

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: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

Rejection of Indian marine products by foreign countries

1077. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries
have rejected marine product exports from
India recently due to hygiene problems;

(b) the details of countries who have
rejected Indian marine products exported in
2002-2003, so far;

(c) whether Government have taken any
steps to improve the image and quality of
Indian marine products;

(d) the details of such steps taken;

(e) whether more inspections are likely
to be Carried out of the premises where
such products are processed; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

SEZs to promote investment in export oriented activities

1078. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special
Economic Zones (SEZs) are being
established in various parts of the country
in order to promote investments in export
oriented activities;

(b) the difference between Export
Processing Zones (EPZs) and SEZs;

(c) the number of EPZs and SEZs
approved and established in the State of
Jharkhand;

(d) whether Government had announced
in the Exim Policy-2001 about setting up of
SEZs;

(e) the number of SEZs approved since
then and made operational so far; and

(f) the details of SEZs proposed to make
operational in the next two years?

Imports of cars, fruits and vegetables etc.

1079. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been
steep increase in the imports of cars, fruits,
vegetables, milk and milk products during
2002;

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

(c) its impact on domestic manufacturers and producers of these items?

Tea export

1080. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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

(b) the details of steps being taken to increase export of tea to Russia?

Decline in export of tea

1081. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of tea from the country during the year 2002 fell by 6 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of this decline on the tea producing areas along with the details of loss in terms of foreign exchange earnings; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation?

FDI inflow

1082. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI C. O. POULOSE:

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

(a) the total FDI received in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the comparative data of the same with China during the said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the contribution of NRIs in the FDI inflow is much below in comparison with their Chinese counterparts;

(d) if so, the percentage of investments into their respective Nations of origin by both the Chinese and Indian diasporas during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the reasons for the reluctance of NRIs investment in the Country?

Patenting the Cow urine

1083. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Neem, Turmeric and Basmati Rice comes a claim for patenting under WTO regime Cow Urine for its medicinal insecticide and cleansing qualities and even the method of producing Atta (flour) for US and foreign researchers and entrepreneurs has been put forward; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto for protecting India's claim for the strictly Indian know-how and traditional modes?

Export of tinned marine products

1084. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

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

(a) whether our tinned marine products are competitive in the international market;

(b) if so, the role Government propose to play to boost the export of marine products to international market; and

(c) if not, whether Government realise the potential of exporting marine products to the international market?

Export and import of various items

† 1085. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that both the import and export in agro products, petroleum crude products, textiles, industry, food processing industries, computer software and hardware and auto industry have been made during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and the first ten months of 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of items imported and exported by the said industries during each of the above said years;

(c) whether Government have identified those items whose export is decreasing compared to their import in term of value; and

(d) if so, the details of such items?

Import of farm equipments from China and Korea

1086. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Chinese and Korean farm equipments is fast grabbing the small agro-machinery market segment in the country;

(b) if so, the details of imports of such equipment from China and Korea during the last two years alongwith the percentage of market share grabbed by them; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Import of edible oil

1087. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Government's assessment country's edible oil imports may cross 50 lakh tonnes, surpassing the earlier high of 48.33 lakh tonnes in 2000-2001 oil year;

(b) if so, whether the imports in November, 2002 have increased by 20.8 per cent to 3.3 lakh tonnes from 2.7 lakh tonnes in the corresponding month last year;

(c) if so, what was the total shortfall of rabi crops; and

(d) the steps being taken to meet the shortage of edible oil?

Joint trade by Russia and India

1088. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

(a) whether in a bid to boost flagging bilateral trade, India and Russia have agreed to explore joint possibilities of regional trade and economic co-operation agreements with other countries in harmony with their respective national interests;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement reached in this regard between the two countries; and

(c) to what extent efforts have been made to improve the trade with other countries?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Export of human hairs

1089. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual earning from the export of human hairs;
- (b) the import and export policy of Government in this regard;
- (c) the names of the countries to whom exports are made;
- (d) whether it is a fact that much of the raw human hairs are being imported by China from India for making various products like wigs, etc.; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to tap the overseas markets in order to enhance the export of human hairs?

Relief to plantation crop growers

1090. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to create a special corpus of Rs. 500 crores to provide relief to the plantation crop growers in times of depressed market conditions;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the loss suffered by coffee, tea, coconut, arecanut and rubber growers in various parts of the country on account of declining prices of their respective products or unfavourable climatic conditions and relief provided to the growers during the last three years, crop-wise and year-wise?

