

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the December 2, 2002/Agrahayana 11, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Development of North Eastern Region;
Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public
Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice;
Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs;
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

Workers affected by closing of industries

1196. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Industrial units closed down during the period 1996 to 2001, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the number of workers affected by the closing down of these units alongwith details thereof?

Steps to assist the ailing Tea Industry

1197. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Darjeeling in Act will help Tea Industry", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated the 10th October, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to address the problem highlighted in the news-item, so as to assist the ailing Tea Industry to compete with neighbouring tea producing countries like Sri Lanka and Nepal?

WTO Summit at Doha

†1198. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USA has expressed its inability to provide concession on the import of garments in the WTO Summit held last year in Doha, which is a deep shock for India and other developing countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ongoing negotiations to enter the American markets are likely to be affected as a result of USA decision; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to resolve the problem alongwith the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Relief package to Coffee growers

1199. SHRIPRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise the credit package *i.e.* Liberal Export Credit, higher moratorium period and simpler norms for fresh loans for the Coffee growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this would help to provide relief to the beleaguered Coffee plantation; and

(d) the steps taken to monitor the situation for implementation of the package?

Steering Committee on FDI

1200. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth Plan Steering Committee on FDI headed by Shri N.K. Singh has proposed some measures to attract more FDI into the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decisions taken by Government thereon?

India's petition against huge subsidy provided by USA

† 1201. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has filed

petition in the WTO against the huge subsidy being provided by the USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the issues objected to by India; and

(c) by when a decision in the matter is likely to be taken by the WTO?

Differences between India and EU on trade issues

† 1202. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a controversial situation has arisen between India and European countries on some issues relating to trade;

(b) if so, the details of the issues and the views of India and European Countries on these issues; and

(c) the steps taken to eliminate the controversies on these issues?

Import of sensitive items

1203. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of 300 sensitive items being monitored by his Ministry declined by 3.72 per cent in April, 2002 to Rs. 688 crore as against Rs. 714 crore in the corresponding month last year;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps proposed in this regard?

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Trade gap

1204. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports and imports during the first half of the current financial year and the trade gap;

(b) the details of comparison with the same period of 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to reduce the trade gap?

Development of Hydrogen Car

1205. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and USA are implementing projects for developing Hydrogen Car;

(b) if so, the details of the projects;

(c) the target fixed; and

(d) the extent of involvement of India in the said project?

Approval of Export Zone at Vijayawada

1206. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Export (Agri) Zone at Vijayawada has been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a Memorandum of

Understanding between Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh has been signed;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) by when the export would commence from Vijayawada Agri Export Zone?

Wheat export

1207. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat exported from the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the estimate of wheat to be exported this year?

Status of domestic Newsprint Industry

1208. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the domestic Newsprint Industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of rampant dumping of newsprint by Russia, Poland, Indonesia and Canada, the domestic Newsprint Industry is facing severe crisis; and

(c) if so, the efforts taken by his Ministry in this direction since January, 2002?

Plan to phase out Tobacco production

1209. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to work-out on a plan to phase out Tobacco

production in the country over the next five to six years;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Tobacco farmers and manufacturers of Tobacco thereto?

Earning of foreign exchange by EPZ and SEZ units

1210. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of units which have started functioning in the Export Processing Zones and the Special Economic Zones in the country;

(b) the total foreign exchange earned by the units in the EPZs and SEZs in 2001-2002 and the percentage it constitutes out of the total export earnings;

(c) the total number of workers in the Export Processing Zones and Special Economic Zones and the number of women workers out of these; and

(d) how many of these workers are regular and how many are contract/temporary/seasonal?

Diamond and jewellery export

1211. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian diamond and jewellery exports have witnessed a healthy growth of 30 per cent in spite of the 9th September event in the USA;

(b) whether China's diamond industry is growing and is nibbling away at India's share of the world market; and

(c) if so, the action Government are taking to ensure that the growing competitiveness from China does not adversely affect our position of eminence in this field?

Sale of Laboratory Produced Stones (LPS)

1212. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Are You Sure Your Diamonds Are Real", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated the 18th September, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Laboratory Produced Stones (LPS) from Russia and United States are flooding the Indian market and some Jewellers are selling them as Diamonds;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the Jewellers and are contemplating to ban these LPS called Moissanites; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in export

1213. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export posted an increase of 13.5 per cent in the first half of this year;

(b) if so, the contributions of different sectors to this increase in export during the said period;

(c) the sectors which lagged behind; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that export rises at a higher rate in the second half of this year?

Herbs pending for patents

1214. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the list of herbal patents obtained, so far; and

(b) the list of herbs which are pending for obtaining patents, so far?

Import of Garlic by Karnataka

1215. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has imported Garlic from China; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Increase in the price of paper by major companies

1216. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major paper producing companies viz., JK and Ballarpur have increased the price of paper three-four times this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of increase in the price of paper on the text books of schools and colleges; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce the price of paper?

Applications pending with DGFT

1217. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with DGFT for fixation of input/output norms and DEPB rates;

(b) whether it is a fact that it takes more than 3/6 months before an application is cleared;

(c) the reasons for the inordinate delay in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to clear applications expeditiously to help exporters?

Import of foodgrains, vegetables, etc.

