

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN COMPANIES OPENING NEW BRANCHES

*361. SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether
there exist any restrictions on foreign
companies opening new branches in
India?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY IN
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INDUSTRY (SHRI N. KANUNGO):
Provisions relating to foreign com-
panies (i.e. companies incorporated
outside India which have established
places of business in India) are con-
tained in Part XI of the Companies
Act, 1956. Under the aforesaid pro-
visions, there are no restrictions on
foreign companies opening new
branches in India.

CRITERION FOR PROMOTION OF NON- GAZETTED EMPLOYEES TO GAZETTED RANKS

*362. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL:
Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING
AND SUPPLY be pleased to state what
is the criterion for promotion of non-
Gazetted Engineering Employees of
the Central Public Works Department
to the Gazetted ranks?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUS-
ING AND SUPPLY (SHRI MEHR CHAND
KHANNA): A statement is laid on the
Table of the House.

STATEMENT

The non-gazetted engineering em-
ployees of the Central Public Works
Department are Section Officers (Civil
and Electrical) Class III. They are
recruited from the open market
through the Employment Exchanges.
The minimum qualification required is

a recognised Diploma in Engineering
(Civil|Mechanical|Electrical). Candi-
dates with higher qualifications, viz.,
a Degree in Engineering, also join as
Section Officers. There are some who
do not possess either a diploma or a
degree.

2. Section Officers are eligible for
promotion to the grade of Assistant
Engineer, a Class II gazetted post. Be-
fore a Section Officer is considered for
promotion, he has to put in a minimum
length of service as detailed below:—

- (a) if he is a permanent Section
Officer with no diploma or de-
gree, he has to render 12
years' service;
- (b) if he is a permanent Section
officer with a diploma, he has
to render 8 years' service;
- (c) if he is a University graduate
or has an equivalent qualifica-
tion, he has to render 3 years'
service; and
- (d) if, after joining service, he has
passed parts A and B of the
Examination conducted by
the Institute of Engineers
(India) (which is recognised
as equivalent to a bachelor's
degree in engineering), he has
to put in 3 years' service from
the date of acquiring such
qualification, or from the date
he has started drawing
Rs. 160 p.m. in the old scale
(or Rs. 240 p.m. in the revised
scale), whichever is earlier.

GROUNDNUT CAKE FLOUR PLANTS

*363. SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARA-
YAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the production capacity of the
two groundnut cake flour plants that
are being set up in India;
- (b) whether these plants will be in
the public sector; and
- (c) what will be the capital requir-
ed for these plants?