Package to attract MNCs for investment in NER

1091. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have prepared any new package under new liberalization policy to attract multi-national companies to make investment in the North Eastern Region particularly in the State of Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government in this respect for making investment in the Region?

Import of fruits and vegetables

1092. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of fruits and vegetables imported during the last three years, variety-wise;
- (b) the names of the countries from which these fruits/vegetables are imported;
- (c) whether these variety of fruits/vegetables are available in the country; and
- (d) if so, the compelling reasons for importing these fruits/vegetables?

Crises in plantation sector

1093. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the problems of plantation workers due to falling prices and crisis in plantation sector;

(b) whether price stabilisation fund is operational as a package of measures announced for revival; and

(c) the other steps taken to revive tea, coffee and rubber industries in Kerala, West Bengal, Tripura and Assam?

Industrial policy for development of NER

1094. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any set industrial policy for the development of the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said policy is being overhauled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Export and production of coffee

1095. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of coffee produced in the country and the total consumption in the country;

(b) the steps being taken in improving the coffee cultivation in the country;

(c) the total export turnover of coffee during the last three years; and

(d) the estimated demand of coffee in the country?

Rejection of consignment of soya-corn blend from U.S.

1096. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently rejected U.S. food consignment of soya-corn blend;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Government policy to ensure that imports to make food for poor school children fulfills all health checks in the country?

Unauthorised cultivation of Tobacco

1097. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought Government's intervention in regularising the unauthorised cultivation of tobacco;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for raising the ceiling limit on the quantum of tobacco it can produce or to reduce the rate of levy on the excess production from 15 per cent to 2 per cent;

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

(e) whether Government propose to remove the ceiling on production of tobacco by Karnataka considering that 80 per cent of its production is exported owing to the superior quality and inflow of foreign exchange?

EXPC's offices in developed countries

1098. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Engineering Export Promotion Council is planning to expand its offices in other developed countries of Europe and America;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when said offices are likely to be functional?

Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003

1099. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that tea producers in the country are facing difficulties to sell their produces due to introduction of a new provision in Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003 resulting in the closure of many tea estates; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Environmental safety measures by industries

† 1100. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give special incentives to the industries adopting reusable and environment friendly safety measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Price Stabilisation Fund for plantation sector

1101. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level Committee to look into the creation of a Price Stabilisation Fund for the plantation sector;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and

(c) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the status of implementation thereof?

Anti-dumping proceedings of USA against Indian steel

1102. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1649 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the steps Government have taken against anti-dumping proceedings of USA against Indian steel; and

(b) the results achieved, so far, in this regard?

Asean-India Eco Task Force

1103. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Asean-India Eco Task Force proposed to be set-up;

(b) the terms and references of this Task Force; and

(c) by when, this Task Force is likely to submit its recommendations?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Export of Salt to USA

1104. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has for the first time exported Salt to U.S.A.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any other Country has shown interest in Indian Salt;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to increase export of Salt to other Countries?

Industrial Development Centres in Uttar Pradesh

† 1105. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Industrial Development Centres functioning in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) whether Government propose to set up some more Industrial Development Centres in the State;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Anti-dumping duty on import from China and Hongkong

1106. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have imposed anti-dumping duty on import of certain more items from China and Hongkong;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the import of certain items has adversely affected the Indian industries;

(d) if so, whether Government's efforts to protect such industries have proved ineffective; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Crisis in the Coffee Industry

1107. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that the Coffee Industry is facing a severe crisis as world supply of Coffee have outstripped demand, making Coffee growers not able to meet even the cost of production;

(b) in order to prevent further deterioration, whether Government are contemplating any relief measures; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Cement production

1108. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of Cement produced in the Country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the targets fixed for cement production for the next three years;

(c) the incentives industry is offering to housing sector to augment construction of houses in the coming years; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

Trade agreement with South Africa

1109. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sign full fledged free trade agreement with South Africa;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Country has free trade agreement with any other Countries at present;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the impact of these agreements on the bilateral trade with those Countries?

Import of raw silk from China

1110. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the price of raw silk product in the country has fallen sharply due to unrestricted import of raw silk from China; and
- (b) the reasons why Government are not banning import of raw silk or levy higher import duty and anti-dumping duty on import of raw silk from China?