1218. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of quantity of foodgrains, vegetables, milk powder and tea imported during the period between 1st April, 2001 and 30th September, 2002;

(b) the names of the countries from where these commodities are imported; and

(c) the adverse effect on the prices of the domestic commodities, if any, during this period?

Misuse of funds for development of NER

†1219. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial part of the funds granted for development of the North Eastern Region is embezzled;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether Government are evolving a procedure to check misuse of these funds;

(c) if so, the details of such procedure; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for development of Assam

1220. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned for Assam during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and the amount released and utilized; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for economic development of the State?

Release of funds for Tezpur University

1221. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Human Resource Development has recommended to his Department to release the second instalment of Rs. 15 crore to Tezpur University;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in releasing the amount to this Central University; and

(c) by when the amount is likely to be released?

Disinvestment of SCI

1222. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest in the Shipping Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how much fund will be received through disinvestment of the said Company;

(d) how much fund has been received by Government in terms of dividend and tax during each of the last five years;

(e) whether Government have also received any memorandum from the Labour Unions of the said Company against the disinvestment;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken by Government in the matter, so far?

Shortfall in the disinvestment target

1223. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be collected through disinvestment of PSUs and collected, so far, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortfall in the disinvestment target;

(c) if so, the reasons for the shortfall;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to make up the shortfall by issuing Presidential Directives to ONGC, other oil majors and other companies to pay special dividends; and

(e) if so, the details and the response of the companies and the amount likely to be mopped up through this measure?

PSUs for disinvestment in Kerala

1224. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain PSUs situated in

Kerala are being considered for disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any status report is prepared before initiating the disinvestment process;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to modernise these PSUs during the last five years;

(e) whether the profit making Cochin Shipyard Ltd. is also in the disinvestment panel; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of steps taken towards disinvestment of Cochin Shipyard Ltd.?

(c) whether the statutory body, CAG, is not involved in the process of valuation of PSUs to be divested?

News-item "HFCL takes on DOT"

1227. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "HFCL takes on DOT", which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi, dated the 4th September, 2002; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

Delay in disinvestment process

1225. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the impact of delay in the disinvestment process is evident on preference of international investors with share prices in the rest of Asia racing ahead of that in India;

(b) whether the emerging markets like China, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and even Pakistan have outperformed the overall regional index with India placed only in 7th place; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

Reviving disinvestment of ITDC Hotels

1228. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Department of Tourism to permit reviving the disinvestment process for the ITDC hotels, particularly Hotel Ashoka, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken any decision in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Appointment of global advisors for valuation of PSUs

1226. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a number of international global advisors for valuation of the PSUs to be disinvested;

(b) if so, the names of global advisors and the PSUs which they are valuing; and

Disinvestment procedure of PSUs

1229. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Sell-off plan needs to be overhauled, says Patil", which appeared in the Economic Times, dated the 15th October, 2002;

(b) whether Government are recasting the existing process, as suggested in the above report, to ensure that valuation of a PSU is carried out before taking a decision on quantum of stakes to be divested; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment of BPCL and HPCL

1230. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons and circumstances under which the private oil companies like Burmah Shell, Caltex and Esso were nationalized to form public sector oil marketing undertakings BPCL and HPCL;

(b) whether these companies have not achieved the purpose and objectives for which they were formed;

(c) the reasons and purposes for allowing disinvestment in BPCL and HPCL; and

(d) the points of difference of opinion on the quantum and time frame of disinvestment in these undertakings?

Rehabilitation of sick public sector units

† 1231. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite an expenditure of Rs. 34000 crore on the rehabilitation, 23 sick companies of the public sector are still sick;

(b) if so, the names of these companies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even after spending so much amount the possibility of their restructuring is very dim; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Disinvestment of NTC

1232. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to disinvest the National Textile Corporation which is incurring losses every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the disinvestment of the NTC would be in a phased manner where the sick units under the NTC would be disposed first or the entire PSU would be put forward for assessment?

Establishment of National Shareholding Trust

1233. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been submitted to Government for the establishment of National Shareholding Trust;

(b) if so, the proposed structure of the Trust; and

(c) by when it would be formed?

Sale of NALCO

1234. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought waiver on the announcement of a floor price from SEBI for sale of NALCO; and

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Posting of Senior Homoeopathic
Doctor at Safdarjung
referral clinic**

1235. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances under which CGHS has posted the junior most CMO at Safdarjung referral clinic in Homoeopathic CGHS Specialist Wing, whereas senior CMOs are available but ignored for the post;

(b) if so, whether due to some vested interest, the junior most Doctor has been posted at a very vital position where only the referred cases are to be attended;

(c) by when a senior Doctor is likely to be posted at the above said referral unit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical and Dental Colleges

1236. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Medical and Dental Colleges in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals of the State Governments pending with Government for opening of Medical and Dental Colleges, State-wise;

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be accorded approval;

(d) whether Government are giving any incentives to the private institutions for opening Medical/Dental Colleges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Sale of Kidney by Indian donors to
British patients**

1237. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI C. O. POULOSE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of sale of Kidneys by Indian donors to British patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this incident reveals the existence of illegal kidney sale in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government have constituted any inquiry in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the culprits?

Ban on cigarette advertisements

1238. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH
LIBRA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended a ban on both advertising and sponsorship, as it is essential to reduce tobacco consumption significantly and quickly;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that cigarette related advertisements are prominently published in newspapers/magazines/electronic media; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Issuance of orders for chemists

1239. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued orders to be complied with by the chemists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the chemists are following the same; and

(d) the reasons behind issuance of such an order?

