

Pension accounts linked with Aadhaar

751. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government maintains data about pensions and if so, the details of pension accounts/pensioners who have been linked with Aadhaar, post demonetisation, till date along with the total number of pension accounts State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that 39 per cent of pensioners have not been able to access their pensions because of non linkage of their accounts and PAN with Aadhaar; and

(c) the details of Aadhaar centres that have been set up for the convenience of pensioners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Appointment of civil servants on professional posts

752. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan not to appoint/deploy civil servants on senior level positions exclusively meant for subject specialists to avoid erosion in the academic standard of specialised institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of departments and posts wherein officers of civil services have been appointed/deployed on positions exclusively meant for subject specialists; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to appoint subject specialists on all such posts to bring in professionalism in the concerned Departments/institutions on an urgent basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Appointment to posts in Government are made on the basis of criteria laid in the Recruitment Rules. The criteria of Educational Qualification and Experience for any post depends on the job requirement. Senior level posts are filled keeping in view the availability as well as suitability of candidates possessing the Educational Qualification and Experience required for the post and endeavour is made to select the most suitable person for the job. However, sometimes under specific circumstances, short term arrangements may have to be made to meet the