Demand for anti-dumping duty on import of milk and milk products

1111. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that milk and milk products are being imported from various countries;
- (b) if so, the details of imports during the last three years, country-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand as reported in the press which have been raised by Dr. Varghese Kurien the doyen of Cooperative Movement in India for imposition of anti-dumping duty on import of milk and milk products from US and developed Countries in the Europe; and
- (d) if so, the steps being contemplated by Government in this regard?

Establishment of free trade zone with ASEAN countries

† 1112. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made efforts for constituting a free trade zone in co-operation with ASEAN countries;
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and
- (c) the details with regard to short-term and long-term benefits which India is getting after including itself in the aforesaid organisation?

Refusal of doctors to treat HIV infected patients

1113. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that doctors refuse to treat those patients who are infected with HIV;
- (b) if so, whether Government are aware that there are ethical guidelines for HIV/AIDS patients framed by the World Health Organisation under which doctors cannot refuse to treat such patients;
- (c) if so, the steps Government are taking or have taken in this regard;
- (d) whether any awareness campaigns have been launched; and
- (e) if so, to what extent they have worked?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Shortage of medicine in Central Government Hospitals

† 1114. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all hospitals run by Central Government in Delhi are facing shortage of medicine continuously;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for not distributing free medicines to the persons from poor and weaker sections in the said Government hospitals thereby forcing them to purchase such medicines from market; and

(d) the orders/directions issued by Government to all the Government hospitals for distribution of free medicines to the poor?

Artificial limb

1115. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received in the Ministry during the period from 1st January, 2002 to 31st January, 2003 for conveying sanction for artificial limb;

(b) the cases where sanction has been conveyed to their employer;

(c) the details of applicants whose applications are pending in CGHS; and

(d) by when the sanction is likely to be conveyed in all such pending applications?

Side effects of cough syrups

1116. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various brands of cough

syrups available across the counter in the country have ever been got analysed to assess its side effects on patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* stating the side-effects on the patients;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that most cough syrups available freely in the market have dextro-methorphan (DXM), suppressants and expectorants; and

(e) if so, the effects on nerve system and brain of these ingredients on the patients?

Coverage of RNTCP

1117. SHRI R. P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the coverage of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);

(b) the number of laboratories set up for smear microscopy;

(c) the number of patients treated everyday and how many of them have responded to treatment; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to extend coverage of RNTCP?

Setting up of clinical laboratories for pathological tests

1118. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether home grown laboratories and foreign firms have set up many clinical laboratories for pathological tests for the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date State-wise and category-wise;

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(c) the total number of Government clinical laboratories and its number in rural areas as on date, State-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether there is any rule for starting a clinical laboratory;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether many of clinical laboratories are not accredited with National Accreditation Board for Calibration of Laboratories; and

(g) if so, the total number of laboratories accredited by NABL?

Health facilities in Andhra Pradesh

1119. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing public sector health facilities in Andhra Pradesh along-with the number of Primary Health Centres and Sub-Centres;

(b) the number of them located in tribal areas of the State;

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise the number of such Health Centres in the States; and

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

Establishment of Government hospitals in Assam

1120. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State Government of Assam for establishing Government hospitals in the different parts of the rural areas of the State

during the current financial year or in Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of necessary steps taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

CGHS dispensary in Mayur Vihar

1121. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Resident Welfare Associations and its adjoining Group Housing Societies of Mayur Vihar, Phase-II for opening of a CGHS dispensary in that area;

(b) whether Government are aware that the land has been earmarked in that area by DDA for the construction of a dispensary; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) and (b) be in affirmative, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

Medical reimbursement cases by non-VIP pensioners

1122. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical reimbursement cases submitted by non-VIP pensioners through C.G.H.S. dispensaries during November-December, 2002 and January 2003 and so far, month-wise and dispensary-wise;

(b) the number out of them, which have been passed for payment and payment sent to the respective dispensaries and those still pending; and

(c) by when they are likely to be cleared?

Uniform fee for self Financed Private Colleges

1123. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

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

(a) the number of Medical Colleges with their intake as on 31st December, 2002, State-wise;

(b) the details of the fees charged by the Self Financing Medical Colleges, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government are planning to have a uniform fee structure in light of the recent Supreme Court judgement for Self Financing Private Colleges in the country?