Two-Child Norm

1240. DR. M. N. DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make any comprehensive plan to control population explosion in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the two-child norm is being considered as not feasible; and

(c) if so, the other norm conceived in this regard?

Malpractices at Test Tube Baby Centres

1241. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to check the exorbitant charges and other malpractices at the Test Tube Baby centres;

(b) whether Government plan to issue separate licences and regulate them by a separate Accreditation Authority;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any legislation is proposed to control these centres; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Development of artificial skin from the membrane of fish

†1242. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the scientists of Kochi have claimed developing an artificial skin from the membrane of fish which can be used to heal the wounds of burn patients and also for the teeth related diseases; and

(b) if so, Government's views in this regard?

National Population Policy

1243. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the National Population Policy norms for population stabilization;

(b) whether all State Governments are following the policy; and

(c) if not, the action taken for violation of National Population Policy?

HIV/AIDS patients in the country

1244. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

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the contents of US-based National Intelligence Council report relating to HIV/AIDS patients in India;

(b) the reaction of Government on the controversy over the number of AIDS affected people in the country;

(c) the number of people died due to AIDS during the last three years and the estimated number of infected people in the country;

(d) anti-AIDS programmes of Government against spread of the disease; and

(e) whether Government find any vested interest behind the ill-advised report and the recently announced 100 million dollar grant by a foreign foundation?

Assistance for Health Care Programmes

1245. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance for the Health Care Programmes implemented by Government all over the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to increase financial assistance for those schemes implemented in the backward regions of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of discretion in granting permissions for clinical trials

1246. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) is using

his discretion in granting permissions for clinical trials, bio-equivalences and marking permissions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that often there are variations in the decisions from company to company;

(c) the procedures laid down for Bio-tech products;

(d) the details of drugs cleared in 2002, so far; and

(e) the date on which the applications were received alongwith the names of medicines and the time taken to grant permission?

National AIDS Policy

†1247. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of National AIDS Policy and the instructions issued for the prevention of increasing HIV infection in the country;

(b) the safety measures taken to protect the children and women of weaker sections of the society from AIDS infection under the said policy; and

(c) the places in backward and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh where voluntary test facilities of HIV infections are set-up/proposed to be set-up in accordance with the said policy?

Foreign travels by the officials

1248. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that officials travel frequently to foreign countries for seminars and conferences;

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(b) if so, whether it is advisable to accept all such invitations for foreign travel by officials of his Ministry;

(c) the steps taken by Government to reduce foreign travel by officials of his Ministry;

(d) whether Government have any plan to ensure that officials do their routine administrative work rather than work diligently to obtain invitations for foreign travel; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of health schemes in H.P.

1249. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial allocations made by Government for Himachal Pradesh for implementation of various health schemes during the last three years, year-wise, scheme-wise and district-wise;

(b) the achievements made, so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Misappropriation of funds at Koorebhar Health Centre

† 1250. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the funds provided by Government and World Health Organisation for polio immunization are being misappropriated at the Koorebhar Health Centre of Sultanpur District, UP;

(b) the reasons for not transferring the immunization officers and medical officers

in-charge of Koorebhar for the last 12-13 years despite of irregularities being committed by them in the purchase of generators, vehicles, diesel, etc.;

(c) whether Government would conduct an inquiry into the irregularities after transferring these officers; and

(d) if so, by when?

Recognition of Medical degrees obtained in Russia

† 1251. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the medical colleges in Russia which have been recognised by the Medical Council of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the doctors coming out of the said medical colleges of Russia are forced to go in for screening test for registration in India;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any memorandum has been received by Government to stop this; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Prevalence of TB among developing countries

1252. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tuberculosis has been declared as one of the most dreaded diseases in the developing and third world countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an

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empirical study has confirmed the prevalence of this disease among the economically and socially backward group of population with poor living conditions;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider a proposal to draw a contingent plan for extending preventive and remedial assistance to affected people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Newsitem "Keeping medical cost down"

1253. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Keeping medical cost down", which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 23rd October, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the medical costs are kept at the lower level?

Targets under Family Planning Programme

1254. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets under the Family Planning Programme in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the targets were achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and corrective steps proposed/initiated to ensure that targets fixed under the programme for the Tenth Five Year Plan are achieved; and

(d) the targets and money allocated for the purpose in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Infrastructure in Government hospitals

1255. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the health indicator so far as availability of infrastructure in Government hospitals is concerned;

(b) how far these compare with the developed countries of the world; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to improve availability of health infrastructure in the country?

Increase in Stomach-related diseases

1256. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that stomach-related diseases are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether there are sufficient number of Gastroenterologists to tackle the situation in the country; and

(c) the details thereof, State-wise?

Life expectancy of women in M.P.

1257. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per latest reports, the life expectancy of women in Madhya Pradesh is the lowest in the country;

(b) if so, the details of life expectancy in that State and 10 other States with lowest life expectancy of women and the highest life expectancy of females in the country;

(c) the factors responsible for low life expectancy among females and the steps being taken to raise female life expectancy; and

(d) the maternal mortality rate per lakh in M.P. and other States alongwith low female life expectancy?

