

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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**(Ministries: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources;
Power; Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 69

Training facilities for MES officers and staff

1. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the strength of MES Officers and subordinate staff is approximately 1.5 lakh;

(b) if so, whether there are any training facilities for them;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to provide proper training institute for them; and

(e) if so, when the institute is expected to function?

Sending of Indian Army Commandos to foreign countries

2. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lend Indian Army's Commandos to other countries who are on friendly terms with our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the manner in which the operational cost of such commando operations would be met?

More powers to coast guard

3. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give more teeth to coast guard so as to enable it intercept and inspect all ships within the country's exclusive economic zone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any other country has given this kind of power to their coast guard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of more women doctors in the Army

4. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry propose to appoint more women doctors in the Army

looking at the increasing number of aspirants in the force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of women doctors in the Indian Army as on 1st December, 2004?

Benefits to Kargil war widows

5. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after five years of Kargil operation many war widows have not got any benefit from State/Central Government although a lot of things were announced at that time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of war widows who are still to get the due benefits; and

(c) by when the remaining war widows will get their dues?

Death of pilots and civilians in MIG crashes

6. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have compiled the latest figures of the total number of Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots killed in MIG crashes since 1971;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of civilians killed in these MIG crashes;

(d) the loss in terms of money suffered by the IAF pilots; and

(e) whether any concrete measures have been taken to improve the situation and if so, the details thereof?

Physical tests of women aspirants to the Army

7. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unmarried women candidates between the ages of 21 to 27 are made to undergo physical test, including gynaecological tests by male doctors for the past ten years as part of the recruitment process in the Army; and

(b) the remedial measures proposed to get this sensitive issue affecting women resolved?

State of bridges constructed at Tanakpur-Tawaghat road

†8. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the improvement and broadening work at the Tanakpur-Tawaghat motorable road was undertaken and by when the same is likely to be completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the bridges constructed thereon have turned unusable and some of them have been closed down for traffic; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken against the persons responsible therefor?

Shifting effect of Idgah abattoir on IAF

9. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is against the shifting of Idgah slaughter house to Ghazipur near the Hindon Air Base in Ghaziabad;

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(b) if so, the action taken to ensure that accidents involving bird hits posing great risk for the fighters are avoided by shifting the abattoir?

Training of Indian pilots on Hawk Jets at RAF

10. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first batch of Indian pilots for training on Hawk Jets at the Royal Air Force Valley in Wales has been sent as per schedule; and

(b) if so, the details of pilots who have been sent for training as a part of agreement between India and RAF?

Organ transplant racket by Army doctors

11. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army doctors in the Premier Army Research and Referral Hospital are involved in organ transplant racket;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have arrested some persons involved in the racket; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction of army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir

12. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI R. S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to reduce the Army personnel in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that terrorist violence in the State of Jammu and Kashmir has escalated; and

(d) if so, the reasons for reducing the soldiers in Jammu and Kashmir?

Steps to make Air Force more effective

13. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive manpower down-sizing exercise has been undertaken recently in the Indian Air Force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the steps initiated for institutional changes, if any, and for improving the man, machine and fire power ratio, for a more effective Air Force?

Crash of Mirage aircrafts

14. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Mirage aircrafts had crashed within one month between September, 2004 and October, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any probe has been ordered into these crashes;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to ground Mirage aircrafts in view of these air-crashes?

Export of ALHs

15. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we have good export potential for the indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether we have received orders for these helicopters from other countries; if so, the details thereof indicating the amount of foreign exchange so far earned out of these deals?

Discriminatory treatment to defence pensioners

16. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence pensioners below officers rank living in Delhi have to present themselves physically before the Defence Pension Disbursing Officer at Red Fort on appointed dates for signing the annual identification certificates in his presence, which cause them avoidable hardship and discomfort, particularly to the infirm sick and the old;

(b) whether the civilian pensioners sign such certificates in the bank branches, from where they actually draw their pension; and

(c) if so, why this discrimination and whether Government propose to rectify the same; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Naming of Uttaranchal as Uttarakhand

†17. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the people of Uttaranchal have been making a demand since the very inception of the State to change the name of the State as Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether State Government has sent any such proposal to the Centre; and

(c) the dates of sending such proposals by State Government and by when

Government are likely to take action thereon?

