

### Recruitment of postal assistants

†\*457. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the eligibility criteria prescribed for recruitment of Postal Assistants (Dak Sahayak) in pay scale of Rs. 5200-20200 with grade pay of Rs. 2400/- in Postal Department;

(b) whether the recruitment process for this post has recently been completed in Chhindwara division and applications of all such applicants who have no diploma in computer education have been rejected;

(c) whether recruitment process of Postal Assistants in Chhindwara division was accomplished as per rules and only eligible persons have been appointed for the posts; and

(d) the reasons for cancellation of applications on this basis if diploma in computer education was not essential?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The eligibility criteria prescribed for recruitment of Postal Assistants in the pay scale of Rs. 5200-20200 with grade pay of Rs. 2400/- in the Postal Department is as under:

(1) **Age:**

Age must be between 18 to 25 years with relaxation for

- (a) SC/ST by 5 years
- (b) OBC by 3 years
- (c) Physically handicapped by 10 years
- (d) Ex-serviceman by the length of Military service plus 3 years

(2) **Educational and other Qualifications:**

- (i) Pass in 10+2 or 12 class Examination of a recognized University or Board of School Education or Board of Secondary Education (excluding vocational streams)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (i) Knowledge of local language of the State concerned at least up to Matriculation level
- (ii) Typing and Computer knowledge are desirable qualification, however, attendance in aptitude test and computer test (including typing skill) is mandatory for selection.

(b) Yes, Sir. The recruitment process for the post of Postal Assistant in Chhindwara Division has been completed recently. Applications of all candidates who did not possess diploma in computer education were rejected inadvertently.

(c) No, Sir. There was a mistake on the part of the Recruiting Unit (Chhindwara division in Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle) and some eligible applicants were denied the opportunity to appear in the said examination.

(d) Misinterpretation of the Recruitment procedure prescribed for Postal Assistant examination led to rejection of applications on the basis of non-availability of diploma in computer education.

#### **Smuggling of PDS foodgrains**

\*458. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Distribution System (PDS) foodgrains from godowns of FCI are being smuggled/diverted to Bangladesh via Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of foodgrains recovered from smugglers during last three years, alongwith the smugglers arrested, Statewise; and

(d) the details of cases lodged against smugglers and other action taken against them to prevent illegal smuggling and diversion of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (d) To prevent smuggling of foodgrains and other items from India to Nepal and Bangladesh, the Customs (Department of Revenue) and Security Forces are deployed at the borders.

There have been some reports and incidents of smuggling of Indian foodgrains across the Indo-Nepal and Indo-Bangladesh borders.