Diabetic patients in the country

1258. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "A WHO study points to India being the diabetes capital of the world by 2020" which appeared in the 'Times of India', dated the 8th September, 2002;

(b) if so, the total number of diabetic patients in the country and the steps taken to create awareness among the general public to control this disease; and

(c) the facilities available in the rural areas to combat this menace?

Ban on sale of cigarettes

1259. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made a statement that Government propose to ban or control sale of cigarettes on the lines of pan masala;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan; and

(c) by when the proposed action plan would be implemented and the areas or States to be covered?

Health Insurance Scheme

† 1260. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that common man has to bear heavy expenditure on health care;

(b) if so, Government's policy regarding Health Insurance Scheme; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken towards the difficulties of the common man with regard to health-related problems?

Unhygienic conditions of General Ward of Safdarjung Hospital

1261. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unit Incharge in the General Ward of Safdarjung Hospital takes timely rounds;

(b) whether it is a fact that toilets and the building of General Ward and Specially Ward Nos. 25 and 26 san hygienic conditions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the bed sheets remain dirty and unhygienic; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ISM a part of National Health Policy

1262. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Systems of Medicine is proposed to be a part of National Health Policy; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to attain the objective?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Financial assistance to States to control population

† 1263. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to provide financial assistance to the States to control the increasing population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the above assistance is likely to be provided to the States?

Opening up of Chinese drug market

1264. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China is opening up its drug market;
- (b) if so, in what manner it will benefit the Indian drug industry;
- (c) the main items of drug which will be of top priority in China; and
- (d) the number of drug companies in the country which have shown keen interest in China drug market alongwith the details?

Free nutritious foodgrains to TB patients

† 1265. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated any national scheme to provide free nutritious foodgrains to the poor TB patients in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Sale of synthetic milk

1266. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of synthetic milk sold in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the sale of synthetic milk in the country is on the rise; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by his Ministry or proposed to be taken to curb the sale of synthetic milk in the country?

Research on weed Marmijua

1267. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have conducted any research on the medical qualities of the weed Marmijua; and
- (b) if so, the details of the research?

Newsitem "Drugs expired before date"

1268. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Drugs expired before date", which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 24th October, 2002;
- (b) if so, Governments' reaction thereon;
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that Drug testing is done in a

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

regular manner by a Drug Inspector in every State; and

(d) whether Government propose to amend the rules in this regard?

PG Diploma Course in Health care Management

1269. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. for launching a Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Healthcare Management in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its duration and course contents;

(c) whether the said diploma would be recognised in various Government hospitals, healthcare centres and drug laboratories; and

(d) by when the course is likely to commence?

Growth of private hospitals

1270. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to control the mushroom growth of private hospitals exploiting the innocent patients;

(b) the steps to be taken by Government to ensure good governance in the private hospitals and nursing homes and to minimise the expenses charged by them from the patients; and

(c) the number of private hospitals getting strictures or losing registration during the last one year for committing offences?

Ayurvedic drugs under ISM

1271. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the Ayurvedic drugs are covered under the Indian Systems of Medicine; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that no permission is required for the introduction of Ayurvedic drugs in the country and also no approval is required for conducting trials for the Ayurvedic drugs?

New Pharmacopoeia for Ayurvedic medicines

1272. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new Pharmacopoeia for Ayurvedic medicines has been approved by Government;

(b) the requirements for the introduction of a new Ayurvedic drug in the country;

(c) whether the trials are necessary for introduction of Ayurvedic drugs; and

(d) if so, the names of the authorities who would monitor and approve such trials?

Incentives by corporate houses for small family norms

1273. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the leading industrial/corporate houses have taken initiative in the field of family planning by offering incentives to their employees who opt for small family norms;

(b) if so, the names of corporate houses who have taken steps in this direction; and

(c) the details in this regard?

Performance of States in implementing NTCP

1274. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of States in implementing the National Tuberculosis Control Programme is much below the set targets;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the grants released to the District Tuberculosis Control Societies and assistance provided to NGOs were fully utilised during the last three years;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the World Bank aid received during the said period for the purpose was fully utilised; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Testing Policy on HIV

1275. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any regulations to monitor the implementation of the norms of National Testing Policy on HIV;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the provisions to check flouting of the norms?

Transfer policy for doctors

1276. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1966 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government's policy on the transfer and posting of doctors in the Department of ISM&H has not been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inter-changeable transfer and posting of doctors in ISM&H with the doctors posted at present in CGHS would be undertaken who can gain administrative knowledge and skill; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Improvement of medical treatment in AIIMS

† 1277. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether no concrete policy regarding improvement of medical treatment in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) hospital of the special category is being followed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that AIIMS has also failed in the field of quality and complete treatment, as well; and

(d) if so, the measures Government propose to take in this direction?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

News-item "New agenda set for reproductive health"

1278. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "New agenda set for reproductive health" which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 15th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the financial support received from developed countries including USA for AIDS control and population stabilisation programme for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the funds utilised for controlling AIDS and population stabilisation during the said period, year-wise, category-wise;

(d) whether there is any fixed priority area in health for utilising funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sex ratio in the country

1279. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sex ratio in the country as per the latest census;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a steady decline in the female population resulting in unhealthy imbalance between male and female population;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the factors contributing to this phenomenon is pre-natal sex determination tests being carried out extensively all over the country and female foeticide; and

(d) if so, the steps taken and time schedule

drawn up by Government to bring parity between the male and female population?

