

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1132**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3rd DECEMBER, 2014/AGRAHAYANA 12, 1936 (SAKA)

PROMOTION OF CONSTABLE TO HEAD CONSTABLE IN DELHI POLICE

1132. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it takes 27 years for a Delhi Police Constable to get promoted to the rank of Head Constable;

(b) if so, the present promotion policy of Delhi Police along with the reasons for not revisiting it for long time; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revisit the promotion policy of Delhi Police and clear the backlog in the promotion of thousands of Delhi Police Personnel?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c): Yes Sir, the Constables who are promoted to the rank of Head Constables on the basis of seniority alone are promoted approximately after 27 years of service. The other mode of promotion from Constable to Head Constable is through a competitive test. Constables who render 5 years of service are eligible to appear in this competitive promotion test. These promotees are comparatively younger than those promoted on seniority basis alone.

It is also pertinent to mention that 1/3rd of the total Constabulary get promotion by way of seniority and the other 2/3rd are promoted by way of the promotional examination.

The present promotion policy for the Constables has been revisited and a modification in promotional rules has been proposed to accelerate the promotion of constabulary on the basis of seniority from Constable to Head Constable. The share of seniority based promotion has been proposed to be increased from 33.3% to 75%. A proposal seeking appropriate modification in rules in respect of promotion from the rank of Constables to Inspectors is under consideration in Government of Delhi.