Ayurvedic medicine Mydrops

1124. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pune based Global Heart Foundation is engaged in finding alternative therapies, especially non-invasive methods of treating heart ailments and has claimed 80 per cent success by avoiding by-pass surgery or Angioplasty with approved Ayurvedic medicine namely Mydrops; and

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

Pending applications for registration with DCI

1125. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received as on January, 2003 for registration with DCI;

(b) how many of them have been cleared so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that the process is very slow and are being cleared selectively; and

(d) the steps being taken to streamline the process and bring in computerisation of the complete system?

Doctors leaving AIIMS

1126. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

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

(a) the number of doctors who left the All India Institute of Medical Sciences during the last three years together with their names, specialisations and the reasons for leaving;

(b) whether it is a fact that one more top-ranking doctor at present on deputation to W.H.O. is on leave from AIIMS has been given notice to quit or face disciplinary action;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to boost the morale of the doctors who are upset by this incident?

Meeting on brain diseases

1127. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether All India Institute of Medical Sciences has held a two day meet on brain diseases to educate the people on common brain ailments;

(b) if so, the details of the deliberations and advices conveyed to the people to guard against such ailments;

(c) whether stroke is the biggest killer worldwide as reported in the Indian Express dated 27th December, 2002; and

(d) how far the Red Code system developed by the Institute for the patients has worked to control cases of strokes?

Population control in BIMARU States

1128. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) how Government propose to improve the 'Unsatisfactory' performance of Rajasthan, Bihar, U.P. and M.P. Governments in controlling population as pointed out by the Prime Minister;

(b) whether a comprehensive programme relating to Health care, Education, involvement of ground-level Government and voluntary organisation, is being launched, laying down time-bound targets and monitoring their achievements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Loss of eyesight after free eye surgery in Tamil Nadu

1129. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 45 persons lost sight after free eye surgery in Tamil Nadu; which appeared in various newspapers on 1st February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted;

(c) the main reasons for the incident;

(d) whether earlier also, in such free eye camps a number of people were affected and became blind; and

(e) if so, whether Government are considering to ban such free eye camps operating in the country?

Selling of banned drugs

1130. SHRI R. K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many combination of drugs being sold in the open markets that are either disapproved or banned by the Drug Controller of India;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to keep a check on such combination of drugs so that they are not made available to the public; and

(c) the details of the measures taken therefor?

Financial assistance to Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Kolkata

1131. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have stopped providing financial assistance to Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Kolkata;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when the next instalment of fund from National Illness Assistance Fund is likely to be released?

AIDS Vaccine

1132. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that ICMR is
developing AIDS vaccine;

(b) if so, the details of research;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Phase-II
trials are going to be conducted next year in
the National AIDS Research Institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Focal points for plague bacteria

1133. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical
experts have identified four areas in the
country which are focal points for plague
bacteria;

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

(c) the criteria for the identification of
these areas as focal points; and

(d) the preventive measures taken in
these areas to prevent the out-break of deadly
disease?

Decline in sex ratio

1134. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether there has been a steady fall
in female to male ratio in the country despite
having longer life span with the availability
of nutrition, health and medical services
being the same for both; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Availability of banned drugs in the
country**

1135. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether many drugs that are banned
in several countries are freely available in
the country;

(b) if so, whether the Monthly Index of
Medical Specialities, India recently
published a list of 11 globally banned drugs
that can be bought over the counter at most
chemists in the country;

(c) whether visits to chemists revealed
that most of these drugs are available without
a prescription;

(d) if so, whether these drugs were
banned for causing cancer;

(e) whether this will become life-
threatening, if not contained; and

(f) if so, the steps Government propose
to take in this regard?

**Unrecognised Medical Colleges/
Institutions in the country**

† 1136. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the unrecognised
Medical Colleges/Institutions being run in
different States in the Country;

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(b) whether any decision to initiate necessary action against such institutions has been taken by Government or Medical Council of India;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the unrecognised colleges from being run in the country?

Procurement of artificial limbs

1137. SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure under CSMA rules for CGHS beneficiaries for procuring artificial limbs;

(b) the reasons for cancer patients after facing amputation in Government approved hospitals require to furnish Essentiality Certificate from Doctors of Government hospitals for procuring artificial limbs;

(c) the list of approved hospitals for such certificates;

(d) the cases during years 2001 to 31st January, 2003 where applicants were not compelled to produce such certificates; and

(e) the reasons for such disparity in cases of handicapped applicants?