Facilities in PHCs in Gujarat

† 1280. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that primary health centres in remote areas, especially in rural areas in Gujarat have been closed due to lack of adequate facilities;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide proper facilities in these health centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to TB

1281. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths in the country due to Tuberculosis during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is no remarkable reduction in the number of deaths due to Tuberculosis in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of DOTS centres in the country, as on date, State-wise;

(e) the number of patients completed their treatment from DOTS centres during the last three years, State-wise; and

(f) the number of patients defaulted during last three years alongwith reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**News-item "Blood stocks fall
after change in doctors'
duty hours"**

1282. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Blood stocks fall after change in doctors' duty hours", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 3rd November, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem raised in the report?

Cost-effective healthcare to general public

1283. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote limited number of essential drugs in order to provide cost effective healthcare to general public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the per-capita expenditure on medicare in India is much below as compared to countries in the Asia-Pacific Region;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to increase expenditure on medicare of masses?

Fake Hepatitis B Vaccine

1284. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Fake Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine injected into market", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated the 3rd August, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken to prevent such malpractice?

CBI probe files pending with Ministry

1285. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various Medical Store Depots are under CBI probe; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the files of investigation are pending with the Ministry for taking a decision?

Taxation on auto industry

†1286. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantum of taxation is proving to be the greatest hurdle in the development of auto-industry; and

(b) if not, the rates of excise duty on commercial vehicles, three-wheelers and two-wheelers and the import duty imposed upon the import of various spare parts for

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the said vehicles and the average rate of sales tax of the States?

Formation of Joint Working Group

1287. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Joint Working Group is to be formed by Government for regular interaction to remove impediments to industrial growth;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering grant of price preference to domestic industry in accordance with the provisions of the World Trade Organisation;

(c) whether any steps in this regard have been taken; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of PSUs in Gujarat

1288. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of PSUs located in the State of Gujarat during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to improve their performance?

Foreign investment in Information and Broadcasting sector

†1289. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been foreign capital investment in the Information and Broadcasting Sector following the approval of foreign capital investment in this sector;

(b) if so, the total worth of foreign capital investment proposals approved till the end of March, 2002; and

(c) the actual amount of capital investment made therefrom and the amount which is likely to be received by the investors against this capital investment as dividend per annum?

Foreign investment in I&B sector

†1290. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval for foreign investment in Information and Broadcasting sector in other countries of the World has also been given by the respective Governments;

(b) if so, the names of the countries in which approval of foreign capital investment has been given upto March, 2002;

(c) the details of the countries, out of them, who are the member of the World Trade Organisation; and

(d) the names of the countries who are the members of WTO but they have not

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permitted foreign capital investment in print media?

(c) the date from which each post is lying vacant; and

(d) the reasons for not filling the posts?

Tenth Plan outlay for DD/AIR

1291. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tenth Plan outlay for her Ministry has increased as compared to the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this enhanced outlay includes a special package for the improvement of Doordarshan and All India Radio Services in the North-Eastern States;

(d) if so, the main projects that will be undertaken by her Ministry; and

(e) to what extent they will be completed during the current year?

Circulation of newspapers and magazines

1293. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 340 newspapers and magazines, out of 33170 published in India, got their circulation audited and amongst daily newspapers only 305 got their circulation audited while their number was 3090 during the last year;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the action being taken in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for non-auditing of the circulation of most of the newspapers and magazines?

Posts lying vacant in different Departments

1292. SHRI RAMA SHANKER
KAUSHIK:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many top posts in different Departments of her Ministry are lying vacant and are looked after by persons on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) the details of Group 'A' posts with designations lying vacant in various Departments of her Ministry;

Position of DTH programme

1294. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of Direct to Home (DTH) programme launched by Government in haste without giving an opportunity to Parliament or the concerned Standing Committee to consider it;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reconsider the guidelines originally designed for the programme; and

(c) how long it is going to take the project through?

Industry status to film industry

1295. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has accorded the status of industry to the film industry in the country;

(b) if so, the special arrangements and provisions given to film producers to give them financial support;

(c) whether corporate funding of Indian films has happened after that; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Narrowcast TV Stations in Karnataka

1296. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Narrowcast TV Stations have been commissioned, so far, in the country;

(b) the places where Narrowcast TV Stations are commissioned in Karnataka;

(c) the details of the programmes being telecast through these Narrowcast TV Stations in Karnataka; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to commission few more such Narrowcast TV Stations in Karnataka?

Terms and conditions of service for employees of Prasar Bharati

1297. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether terms and conditions of

service for employees of Prasar Bharati have not been finalised, so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for not transferring the employees of AIR/Doordarshan to Prasar Bharati Board till terms and conditions of service for employees are finalised?

DTH Telecast System

† 1298. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special provisions have been made to bring forth the Direct to Home Telecast System to common people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures taken for safeguarding the Indian culture and stopping deformities in its telecast; and

(d) the details of the arrangements made for testing and approving this system before its telecast?

Production of programmes on Sanskrit Literature by DD/AIR

† 1299. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps for production of programmes on Sanskrit literature and Indian epics in various languages of the country;

(b) if so, the amount provided by Government for production of said programmes during the current financial year;

(c) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for selection of subjects for production by Doordarshan and Akashvani; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of DD Network

1300. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government for the expansion of Doordarshan Network in the country during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard;

(c) whether the proposal to upgrade some Doordarshan Kendras in Orissa are pending since long; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to clear those proposals?

