

Selection Criteria of BARC training school, Mumbai

2217. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Engineering Graduates and Science Post Graduates have been interviewed this year for selection to training of OBES and DGFS at BARC Training School, Mumbai, for appointment of Scientific Officer/Engineer 'C';

(b) if so, whether merit performance in written test and GATE Score has been ignored for selected persons;

(c) if so, whether there is resentment amongst meritorious candidates against this selection criteria and have demanded removal of favoritism through written test by UPSC instead of interview by BARC; and

(d) if so, reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir, Engineering Graduates and Science Post Graduates have been interviewed this year for selection to Orientation Course for Engineering Graduates and Science Post Graduates (OCES) and DAE Graduate Fellowship Scheme (DGFS) for training at BARC Training School, Mumbai, eventually leading to their absorption as Scientific Officer/Engineer 'C' on successful completion of the training programme.

(b) Written test/GATE score is used for screening the candidates, Selection is based on the final interview being conducted at Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC).

(c) No, Sir. There is no resentment amongst meritorious candidates against the selection criteria.

(d) The existing selection procedure for selecting engineering Graduates and Science Post Graduates has worked well over the last 48 years and it will be continued.

Fast Breeder Reactors

2218. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans for establishing Fast Breeder