

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of vacancies and ranks thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some posts of Urdu knowing staff are lying vacant in the Ministry of Minority Affairs itself for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Data regarding vacancies on the basis of languages known is not maintained centrally.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), sanctioned one post each of Assistant Director (Urdu), Senior Translator (Urdu) and Typist (Urdu) in September, 2008. An advertisement was issued in July, 2009 inviting applications for filling up these vacant posts. Three applications were received for the post of Assistant Director (Urdu) but the applicants were found not eligible. No applications were received for the posts of Senior Translator (Urdu) and Typist (Urdu). An advertisement is being issued once again to fill up these three vacant posts.

#### **Country's ranking in corruption level**

3325. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the backdrop of alleged irregularities in the recently held Commonwealth Games in the country, India's perceived corruption level have gone up with corresponding worsening of its world ranking;

(b) whether as per the Transparency International Corruption Index for 2010, India ranked at 87 among 178 countries down three spots from 84 in 2009; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Though the report of the Transparency International does not indicate so, the media has reported that the ranking has gone down in the wake of alleged corrupt practices in the recently held Commonwealth Games.

(b) and (c) Transparency International has been publishing an annual Corruption Perceptions Index (COI) ranking the countries of the world according to "the degree to which corruption is perceived to exist among public officials and politicians". The agency has placed India at 87th rank in 2010 as compared to 84th position in 2009.

#### **IAS officers removed from service**

3326. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: