

telephonically or in any other form from any superior officer in authority or Minister or his staff members; and

(b) whether Government would consider fixing tenures for each post at the centre rather than at each level in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court of October, 2013 following a PIL filed by TSR Subramanian and others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The existing rule already lays down that oral directions of the official superior have to be invariably recorded and got confirmed by him as early as possible.

(b) Amendment Notification for All India Services (IAS, IPS and IFS) officers fixing minimum tenure of two years for cadre officers appointed to any cadre post has been issued on 28.01.2014.

The directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the PIL filed by Shri T.S.R.Subramanian and others were brought to the notice of the various Ministries/ Departments who are the Cadre Controlling Authorities of the Central Civil Services for compliance.

#### **Action on bills pending on corruption**

989. SHRI Y.S.CHOWDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PMO has written to Department of Personnel and Administrative reforms to take immediate action against the pending bills pertaining to corruption, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Prime Minister's Office, *vide* a communication dated 24.06.2014, informed the Department of Personnel and Training and the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances that the following are part of Immediate Thrust Areas of the Government:—

(i) Passing of Citizens' Grievances Bill;

(ii) Amendments to the Prevention of Corruption Act.

(b) The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill is presently pending in the Rajya Sabha. The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Law and Justice has submitted its report on the Bill, wherein it has recommended a number of amendments in the Bill. No final decision has been taken on these recommendations. The Right of Citizens for Time Bound Delivery of Goods and Services and Redressal of their Grievances Bill, 2011 (Citizens' Grievances Bill) has lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

#### **Proposal for abolishing Planning Commission**

†990. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal for abolishing the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the intention of Government behind abolishing the Planning Commission;
- (c) whether the Cabinet has given approval therefor; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI INDERJIT SINGH RAO): (a) No, Sir. There is at present no proposal under consideration of the Government for abolishing the Planning Commission.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

#### **Scheme for Jharkhand**

†991. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that common people are struggling with hunger and unemployment in the State of Jharkhand which is rich in mineral resources;
- (b) if so, whether Central Government has formulated/ is planning to formulate any scheme to provide better standard of living to common people of Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, comprehensive details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.