Proposals for commissioned programmes

1301. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for accepting the proposals for commissioned programmes by Doordarshan Centres;

(b) the number of proposals received since March, 2000 and how many were accepted;

(c) the fate of the rest of the proposals; and

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Status of North East Channel

1302. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the implementation status of the

North East Channel indicating total fund allocated and released for creation of content software since its inception till October, 2002 and outcome of TRP assessments;

(b) the total hours of content already created exclusively for this Channel and number of producers commissioned so far, citing those from outside NER;

(c) whether tender-notices for commissioning of programmes for this Channel were published in the media and lists of selected producers were made public;

(d) if so, the details thereof citing names of local dailies and list of producers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

1303. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases, both criminal and civil, pending in the Supreme Court and in different High Courts, separately;

(b) the rate of disposal of cases;

(c) the number of cases lying pending for a period of more than three years; and

(d) the measures taken by Government for speedy disposal of both criminal and civil cases?

Pending cases in High Courts

†1304. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified ten High Courts in the country having maximum number of pending cases;

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(b) if so, the high courts where maximum number of cases were pending for decision during March, 2002; and

(c) the number of sanctioned posts of Judges in these courts and total number of Judges working there?

Cases disposed of by Supreme Court and High Courts

†1305. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the annual number of cases settled by the Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court of India;

(b) if so, the annual average number of cases settled in the High Courts of all the States and Supreme Court in the country during the last three years; and

(c) the average number of new cases registered in these Courts annually?

Adoption of Court Management techniques

1306. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are laying emphasis on adoption of Court Management techniques by the subordinate courts for reducing the huge backlog of pending cases; and

(b) if so, the details of the Court Management techniques?

Amendment to Representation of People Act

†1307. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any policy to bring sweeping changes in the Representation of People Act keeping in view the corruption and rising trend of criminalisation in politics;

(b) whether Government propose to form a code of conduct with regard to elected representatives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cases of nationalised banks in Lok Adalats

†1308. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Adalats in Delhi are hearing the cases of loans pertaining to nationalised banks;

(b) whether the Lok Adalats can force one of the parties to obey its order;

(c) whether these Lok Adalats have the right to order action against a party in above cases under the criminal law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Recommendations of the Sixteenth Law Commission

1309. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sixteenth Law Commission constituted in September, 2000 has so far submitted six reports on some important issues of common interest to the citizens, but these have not been made public; and

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(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations of the Commission and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon and/or the present status of their consideration?

Amendment in the Indian Evidence Act

1310. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Indian Evidence Act to make it more friendly to women;

(b) if so, the details of the amendments proposed to be incorporated in the Act; and

(c) whether the amendments are based on the recommendations made by the Law Commission and the National Commission for Women?

Decline in the profit of SCI

† 1311. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gross profit of the Shipping Corporation of India for the year 2001-2002 has decreased steeply as compared to the profit for the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, whether Government have reviewed it;

(c) if so, the reasons for decline in the profit and the details of the officials responsible for this; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to maintain the past level of profit in future?

Navigable depth in Kolkata and Haldia Ports

1312. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2231 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th December, 2001 and state:

(a) the status of the approved proposal for improvement of draft in Hooghly Estuary;

(b) whether the project will be completed by May, 2003, as stated; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the expected date of completion of the project?

Revamping of Inland Water Transport Corporation

1313. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to revamp Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC);

(b) whether Government also propose to go in for a large scale privatisation of the inland waterways transport sector; and

(c) if so, the rationale behind this plan and the type of financial incentives to be provided for procurement of modern fleets by the private operators?

Private sector participation in Port Sector

1314. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the areas in the port sector for private sector participation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have issued any clear cut guidelines for the major ports in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Long-term plan for inland water transport

1315. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed any long-term plan to develop inland water transport;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the tenure of the long-term plan to develop inland water transport;

(c) whether a separate task force is proposed to be set-up for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Projects for welfare of disabled
in Rajasthan and
Madhya Pradesh**

1316. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed any project(s) for the welfare of the disabled in collaboration with the State Governments and Rehabilitation Council of India in the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such project(s);

(c) the funds proposed for the same; and

(d) the other steps Government have taken, till date, to improve the standard of living of the disabled?

Flaws in the Juvenile Justice act

1317. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Section 41(6) of the Juvenile Justice Act was detrimental to the interest of millions of children who could be exploited in the guise of adoption; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct flaws in the Act by omitting vague provisions?

Stringent laws against child rape

1318. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the incidents of rape, particularly child rape, are rising at an alarming rate in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to come up with more stringent laws and also create public opinion against culprits found guilty of rape charges?

Practice of carrying night soil on head

1319. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission has asked the Prime Minister to take steps to ensure that inhuman and degrading practice of carrying night soil on head is stopped at the earliest;

(b) whether any steps have been taken to end this practice in a time bound programme; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

**Inclusion of certain communities in the
SC list**

† 1320. PROF. RAM DEO
BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the basis of the report of Joint Select Committee, the synonym of 'Paan' are given 'Tanti' and 'Tatbe' in annexure related to Bihar in part III of the Schedule

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Caste and Schedule Tribe Amendment Bill No. 119-B-119-B;

(b) whether 'Paan - Swansi' community is a Scheduled Caste Community;

(c) whether only 'Paaner' has been added with Pan, Swansi in the Constitution (Schedule Caste) order (Second Amendment) Bill, 2002, Bill No. 84;

(d) whether the institutions associated with these communities have given a memorandum to Government; and

(e) if so, by when the legal formality would be completed by Government to include 'Tanti' and 'Tantwa' community in the Scheduled Caste category?