Printing of colour photographs of diseases on cigarette packets

1138. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for printing of colour photographs of lung cancer victims, diseased organs and other tobacco related diseases on the cigarette packets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on health

1139. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in Indian Express on the 8th January, 2003 that according to an expert, India's expenditure on health is low;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's comments thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the expenditure on health; and

(d) the details regarding the health expenditure in the Health Policy?

Response of DOTS

1140. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2 million people develop tuberculosis every year;

(b) the response to Directly Observed Treatment Strategy (DOTS) which was initiated in 1992;

(c) the problems that have slowed down the success of the scheme; and

(d) the further steps proposed to be taken?

Permission of DCGI for bio-equivalence on medicines

1141. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no permission from DCGI is required to conduct bio-equivalence on medicines for exports;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it is applicable equally for both new drugs which have been permitted in the Country and which are still not approved for marketing in the Country; and

(c) the guidelines for conducting such bio-equivalence studies?

CGHS facilities to journalists

† 1142. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether journalists recognised by Government are provided with CGHS facilities;

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

(c) the norms for providing CGHS facilities to journalists in Parliament House Annexe; and

(d) whether journalists provided with CGHS facilities have been allowed to avail such facilities in other hospitals also in addition to Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital?

Jayaprabha Hospital and Research Centre at Kankarbagh, Patna

1143. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the taking over of Jayaprabha Hospital and Research Centre at Kankarbagh, Patna is under active consideration of Government;

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

(c) whether any time schedule has been framed to complete the takeover?

Pesticides in bottled water

1144. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a study report by a reputed NGO has found unacceptable levels of pesticides in bottled water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have examined the report;

(d) if so, the result arising thereof and the response thereon; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

Upgradation of Medical Colleges in H.P.

1145. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade Government Medical Colleges in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of Government Medical Colleges proposed to be upgraded in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to open more Medical Allopathic/Ayurvedic Colleges in the State; and

(d) if so, the amount proposed to be spent for improving health infrastructure in such colleges in the State?

HIV/AIDS in the country

1146. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks

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with estimated 3.97 million next to South Africa in the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto alongwith the number of AIDS cases increased during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are spending crores of rupees for the AIDS awareness campaign all over the country; and

(d) if so, how far these awareness campaign helped in containing this most dreaded disease?

Health programmes funded by WHO in Rajasthan

1147. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of health programmes schemes for which the World Health Organisation is providing financial assistance to Jaipur region of Rajasthan during the last three years, scheme-wise and fund-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated by the WHO are fully and properly utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Free medical treatment to AIDS patients

1148. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not in a position to provide free medical treatment and medicine to the AIDS affected people in the country;

(b) if so, the details of persons died without proper medical treatment in the country for the past three years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of amount sanctioned and spent in the State of Karnataka on AIDS prevention schemes during the last three years?

Approval of new drugs

1149. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authority for granting permission for the new drugs lies only with the Drugs Controller General of India and the State Drugs Controllers are not permitted to grant new drugs permission unless approved by DCGI;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Drug Controllers have been granting permission for the new drugs in violation of the Drugs and Cosmetic Act and Rules; and

(c) if so, the details of such violation by State Drug Controllers alongwith the names of the companies and the names of the products?

Grant-in-aid for Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore

1150. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal for purchase of equipment/machinery required for Government Central Pharmacy through C.S.S. Scheme;

(b) if so, the amount of grant-in-aid sought for during 2002-2003 to strengthen the Government Central Pharmacy, Bangalore, which is manufacturing Ayurvedic and Unani drugs; and

(c) whether Government propose to sanction the grant-in-aid sought for?

Vacancies of Auxiliary Nurses

1151. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies of Auxiliary Nurses in the reserved category of OBC have been lying vacant in AIIMS, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether as per Government policy, such reserved vacancies should be filled up within the stipulated time; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by the concerned Hospital authorities to fill the reserved quota of OBC?

Amendment in PFA Act

1152. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring imported food items within the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) whether Government have assured that the proposed amendment to the Act would cover the cases of colour in juices, frozen dessert and tap water, etc.; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Illegal trade of human organs

† 1153. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: 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, 'Manav Ang Vyapar Mein Bollywood Va Rajneeti Se Juri Hastian Bhi Lipta', which appeared in Dainik Jagaran, dated the 23rd January, 2003;

(b) whether this has also come to the notice that the said gang has been involved in the illegal trade of human organs since 1997; and

(c) if so, the number of persons who have fallen victim to this gang in the last three years alongwith details thereof?

