

**उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जार्ज फर्नांडिस) : (क)**  
**अभी नहीं ।**

**(ख) प्रश्न हो नहीं उठता ।**

t[THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Not yet Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

**संघ लोक सेवा आयोग के सदस्यों द्वारा**  
**लोक पदों का ग्रहण किया जाना**

**\*505. डा० लोकेश चन्द्र :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि संघ लोक सेवा आयोग के किन-किन सदस्यों को अप्रैल से सितम्बर, 1977 की अवधि में सार्वजनिक पदों को ग्रहण करने की अनुमति दी गई ?

**Holding of public offices by Members of U.P.S.C.**

\*505. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the names of the members of the Union Public Service Commission who have been permitted to hold public offices during the period from April to September, 1977.]

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० डी० पाटिल) :** ऐसी कोई अनुमति नहीं दी गई थी ।

t[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. D. PATIL): No such permission was given]

**Market rate of cotton**

"506. SHRI RANBIR SINGH; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rates at which long staple cotton is being sold at present in the markets of Karnal, Kurukshetra Sirsa, Sonapat and Rohtak Districts in Haryana;

t[ ] English translation.

(b) whether it is a fact that the agriculturists are being forced to sell cotton below the support price; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Long staple varieties of Kapas are not grown in the State of Haryana.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shipping Corporation of India**

♦507. SHRI HIMMAT SINH:  
SHRI HARSH DEO MALA-  
VIYA: SHRI NRIPATI  
RANJAN  
CHOUDHURY;

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit earned by the Shipping Corporation of India for the year 1976-77;

(b) what have been the operational expenses of Corporation during the year 1976-77;

(c) what is the number of ships added to its fleet during 1976-77; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the financial position of the corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN-CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI CHAND RAM): (a) Rs. 3.65 crores.

(b) Rs. 186.78 crores.

(c) Six.

(d) Shipping Corporation of India is facing some cash flow problems owing to the expansion of its fleet and prolonged slump in the freight market. Loan assistance is being given to it on merit to tide over these difficulties.