Pending cases of CSIR employee before the NCSCST

1321. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many cases related to employees of CSIR are pending before the National Commission for SC/ST;

(b) if so, the details including the number of cases and the date of submission of the respective cases;

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay, if any, in settling the cases, case-wise;

(d) whether there is any time limit for the settling of each case; and

(e) the period taken for settling each case during the period 1999-2002, case-wise?

Integrated Watershed Development Project in Gujarat

1322. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Watershed Development Project for Rural Poverty Alleviation through land based activities in Mehsana, Saberkantha and Dahod districts is pending with his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when the same will be cleared?

Capacity utilization of Super Single Colour Sheet-fed Offset Machines

1323. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Printing had purchased 12 Nos. P.O. 36 Super Single Colour Sheet-fed Offset Machines worth Rs. 174.18 lakhs;

(b) whether CAG during its investigation assessed the capacity utilisation of the said machines at only 6.22 per cent;

(c) whether Director (Ptg.), in connivance with the firm, misled Government and recommended to Government for purchase of said outdated machines; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken against the said officer?

Specific areas identified under Urban Reform Incentive Fund

1324. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI PREM CHAND
GUPTA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 500 crore Urban Reforms Incentive Fund, announced in the current year's Budget, has been launched recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme including the specific areas identified for effecting reforms by the States/Union Territories, the road map drawn therefor and the criteria laid down for disbursal of the incentive funds?

Proposal for treatment of sewage for organic and inorganic materials

1325. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals from Indian or foreign companies to treat sewage for organic and inorganic materials rather than just dumping the waste in the Yamuna;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated towards the same; and

(d) by when such sewage treatment projects would be set-up to keep the river clean?

Public-private partnership to finance urban management

1326. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has urged States and Union Territory Governments to forge public-private partnership in order to finance urban management;

(b) if so, whether he is of the view that

the fiscal instruments were needed to reform urban development;

(c) whether a one-day conference of State/UT Ministers of Urban Development, Local Self-Government and Housing was held in the month of September, 2002;

(d) if so, the main points discussed; and

(e) whether he has promised to help the States to meet the shortfall of resources for cooperation and maintenance of core municipal services in the country?

Implementation of poverty alleviation programmes in backward region

1327. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programmes under implementation to alleviate poverty all over the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to give top priority in implementation of poverty alleviation programmes in the backward regions of our country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Drinking water supply through rusted pipelines

1328. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drinking water supplied through ageing and rusted pipelines can result in long-term illnesses including liver damage;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that in a large number of cities including a major part

of the Capital drinking water pipelines have become more than 50 years old;

(c) if so, the names of the cities where such old water lines are still being used and the reason for not replacing them with new pipelines; and

(d) the details of the steps being taken/ proposed to be taken by Government to remove this health hazard?

Removal of illegal constructions/ encroachments in R.K. Puram

1329. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2053 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether action has since been taken for removal of illegal constructions/ encroachments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

Allotment of land to hospitals and nursing homes in Delhi

1330. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private hospitals and nursing homes in Delhi have been allotted land against token amount of Re.1/- per square metre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the norms for allotting public land against token amount and whether they fulfilled the existing norms for such allotment of land;

(d) if not, the details of such hospitals and nursing homes;

(e) whether any action has been initiated against those hospitals and nursing homes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to Kerala under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana

1331. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation to Kerala under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana for the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government cut short the allocation due to Kerala against the actual tentative expectation;

(c) whether Government of Kerala achieved the targeted progress on the implementation of the scheme;

(d) whether Government of Kerala requested to enhance the present allocation;

(e) the decision, if any, taken in the matter;

(f) whether Government propose to introduce a provision to purchase or acquire land to landless SC/ST community under VAMBAY Scheme; and

(g) the reaction of Government thereto?

Duplicate names in Members' list of MKSAS, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad

1332. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4197 given in Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 2002 and state:

(a) the reasons for duplicate names in Members' list citing two examples serial nos. 114, 115 and 167, 185, 295, giving

details of names of members with their father/husband names and addresses, if available; and

(b) the details, if any, available for collection of amounts without issuing any receipt?

Funds for NSDP to Andhra Pradesh

1333. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central funds have been made available to Andhra Pradesh under the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) for providing basic amenities in the slums of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the allocation of funds has been made in proportion to the slum population in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of cities of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

† 1334. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) total amount given to Governments of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh by his Ministry during the year 2001-2002;

(b) the total amount in terms of loan and grant-in-aid, out of it;

(c) the plans and works for which this amount has been given; and

(d) the total amount which has been

utilised by said State Governments, out of it, and the details of achievements thereof?

CBI investigation on land allotment in Delhi

1335. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have caused any CBI or other inquiries into the reported land-scam involving large-scale prime land allotments in prominent institutional areas in the Capital to favoured NGOs, and educational organisations, during the last three years; and

(b) if so, at what level and through which agencies such inquiries were made alongwith the results of investigation thereof?

