

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

Reactors for nuclear power generation in addition to the presently operating pressurized heavy water reactors;

(b) if so, the details of their number, the power capacity and the schedules for implementation;

(c) whether Government have plans for upscaling the present design of 500 MW power capacity of the Fast Breeder Reactors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) One 500 MWe Fast Breeder Reactor is under construction at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu. It is scheduled to attain criticality in September 2010 and commence commercial operation 6 months thereafter.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The present approach is to achieve economic advantage of construction of a series of 500 MWe reactors and subsequent to that embark on the construction of 1000 MWe Fast Breeders. The Department of Atomic Energy has plans to build 4 more FBRs of 500 MWe capacity by the year 2020. Construction of 1000 MWe Fast Breeder Reactors will commence after 2020.

Power Generation from Atomic Power

2219. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the States in which sites for power generation from Atomic Energy have been identified during the year 2001-04;

(b) whether any site has been identified in the State of Madhya Pradesh also, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if any, site has been identified in Madhya Pradesh, the funds provided to the State for power generation from atomic energy since the year 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) With a view to evaluate sites for setting up future nuclear power plants in the country, the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of the Department of Atomic Energy has, as a first step of the site