

(c) the number of posts which remained unfilled due to this ban, department-wise, since 1962 to date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) No ban on recruitment to ministerial cadres as such, was imposed in 1962. However, in order to facilitate the redeployment, through the Central (Surplus Staff) Cell set up in the Ministry of Home Affairs, of the surplus staff identified as a result of the studies carried out by the Department of Administrative Reforms and the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance, certain restrictions have been imposed since 1966 on filling ministerial non-gazetted posts, whether by promotion or direct recruitment, unless a certificate is obtained from the Cell that it has no suitable candidates to offer. These restrictions do not, however, apply to recruitment to ministerial cadres through normal channels like the annual competitive examinations held by the Union Public Service Commission.

RE-DEVELOPMENT OF GOLE MARKET AREA

*731. CHAUDHARY A. MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old municipal shops at Gole Market, New Delhi have outlived their lives, and are to be dismantled for re-development of the area under the Master Plan in due course;

(b) whether it is also a fact that municipal shops Nos. 39 to 46 are licensed for General Merchants Stores only for which they were originally and specially designed and constructed, and allotted on monthly rent through auction;

(c) whether some of the allottees of these shops have now applied for change of trades in flour and Oil Mills and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether objections to the proposed applications from the immediate neighbours, residents of the locality, Chief Architect and Junior Vice-President, New Delhi Municipal Committee,

Member, Metropolitan Council from the area, have been received by the New Delhi Municipal Committee, and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The shops have to be dismantled under the development plans of the D.I.Z. area, but at the moment are quite safe.

(b) Municipal shops Nos. 39 to 46 were allotted through public auction for General Merchant Stores about 30 years ago and are continuing as such.

(c) The allottee of Shop No. 42 has requested permission to install a flour and oil mill and the case is under examination by the N.D.M.C.

(d) Objections have been received from certain other shop-holders against this petition and they are under examination.

राजकीय उपाधियों का वापस किया जाना

*732. श्री राजनारायण : क्या गृह-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संसद् के विचाराधीन राज्य भाषा संशोधन विधेयक के विरोध में भारत के अनेक विद्वानों और लेखकों ने अपनी राजकीय उपाधियाँ सरकार को वापस करने का निर्णय किया है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इन व्यक्तियों के नाम क्या हैं और उनके निर्णयों के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

t [SURRENDER OF NATIONAL AWARDS

*732. SHRI RAJNARAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many scholars and writers of India have decided to surrender their national awards to Government as a protest against the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill under consideration in Parliament; and