Socio-economic development in naxal-affected areas

18. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had convened a meeting of top officers of naxal-affected States on the 5th August, 2004 on the security and socio-economic development in the naxal-affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of States represented in the meeting;

(c) whether any agreement has reached in the meeting between the States and the Centre;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have agreed to make available money to these States for security and socio-economic development of the naxal-affected areas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Security to tourists visiting J & K

19. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to provide security to tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir during the current year; and

(b) the details of the steps the Union Government propose to take to ensure that both tourists and pilgrims visiting Jammu and Kashmir are safe from militancy?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National policy to tackle Naxal menace

20. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Ministers of three States—Orissa, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh had sought during the Chief Ministers' Conference in Hyderabad on 20th September, 2004 formulation of a national policy on tackling Naxals;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Centre thereto; and

(c) the details of the assistance being given/proposed to be given to the Naxal affected States particularly Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka by the Centre?

Effect of Maoists activities on school going children

†21. SHRIMOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that children are reluctant to go to schools because of kidnapping of children by Maoists in Jharkhand and some other parts of the country;

(b) the areas where as per Government's information Maoists are active; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check Maoist menace?

Crimes against SCs/STs

22. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Crime Records Bureau the crimes against SCs and STs are alarmingly increased during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details of crimes that have been committed against SCs/STs during the last five years; and

(c) what preventive measures Government are taking or proposed to take, in co-ordination with the States, to reduce the number of crimes against SCs/STs?

Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1980 in Manipur

†23. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main reasons for administering Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1980 in the State of Manipur;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite administering this Act, there has been an increase in the insurgency activities by different tribal groups not only in Manipur but in various regions of entire North-Eastern States during the last many years; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Central Government in recent past and details of the success achieved?

Introduction of FBI-like force to tackle terrorism

24. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously thinking of introducing FBI-like force to tackle terrorism, naxalism and organized crime in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are going to seek constitutional amendment for this purpose since public order is a State subject; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Peace talks in J&K

†25. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talks of Government with any organisation or political party with regard to Jammu and Kashmir are going on;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps Government are going to take in near future with regard to J & K so that disturbances can be brought down there?

Special Task Force to deal with naxalite organisations

†26. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts being made by Government to bring peace in naxal affected areas of different States;

(b) whether Government are considering to set up a special task force to deal with naxalite organisations effectively; and

(c) the details of the naxalite organisations identified by Government and the areas of their operations?

Raising of National Emergency Response Force

27. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise a National Emergency Response Force (NERF) to tackle

calamities arising out of nuclear, biological or chemical disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which the force is proposed to be raised?

World Bank assistance to upgrade fire fighting services

28. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most States have submitted their project reports seeking funds to acquire sophisticated equipment for their fire fighting services, as part of disaster management infrastructure, to meet the challenge of growing terrorist activities in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof, and the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are negotiating with the World Bank for Rs. 1,000 crore loan to upgrade fire services departments in various States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

Policy to deal with terrorism and drug-trafficking in North-Eastern States

29. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the comprehensive policy proposed to be framed to deal with the complex problems of terrorism, drug-trafficking etc. in North-Eastern States?

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Depleting conventional sources of energy

30. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conventional sources of energy are depleting over the years and are becoming uneconomical;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other sources of energy are being searched and identified to meet the shortage of energy needs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether solar energy is emerging as a dominant source of alternative energy; and

(f) if so, the number of Centrally aided projects partly or exclusive working on the solar energy, with details of allocations made on each project?

Use of non-conventional energy technologies available in advanced countries

31. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have obtained information about the various technologies/ methodologies of generating energy through non-conventional methods available in advanced countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the methods adopted in such countries that are not in existence in India; and

(d) the steps taken to introduce new techniques in the area of non-conventional energy in the country?

Completion of the first phase of the Tehri Dam Project

‡32. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the first phase of the Tehri Dam Project is likely to be completed;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal for financial assistance for the rehabilitation of displaced families and for the delimitation of the affected areas;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal and when it was sent

(d) whether Government have approved the proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when the same is likely to be approved of?

Restriction on Northern States in drawing power from the northern grid by PGC

33. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. has imposed restrictions on all Northern States in drawing power from the northern grid in the recent months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to tackle the power shortage in the Northern States including Delhi?

Hike in power tariff

34. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power tariff has been enhanced by the Electricity Boards in different parts of the country during the last two years and till-date; and

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(b) if so, the details of these State Electricity Boards ?

Demand and supply of power in the Southern States

35. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise demand and supply of power in the Sourthern States;

(b) the existing power generation capacity of these States, plant-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to enhance the power supply to these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Central Government to maintain a healthy balance between the demand and supply of power in these States, particularly in Karnataka?