Treatment of pensioners in private hospitals

1154. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government pensioners are allowed to obtain medical treatment from the private hospitals of their choice which are approved by the CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CGHS dispensaries do not issue medicines to such patients on the ground that they had received orders from Government to issue medicines prescribed only by the RML Hospital or Government Hospitals and not by the approved Hospitals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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Ayurvedic medicine for AIDS treatment

1155. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plans to increase the level of awareness among general people about the deadly disease AIDS; and

(b) whether Government are aware of an Ayurvedic medicine, which enhances the immune system in human body to the extent that the AIDS virus becomes harmless in due course and the patient lives a normal life?

Production of spurious drugs

1156. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the production and distribution of spurious drugs;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware about their implications on the health of the citizens; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to stop distribution and production of such drugs?

Recommendations of Mckinsey Report on health care sector

1157. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2572 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have since examined the recommendations made in Mckinsey Report on health care sector to attract private funding;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

Relation between economic growth and expenditure on health

1158. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's expenditure on health is very low and it is not even one per cent of its Gross National Product (GNP);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that economic growth of every country that has neglected this sector has not been able to achieve a sustained high economic growth and this very fact has been acknowledged by the Minister herself; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to augment the expenditure on every citizen's health?

Illegal abortions

1159. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for each registered legal abortion, there are at least eleven illegal abortions;

(b) whether Government have analysed why so many women prefer to by-pass the legal route;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken to provide all needy women adequate, safe and human services such as health care, pre-natal care, child care and reliable contraception?

Increase in leprosy

1160. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leprosy affected people in the country have been increasing;

(b) if so, whether in some States leprosy affected people are increasing rapidly;

(c) whether the WHO and other US organisations have extended financial and other help to India to fight with the disease; and

(d) if so, the details of such help extended during the last three years and the manner in which Government utilised the assistance?

Health as most corrupt sector

1161. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article on the state of medical practices published in the 3rd February, 2003 issue of the Outlook magazine, concluding that health to be one of India's top corrupt sectors;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the details of the steps contemplated, if any, to enforce strict ethical norms in medical treatment by private nursing homes; and

(d) the details of specific steps contemplated to address the concern about lacunae in registration laws which provide easy escape for medical practitioners who malpractice?

National Policy for promoting ISM&H

† 1162. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any separate National Policy for promoting the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy to encourage the indigenous pharmaceuticals;

(b) if so, the aid and incentive extended for encouraging the Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy by Government;

(c) whether Government have constituted any Board for Studies of Medicines;

(d) if so, the aims and objectives thereof; and

(e) to what extent this Board has achieved its objective?

Performance of Pulse Polio Immunization Programme

1163. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance report of Pulse Polio Immunization Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh has 80-85 per cent of world's polio cases as mentioned by UNICEF's Global Health Division; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that malnutrition, unhygienic conditions and illiteracy is responsible for this disease despite our highly publicised campaigns?

Pending applications for sanction of Medical Colleges in Karnataka

1164. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for sanction of Medical Colleges in Karnataka

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are pending and the names of the organizations whose applications are pending;

(b) the names of the Medical Colleges in Karnataka who have been directed by the Indian Medical Council to improve the deficiencies in the annual inspection of such colleges;

(c) the details of such observation, college-wise; and

(d) the action taken against the colleges who have violated MCI requirements?

Disinvestment of Bokajan Cement Factory

1165. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of Government of Assam to delink Bokajan Cement Factory from the proposed disinvestment by forming a separate company with revival package; and

(b) the details of profit and loss of the unit during the last three years indicating amount of accumulated loss/profit?

Outstanding dues to M/s Nalini Singh & Associates

1166. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2298 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has already recovered Rs. 9.96 crores from M/s Nalini Singh and Associates; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Preservation of films of NFAI

1167. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no proper place for preservation of old prints of films in the country;

(b) if so, whether preservation of films of National Films Archives of India lacks many facilities as films especially old ones require special care and it's not enough to keep them in vaults at controlled temperatures;

(c) whether the old films are not given the kind of respect that old books and our arts get;

(d) if so, the total films that NFAI is maintaining at present; and

(e) the procedure adopted in maintaining them?

