

**DREDGING WORK AT MORMUGAO PORT**

1490. SHRI M. K. MOHTA: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are negotiating with some East European countries to undertake the dredging and reclamation work at Mormugao Port; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries with whom negotiations are being made and the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) : (a) and (b) Tenders were invited by the Mormugao Port Trust on a global basis for the work relating to dredging and reclamation at Mormugao Port. A contract has since been awarded to a Yugoslav firm whose tender was found to be the lowest technically suitable offer.

**DISPARITY IN SERVICE CONDITIONS**

1491. SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN:  
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASHAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister during her recent visit to Pondicherry, promised to remove the differences and disparity in service conditions between the persons who had entered civil service during the former French regime and the employees of the present Government; and

(b) if so, when and how this promise will be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's statement was in regard to increases in Compensatory Allowance of ex-French Employees equivalent to the two instalments of increases in Dearness Allowance which other employees had secured. Government of India have since issued orders granting the increase in Compensatory allowance to the Ex-French Employees. {See Annexure.}

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*Copy of letter No. 2(72)/68-GP, dated the 18th November, 1969 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, addressed to the Chief Secretary, Government of Pondicherry, Pondicherry.*

SUBJECT : Grant of Compensatory Allowance to the Ex-French Employees of the Government of Pondicherry

I am directed to refer to the correspondence resting with letter No. 3/CM/69/42, dated 16th September, 1969, from the Chief Minister, Pondicherry on the above subject and to convey the approval of the Government of India to the grant of an increase in *ad-hoc* compensatory allowance to all the ex-French Employees of the Pondicherry Administration, with effect from 1-1-1969 at the following rates :—

Pay range	Increase
Rs.	Rs.
Pay upto 89	12 p.m.
Pay from 90 to 149	14 p.m.
Pay from 150 to 209	16 p.m.
Pay from 210 to 399	18 p.m.
Pay from 400 to 449	20 p.m.
Pay from 450 to 500	24 p.m.
Pay from 501 to 519	24 p.m.
Pay from 520 to 543	Amount by which pay falls short of 543.

The additional expenditure involved will be met from the Budget Estimate of the Union Territory of Pondicherry.

This issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance, vide their U.O. No. 4833-HF/69, dated 8th October, 1969.

**DEMANDS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CLERKS**

1492. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the Central Government Clerks Union have decided to hold a demonstration in front of the Union Home Minister's residence in the month of December, 1969; and