Setting up of a biodiesel or solar energy based plant

†36. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion for making a cut of 19 thousand MW in transmission and distribution in three years and setting up of a biodiesel or solar energy based plant of 500MW has been submitted to the Government;

(b) if so, Government's viewpoint thereon; and

(c) by when Government would take requisite steps in this direction?

Requirement of power

37. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total power requirement of the country presently and projections for the next decade;

(b) the details of the power projects currently in operation in the country, with details of investment made and units of power generated by each project and the end users;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to set up additional power generation projects in the country to meet the shortfall; and

(d) if so, the details of each of the proposed projects, with location, investment, capacity and end users?

National Electricity Policy

38. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the National Electricity Policy is at the final stages of its preparation;

(b) whether the proposed policy gives a clear-cut guidelines on the bidding system for inspection of the private and public sector companies; and

(c) if so, what are the other salient features of the proposed policy?

Constitution of Tribunal for settlement of Inter-State disputes for sharing hydro-electric power

39. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposal for the constitution of Tribunal for

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settlement of inter-State disputes for sharing hydro-electric power;

(b) if so, whether Government has plan to form such a Tribunal for speedy settlement of inter-State disputes;

(c) if so, by when the Tribunal would be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Transmission losses

40. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the incidence of transmission losses is 15 per cent and theft of power is around 35 per cent;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to bring down the transmission losses to international standard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that theft of power supply is eliminated so that this national wastage no longer happens?

T&D losses

†41. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked an amount of Rs. 1400 crores for tackling losses during distribution and transmission of power in various States of the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the amount allocated to each State of the country for above purpose and the time frame fixed for spending the said amount; and

(d) the extent of distribution and transmission loss in supply of power in each State at present and what will be the extent of this loss in each State after above expenditure and completion of the project?

Allocation of funds to cut down T&D losses

42. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has allocated Rs. 1400 crores to States to cut down power transmission and distribution losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had received any more proposal from the State Governments to enhance the allocations therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Free electricity to farmers

43. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent ASSOCHAM Report saying that the cost of free electricity given to farmers by different State Boards is Rs. 20,000 crore over last five years is true; and

(b) if so, how does the Government propose to recover the loss thereof?

Pending Hydel Projects of Kerala

44. SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals of Hydel Projects from Kerala pending for clearance;

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(b) the date of submission of each of this projects to the Union Government for necessary clearance; and

(c) the details of reasons for the delay in clearing these projects?

Interests of Chinese power companies in power generation sector

45. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese power companies propose to gain foothold in our power generation sector;

(b) whether these firms propose to work in collaboration with State power projects or set up their own independent power plants;

(c) if so, the details of such plants where the Chinese firms have shown interest;

(d) whether this will affect the interests of private sector; and

(e) if so, the action plan of Government to protect their interests?

Athirapilly Hydro Electric Project in Kerala

46. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Athirapilly Hydro Electric Project' in Kerala has been submitted to the Centre for necessary clearances;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the details regarding the present status of the project?

Restarting Dabhol Power Project

†47. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Committee of certain Ministers to suggest measures to restart the 2184 Megawatt Power Generating Project of Dabhol Power Company;

(b) if so, when was the said Committee constituted and what measures were suggested by the Committee in its report; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to implement these measures and by when the power generation will commence?

Community participation in rural drinking water supply programmes

48. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Tamil Nadu/ Karnataka where Government has taken up reforms in rural drinking water supply to institutionalise community participation;

(b) the number of drinking water schemes started during the Ninth Five Year Plan period and the number of villages benefited thereby during the same period;

(c) the target for the Tenth Five Year Plan under these schemes with the number of additional villages to be covered in Karnataka/Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the financial assistance allocated and released to Karnataka/Tamil Nadu under these drinking water schemes?

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BPL people in North-Eastern Region

49. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people and families living Below Poverty Line in the North-Eastern Region as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes launched by Government to lift the people above poverty line in these States; and

(c) the details of funds allocated by Government for this purpose?

Utilisation of funds in implementation of Rural Upliftment Schemes

50. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outlay of Rs. 17,000 crores which the Centre gives to the States for various rural upliftment schemes is utilized judiciously and envisioned objectives achieved;

(b) whether 276 separate rural upliftment schemes which are run directly by the Centre are, in addition, to fulfill the desired objectives;

(c) if so, what were the targets fixed and what have been achieved during the last two years; and

(d) if not, have any loopholes been detected and if so, what corrective measures are being adopted in both cases to achieve the targets?

