

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 9th March, 1961/the
18th Phalgun, 1882 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the
lock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

TECHNICAL STAFF EMPLOYED IN "SAINIK SAMACHAR"

*364. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of pay scales, redesignation, etc., of the technical staff employed in the "Sainik Samachar" is under revision and whether Government propose to bring their pay scales and rules of recruitment and promotion in conformity with those applicable to the personnel performing similar duties and having similar qualifications and experience in other Ministries; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a resolution to this effect was passed by the Armed Forces Headquarters Class II (non-gazetted) and Class III Staff Council?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir. It passed a resolution in April 1960 recommending redesignation of a few categories of technical posts and requesting revision of their scales of pay, recruitment and promotion rules on the lines of the Central Information Service.

STATEMENT

The position regarding revision of pay scales, redesignation of posts and revision of recruitment and promotion rules, in respect of the technical posts is as under:—

(a) *Pay scales.*—The scales of pay of all categories except Translators were revised in September 1960. The revised scales are based largely on the

recommendations of the Pay Commission in respect of similar posts in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Further revision is not being considered at present. As regards the Translators, a proposal to revise the present scales is under consideration.

(b) *Designations.*—Except for the posts of Translators, it is not proposed at present to redesignate the technical posts in "Sainik Samachar".

(c) *Recruitment and Promotion Rules.*—It is proposed to examine the inclusion of some of the technical posts of "Sainik Samachar" in the Central Information Service if similar posts of other Ministries are included in that Service. Apart from this, there is no proposal at present to alter these rules to bring them in conformity with those applicable to similar posts in other Ministries.

SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: What action was taken on the recommendation of the Staff Council?

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON: It is not possible for me to say whether action was taken on the recommendation or otherwise. What has been done is this. The revised scales are based on the recommendation of the Pay Commission, and the scales of pay of all categories except that of Translators were revised in September, 1960. There are similar posts in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and they were largely brought on to the level of such posts. No other revision is being considered at present except the revision of the present scales of the Translators. As regards designations, except for the posts of Translators, it is not proposed at present to redesignate the technical posts. So far as recruitment and promotion rules are concerned we are examining them for the inclusion of the technical posts of "Sainik Samachar" in the Central Information Service if similar posts of other Ministries are included in that Service.

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या यह सच है कि जितने सब-एडिटर हैं उनकी पे कमीशन ने जो मैक्सिमम पे रिक्मण्ड की थी, वह ४८५ रु० थी, जबकि आप उनको सिर्फ ४२५ रु० दे रहे हैं। इसका क्या सबब है ?

सरदार एस० एस० मजीठिया : जो रिवाइज्ड पे स्केल्स हैं वे कमीशन की रिक्मण्डेशन के आधार पर हैं। और यह ठीक है, जैसा आपने कहा, कि हमारे यहां जो सब-एडिटर हैं उनकी मैक्सिमम पे ४२५ रु० तक जाती है और ४८५ रु० तक इन्फार्मेशन एण्ड ब्राडकास्टिंग में है।

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : मेरे कहने का मतलब यह है कि आप तो कहते हैं कि पे कमीशन की मिफारिशों के अनुसार यह मैक्सिमम रिवाइज किया गया। मैं कहता हूँ कि पे कमीशन ने तो ४८५ रु० का मैक्सिमम रिक्मण्ड किया था, लेकिन आप ४२५ ही दे रहे हैं। तो यह चीज पे कमीशन के मुताबिक कहां हुई ?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA : It is true, as I said, that the pay is slightly less, but a lot of other considerations are taken into account, particularly their work and all that. As I said, it is less, but we can consider that.

SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN : I am only contradicting the statement that their pay scales have been revised according to the recommendation of the Pay Commission.

SHRI V. K. KRISHNA MENON : Sir, what I said was that the revised scales of pay are based largely on the recommendations of the Pay Commission, so far as I understand it. With regard to Sub-Editors, they go up to Rs. 485 in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, and the Sub-Editors here go up to only Rs. 425, and as the Deputy Minister said, the kind of work these people do is different from

what is being done in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

श्री पा० ना० राजभोज : क्या मन्त्री महोदय जी कृपा करके बतायेंगे कि "सैनिक समाचार" के टोटल इस्टेबलिशमेंट पर कुल कितना खर्च होता है और सरकार इस अखबार की कौन कौन सी भाषाओं में प्रतियां निकालती है ?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA : I want notice for that question.

SHRIMATI MAYA DEVI CHETTRY : May I know, Sir, whether the dearness allowance has been merged in the pay scale?

SARDAR S. S. MAJITHIA : I require notice for that question also.

श्री नवाबसिंह चौहान : क्या यह सच है कि आपके यहां जो सब-एडिटर हैं उनकी पे, चाहे वैसे रिवाइज्ड हुई हो या न हुई हो, लेकिन उनके पे-स्केल्स तमाम डिपार्टमेंट या इन्फार्मेशन एण्ड ब्राडकास्टिंग मिनिस्ट्री के अन्तर्गत जो सब-एडिटर हैं, उन सबसे कम हैं ? अगर ऐसा है तो किस वजह से यह है ?

सरदार एस० एस० मजीठिया : किम वजह से है यह तो मैंने पहले बताया कि काम उनका दूसरे विभागों से अलग है। मगर जहां से वे शुरू करते हैं वह इन्फार्मेशन एण्ड ब्राडकास्टिंग में भी २७० से शुरू करते हैं और हमारे यहां भी २७० से शुरू करते हैं।

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING COMMISSIONER IN DELHI

***365. SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM :** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government have taken a decision to appoint a Housing Commissioner in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR) : Yes.

SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM : May I know, Sir, what would be the