHARAN VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recruitment rules for the posts in Grade IV of the Indian Economic/Statistical Service provide for a quota of not less than 75 per cent by direct recruitment; if so, what is the quota of promotion fixed for departmental candidates who are serving as Economic and Statistical Investigators; and

(b) whether it is a fact that promotional avenues of a large number of Economic and Statistical Investigators have practically been blocked by this unreasonably high quota recruits;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove stagnation in the posts of Economic and Statistical Investigators;

(d) what steps Government have taken to form a Class-II Non-SerVice, in respect of the Indian Economic and Statistical Service, as recommended by the Third Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

Not less than 75 per cent of the vacancies in Grade IV of Indian Economic Service/Indian Statistical Service are filled by direct recruitment. Not more than 25 per cent of the vacancies in Grade IV are filled by selection from among officers serving in offices under the Government in economic/statistical posts recognised for this purpose by the Controlling Authority, in consultation with the Union Public Service Commission.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the nature of duties and responsibilities attached to these Services, the direct recruitment quota to Grade IV is not considered to be unreasonably high. The Third Central Pay Commission which examined the structure and other aspects of the Services has also not made any observation regarding direct recruitment quota in Grade IV. However, steps are being taken to prepare Select List for promotion of feeder posts holders to Grade IV of the Indian Economic/Statistical Service to the extent vacancies are available for transfer in the promotion quota.

(d) The Third Central Pay Commission has not made any recommendation to constitute a Class-II non-gazetted Service in respect of Indian Economic Service and Indian Statistical Service.

U.S. India news agency

313. SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI INDERDEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a US-India news agency; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI LAL K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.