

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

(c) The main functions of Stevedore employers are to prepare stowage plans of ships with a view to ensuring that the maximum quantity of cargo is stowed in the place available without endangering the seaworthiness of the ships, to carefully study hatch plans before unloading starts, to allot workers to different hatches according to actual requirements to give suitable directions as to how much cargo in each hatch has to be handled, to maintain and provide adequate handling gear, to arrange for the shifting of cranes and to provide protective equipment for the safety of dock workers. They are also responsible for providing expert supervision over the loading and unloading operations.

ABSORPTION OF STAFF OF FOOD DEPARTMENT IN FCI

693. SHRI V. T. NAGPURE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representation has been received from the Secretariat staff of the Food Department to give them the same terms and conditions for absorption in the Food Corporation of India as are given to the Regional Staff of this Department;

(b) if so, whether any assurance was given by Government that no discrimination will be made between the Regional and the Secretariat staff in the matter of absorption in the Corporation; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government so far to remove this discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) The question does not arise as the Secretariat staff stands specifically excluded from the scope of the Food Corporations (Amendment) Act. 1968 and the position has been explained to the representationists.

प्रोडक्शन असिस्टेंटों की नियुक्ति

*694. श्री महाबीर प्रसाद शुक्ल : क्या सूचना तथा प्रसारण और संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में आकाशवाणी के विभिन्न केन्द्रों में 1968 के वर्ष में और 30 जून, 1969 तक कितने प्रोडक्शन असिस्टेंटों की नियुक्ति की गई थी और इन नियुक्तियों के लिए चयन समितियां किस आधार पर बनाई गई थीं; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि जो व्यक्ति इन पदों पर नियुक्त किये हैं उनमें से अधिकांश आकाशवाणी के वर्तमान कर्मचारियों/अधिकारियों के निकट सम्बन्धी हैं ?

■(■) APPOINTMENT OF PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS

*690. SHRI M. P. SHUKLA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Production Assistants appointed at the various Centres of the Delhi Station of the All India Radio during the year 1968 and upto the 30th June, 1969 and the basis on which Selection Committees were formed for making these appointments; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a majority of the persons, who have been appointed to these posts, are near relations of the present employees/officers of the All India Radio?]

सूचना तथा प्रसारण मंत्रालय और संचार तथा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आई०के० गुजराल) :

(क) दस । चयन समिति सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के आधार पर बना गई थी ।

(ख) उनमें से चार आकाशवाणी के कर्मचारियों के निकट सम्बन्धी हैं ।