

for the same work and the incumbent of the old post is being appointed against the new post for which he is not qualified; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for creating this new post and what are the reasons for appointing in this post the said person who does not fulfil the requisite qualifications for the same?]

निर्माण, आवास और पूर्वी मंत्रालय में उपमन्त्री (सरदार इक़बाल सिंह) : (क) जी हाँ, मुद्रण तथा लेखन सामग्री विभाग की तृतीय पंच-वर्षीय योजना स्कीमों की आयोजना तथा प्रगति में परियोजना अधिकारी (मुद्रण) की सहायता करने के लिये यह पद बनाया गया था। इस पद को अप्रैल, 1963 में समाप्त कर दिया गया।

(ख) और (ग) पाठ्य पुस्तक मुद्रणालयों को स्थापित करने के सिलसिले में 900-1250 रुपये के वेतन मान में प्रबंधक (ग्रेड I) का एक पद परियोजना कक्ष में बनाया गया है। इस पद पर नियुक्त किया गया अधिकारी सभी प्रकार की प्रशासनिक, वित्तीय, लेखा संबंधी तथा बजट संबंधी समस्याओं पर ध्यान देगा तथा आवश्यक तकनीकी सम्पर्क की व्यवस्था करेगा। इस पद पर भर्ती की पद्धति अभी विचाराधीन है। इस पद पर नियुक्ति के लिये कोई विशेष अधिकारी ध्यान में नहीं है।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SARDAR IQBAL SINGH) : (a) Yes. This post was created to assist the Project Officer (Printing) in the planning and progressing of the Third Five Year Plan schemes of the Printing and Stationery Department. The post was abolished in April, 1963.

(b) and (c) A post of Manager (Grade I) in the scale of Rs. 900-1250 has been created for the Project Cell in connection with the setting up of text book presses. The officer appointed to this post will attend to all the administrative, financial, accounting and budgeting problems and will provide necessary technical liaison. The method of recruitment to the post is still under consideration. No particular officer has been kept in view for appointment to this post.]

†[] English translation.

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS

*346. SHRI P. CHETIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of natural gas produced at Naharkatiya, Moran, Lukwa and Rudrasagar per day;

(b) what quantum is being utilised for industrial purposes in the locality or elsewhere;

(c) what is the quantum of wastage of natural gas produced in the above areas per day;

(d) whether there is any scheme for economic utilisation of the surplus gas during the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if the reply to part (d) above be in the negative what are the difficulties that stand in the way of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI K. RAGHURAMIAH) : (a) The average daily availability of natural gas during production of crude oil in 1968 from Assam oil fields is 2079.92 thousand Cu. meters.

(b) 201.13 million Cu. meters of gas have been utilised for various industrial purposes in Assam area during January-September, 1968.

(c) An average of about 1370 thousand Cu. meters of natural gas is flared per day.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

REFUSAL OF 'P' FORM TO KERALA CHIEF MINISTER

*347. SHRI B. V. ABDULLAH KOYA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to issue a 'P' Form to the Chief Minister of Kerala to visit East Germany; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI) : (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.