Rural employment

51. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people employed during the last five years in rural areas under various income generation/rural employment schemes implemented by Government; and

(b) the funds allocated under those schemes to the Tamil Nadu during the last five years?

Landless persons in the country

†52. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total number of landless persons in the country;

(b) the total area of barren land and the land available under the land ceiling law in the country;

(c) whether his Ministry is planning to provide the land available under both the above heads to the landless persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rural Development Schemes

53. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some schemes and programmes for rural development in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that development of rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and States of NER have not taken place to the desired extent; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

World Bank assistance for rural roads project

†54. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance received from the World Bank for rural roads project;

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(b) the names of districts, State-wise earmarked by the Government for this purpose and the total length of roads to be constructed in those districts; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to ensure better quality and rapid construction of these roads?

Bringing of all drinking water schemes under RGNDWM

55. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out the details of the plan to bring all drinking water schemes under the umbrella of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission (RGNDWM);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the policy of the Union Government regarding the continuance or discontinuance of the capital intensive large scale Swajaldhara Scheme or the Augmented Rural Water Supply Programme?

Funds to Nagaland under ARWSP

56. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation for the State of Nagaland under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Projects for 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the details of amount released against the said allocation; and

(c) the details of total funds available in Nagaland for accelerated rural water supply during the current year?

Benefits under the Swajaldhara Rural Drinking Water Project

†57. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any budgetary limit has been laid down for each State for the implementation of Swajaldhara Rural Drinking Water Projects;

(b) the maximum limit for the cost of any such project; and

(c) the State-wise details of benefits under Rashtriya Swajaldhara Scheme from 2002 to 2004?

Activities of National Wasteland Development Board

58. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of activities of the National Wasteland Development Board in the country;

(b) whether the target fixed by this Board for the Ninth Plan period has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of projects sanctioned or likely to be taken by this Board in each State during the Tenth Plan period?

Funds disbursement by banks under SJGSY

59. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

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earmarked an amount of Rs. 2,507.67 crores to be disbursed by the banks during the year 2004-05 under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether any amount has also been earmarked for disbursement from the said amount among various States of the country;

(c) if so, the details of amount fixed for disbursement, State-wise; and

(d) the amount of loan given to each State during the first six months of the financial year?

Impact of phasing out of the International Textile Quotas

60. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Textile Quotas will be phased out by March, 2005;

(b) if so, its impact on Indian textile sector and prospect of its going hitech; and

(c) the anticipated export of textiles in 2005-06 and prospect of creation of new job opportunities in textile sector in the year?

Target for textiles exports

61. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets by the Government for textiles exports during the last three years;

(b) whether the above targets in this sector have been achieved by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Providing low cost houses to workers of textiles sector

†62. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the State-wise details of number of workers belonging to textiles sector who have been provided with low-cost houses by the Government during the last two years?

Export of knitwears and shawls

†63. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of readymade garments, specially knitwears and shawls from the country during the last three years; and

(b) the measures taken by Government for boosting exports of the said garments?

Boosting the handloom and handicraft in J&K

64. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to boost handloom and handicraft industry in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether a special package for the purpose has been earmarked for the State and by when the same is expected to be released to the State?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Performance of Indian players at
Olympic Games, 2004**

†65. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the Indian players at Olympic Games, 2004 has been dismal in all spheres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering any new project to provide incentives in games and develop sports culture among youths;

(d) if so, the outlines of the said project; and

(e) whether State Governments are also being issued guidelines in respect of the project and if so, the details thereof?

New Sports Policy

66. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized to formulate a new Sports Policy in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy; and

(c) by when the above policy is likely to be implemented?

**Financial assistance to T.N. for sports
infrastructure**

67. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal seeking financial assistance for sports infrastructure from Tamil Nadu Government;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the details of amount allocated for creation and development of sports infrastructure in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise?

Banned drugs

†68. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such drugs which have been banned in the national and international sports events;

(b) whether the sportspersons and coaches are made fully aware of the substitutes thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Performance of Indian sportspersons
in Olympic, 2004**

69. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRITARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of Indian contingent,

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with break-up of the sportspersons and others, and number of events that it participated in the recent Olympic Games;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the delegation;

(c) whether any analysis on the poor performance of our sportspersons has been done;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that disciplinary action is being initiated against some Indian sportspersons in connection with the doping tests conducted during the Games;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what measures are contemplated to bring transparency and improvement in the selection and training process?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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