Unspent plan outlay of SJSRY during Ninth Plan

1336. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 80 per cent of plan outlay during the Ninth Plan period for Swaran Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana remained unspent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to restructure SJSRY for its smooth implementation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Contamination of water
in Delhi**

1337. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Delhi 10 litres of water is used each time on flushing our toilets, whereas in U.S. it is only 2 litres and thus 80 per cent of water goes waste;

(b) whether the contamination of water in Delhi is also due to laying down of water pipelines and sewage lines closer to each other and in several cases the pipelines for potable water supply run under the drains;

(c) whether dry sanitation can solve these problems to some extent for Delhiites;

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of Delhi Rent Control
Act, 1995**

1338. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have, so far, taken in the implementation/enforcement of the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1995;

(b) the reasons for the delay and by when it is likely to be notified;

(c) the details of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Delhi Rent Control (Amendment) Bill, 1997, accepted by Government; and

(d) by when these are likely to be implemented/notified?

**Industries operating in Delhi against
SC direction**

† 1339. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the factories which were removed on the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court are still operating in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such industries and action taken thereon;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that most of the industries which were shifted outside are still closed; and

(d) if so, the details of industries in this regard?

**Capacity utilization of single
colour sheet-fed offset in
Ring Road Press**

1340. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its Report has pointed out that two machines named MHO 200 Single Colour Sheet-fed Offset and the accessories costing Rs. 21.13 lakhs that were installed in Ring Road Press in November, 1995 are almost idle;

(b) whether the capacity utilisation of the said machines as assessed by CAG, is around 4.67 per cent; and

(c) if so, in which manner the Directorate of Printing justified the purchase of the said machines?

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Complaints by allottees of Aram Bagh Government Colony

1341. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from the allottees of Aram Bagh Government Colony alleging the venality of corrupt CPWD staff posted at enquiry office when it comes to attending the bonafide water supply related complaints; and

(b) if so, the action taken on two written complaints submitted to Secretary, Urban Development on 28th October, 2002 and 1st November, 2002 and to Executive Engineer, Dr. RML Division on 4th October, 2002 by an allottee of Aram Bagh?

Grievance redressal mechanism of CPWD

1342. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from the allottees of Aram Bagh, colony alleging the venality of corrupt CPWD staff posted at enquiry office;

(b) the steps taken to get rid of the corrupt CPWD staff who seldom attend to the complaints without being given illegal gratifications as concerned JE, AE, Ex. engineer remain mute spectators; and

(c) whether Government propose to make the grievance redressal mechanism more effective upto the level of Executive Engineer who happens to be the grievance officer of his zone?

Objection of SC for conversion of land use

1343. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has taken strong exception to the proposed move of Government to convert the land use of a green area for construction of Government office complex in the Central Delhi to house the D.R.D.O.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would reconsider the move in the light of the observations and objections of the Court; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand for allotment of land by CHBS in South Delhi

1344. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for allotment of land for remaining members of a number of Co-operative house building societies particularly based in South Delhi are pending for allotment for a long time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of these societies have sought land against land taken over by the DDA;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the time by which these requests will be finalised?

**Rehabilitation of slum dweller
in situ**

1345. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 10th November, 2002 wherein it is reported that Government propose to rehabilitate the slum dwellers in situ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any survey of the slums, particularly in the metros, has been conducted;

(d) if so, the details of the survey; and

(e) the number of slum clusters identified in each of the major cities and towns, the number of beneficiaries, the time schedule for implementation of the scheme and the amount earmarked for this purpose?

**Digital Scanner-cum-printer
lying idle**

1346. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Risographic 5600-D, Digital Scanner-cum-printer (3 Nos.) worth Rs. 14.10 lakhs purchased by Directorate of Printing and installed in September, 1994 are lying idle;

(b) whether the Press Authorities failed to furnish the actual production of the said machines to the CAG investigating team; and

(c) the names of the officers who had caused loss to Government in the purchase of the said obsolete machines?

**Review of programmes for
construction of two million
houses for weaker sections**

1347. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of the programmes for constructing two million houses for the economically weaker sections of society, as envisaged in National Housing Policy, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the houses constructed in the last four years, State-wise;

(c) whether the target fixed for construction of houses under this programme has been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures to be adopted for achieving the target?

**Review of progress of
SJSRY**

1348. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry holds periodical meetings with Bankers and representatives of the States to review the progress of implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY);

(b) if so, the number of such meetings held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the status of SJSRY emerged from such meetings?

**Blockage of sewer in Anand Vihar,
East Delhi**

† 1349. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to development of the area around the nullah through which the sewer of D.D.A. flats, Anand Vihar in East Delhi used to flow, the drain and sewer of the said area have been blocked and the water pipeline has also been damaged as a result of which serious problem of sewage disposal and potable water have arisen;

(b) the reasons for not providing any alternative system before converting the said nullah into a green belt; and

(c) by when the above said facilities would be restored?

**Out-of-turn allotment of Government
accommodation to IRS officers**

1350. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently allotted residential accommodation to two officers of Indian Revenue Service working on the personal staff of two Ministers, out of turn;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the aforesaid allotments have been made in violation of all rules and existing norms and also the guidelines and directives of the Supreme Court of India on the subject;

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

(d) whether Government would review the decision of allotments and if not, the reasons therefor?

NEW DELHI;
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Secretary-General.

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