

setting up of Aayakar Seva Kendras. 15 Aayakar Seva Kendras have already been set up in the Department including 3 pilot locations. Out of these 15 ASK centres, 13 are at present functional. This year the department proposes to set up Aayakar Seva Kendras at 50 locations across the country.

(c) Despite acute shortage, these Aayakar Seva Kendras are generally being manned by the personnel out of the existing strength. However, at some locations Data Entry Operators (DEOs) are being hired by the respective Chief Commissioners of Income-tax.

Natural gas and fertilizers as core infrastructure industries

2990. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state how inclusion of natural gas and fertilizer in the core infrastructure industries list helps in increasing the economic activity and withstand the competition from private players?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): Since various agencies provide support in different forms to infrastructure sub-sectors, inclusion of natural gas and fertilizers as infrastructure sub-sector will enhance investment in these sub-sectors resulting in increased economic activity and increased competition.

Recommendations of the 6th Central Pay Commission

2991. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has plans to increase dearness allowance effective from January, 2011 for Central Government employees with a rate that commensurates with the inflationary trends and plights of working class in the past few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the quantum of DA for the Central Government employees/pensioners had touched fifty one per cent w.e.f. 1st January, 2011;

(d) if so, whether Government intends to issue a notification/memorandum giving effect to the recommendations; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise, in view of reply to (a) above.