

number of Bank holidays to a maximum of 15 in a year and the Department of Banking are working out the required modalities.

**PSUs without Permanent Chiefs**

598. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PSUs which do not have permanent chiefs (and top Directors) and how many of the current top board level appointments are on a temporary basis; and

(b) how many recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have been put on hold or not implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) 24 posts of Chief Executives and 39 posts of full time Directors were vacant as on 30.06.2000. 16 Board level posts are held on temporary basis.

(b) 25 recommendations of PESB are pending implementation with various Ministries/Departments.

**Increasing strength of Pensioners**

599. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners have outnumbered the strength of the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred in regard thereto;

(c) whether Government have set up any pension funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which the fund so raised is proposed to be utilised to lessen the burden of expenditure due to pension; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?