

actions have been taken for holding of Selection Committee Meetings for appointment by promotion/selection of State Service officers to IAS/IPS/IFoS.

Committee to tackling corruption

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

(a) whether Government has constituted a committee to tackle the problems of corruption and improve transparency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the committee so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) A Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted on 6th January, 2011 to consider measures that can be taken by the Government to tackle corruption. The terms of reference of the GoM are as follows:—

1. To consider all measures, including legislative and administrative, to tackle corruption and improve transparency.
2. In particular, the GoM may consider and advise on the following:—
 - (i) State funding of elections;
 - (ii) Fast tracking of all cases of public servants accused of corruption.
 - (iii) Ensuring full transparency in public procurement and contracts, including enunciation of public procurement standards and a public procurement policy;
 - (iv) Relinquishing discretionary powers enjoyed by Ministries at the Centre;
 - (v) Introduction of an open and competitive system of exploiting natural resources;
 - (vi) Amendment to Article, 311 of the Constitution to provide for summary proceedings in cases of grave misdemeanor or blatant corruption by public servants; and
 - (vii) Consideration of relevance/need for section 6(A) of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946.

(c) The Group of Ministries (GoM) has, so far, submitted two reports to the Government.

Amendment in RTI to protect privacy

100. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government calls for limiting RTI Act to protect the privacy and to avoid frivolous usage of transparency law; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir. The RTI Act under section 8(1)(j) provides that a Public Information Officer is not obliged to give any citizen information which relates to personal information the disclosure of which has no relationship to any public activity, or interest, or which would cause unwarranted invasion of the privacy of the individual unless the Public Information Officers or the appellate authority, is satisfied that the large public interest justifies the disclosure of such information.

(b) Does not arise.

Reservation in promotion to SCs and STs

†101. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Supreme Court verdict has come wherein the reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in promotions has been held unconstitutional;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps to obviate the hurdles being faced in giving promotions to SCs and STs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.