Demands for wage revision by AINPEF

1168. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether All India News Paper Employees Federation has submitted a charter of demands for wage revision in view of the worse economic conditions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to negotiate in the matter?

Procedure for Commissioned Programmes by DD

1169. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: 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 by Doordarshan Centres in Himachal Pradesh and how many of them have been accepted;

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

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

FDI limits for DTH Services

1170. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-
CHARJEE:

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

(a) whether Government have fixed any FDI limits in relation to Direct-to-Home (DTH) Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reconsider FDI limits in relation to Print Media, DTH Services and News-uplinking; and

(d) whether it is also proposed to put in place a regulatory system to ensure a license for DTH Services is granted to a foreign company which keeps an Indian company as a dummy?

Scenes of polluting culture being telecast

†1171. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that scenes polluting culture, civilisation and traditions

of the country are being telecast on various television channels in the country;

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

(c) whether Government propose to take any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of a Committee for production of Kashir Channel

1172. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that there is a need to set up a Committee to oversee the production of Kashir Channel; and

(b) if so, by when such a Committee with experts drawn from Kashmir would be set up?

Penal powers to PCI

1173. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government favour providing more penal powers to the Press Council of India to enforce its decisions;

(b) if so, the reasons for such strict control; and

(c) by when the Bill in this regard is likely to be introduced?

Need to protect domestic media

†1174. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether attention of Government has

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been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Need to protect domestic media", which appeared in the Business Standard, dated the 3rd February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that there is need to save domestic media of the country after globalization; and

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

Production Centre of DD in Jalpaiguri

1175. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists a full-fledged Production Centre of Doordarshan in Jalpaiguri, West Bengal;

(b) if so, how many in-house productions have been made so far by the said Centre; and

(c) the proposals of Government to make best use of the Centre to boost the upcoming and promising artists of North Bengal?

Plight of newspapers industry

1176. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Newspaper Society has stated that newspapers industry is suffering due to policies of Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct the anomalies in the policies?

Advertisement revenue of DD

1177. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan has gone down by 12 per cent, whereas private

TV channels registered increase of 43 per cent during 2002;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the advertisement revenue of Doordarshan?

Classification of newspaper industry

1178. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for classification of the newspaper industry;

(b) whether All India Newspaper Employees Federation has submitted a charter of demands to revise classification based on gross revenue of all establishments working with a newspaper or a group of newspapers; and

(c) the action taken to review the matter as per demand?

Code of conduct for TV programmes

1179. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no code of conduct for television broadcasters to monitor the TV programmes; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take to regulate the telecast system in the country?

Fast Track Courts in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

† 1180. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fast Track Courts set up in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and

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Maharashtra alongwith the number of Courts yet to be set up;

(b) the number of cases disposed of so far in these States by these Courts; and

(c) the number of cases which are pending in the above States alongwith the number of under-trials acquitted so far?

**Law Commission on mode of
executing death sentence**

1181. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that the mode of executing death sentence should be changed from hanging to administration of lethal injection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether various experts in the field including Bar Councils and leading practising lawyers will be consulted before taking a final decision thereon?

**Advisory Body on use of modern
technology in judicial system**

1182. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that an Advisory Body has been constituted to develop a national vision and strategy to effectively use modern technology to enhance the judicial system in the country; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the said Body?

**Rules under the Legal Services
Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002**

1183. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed the rules under the Legal Services Authorities (Amendment) Act, 2002, for permanent Lok Adalats;

(b) if so, the details of the rules that have been framed by Government;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for issuing notification for implementation of the Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of National Judicial
Commission**

1184. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
PROF. RAM DEO
BHANDARY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Judicial Commission;

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

(c) the functions, organizational structure, jurisdiction and duties proposed to be assigned to the Commission;

(d) whether the various political parties, different State Governments, the legal experts luminaries, the Bar Council of India and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court have been consulted in the matter;

(e) if so, their response to the proposal;
and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**SC and ST Judges in Supreme Court
and High Courts**

† 1185. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

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

(a) the number of SC/ST Judges in
various High Courts and Supreme Court of
the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to
appoint Judges belonging to Scheduled
Castes and Scheduled Tribes in proportion
of the population of SCs and STs; and

(c) if so, by when the appointments are
likely to be made?

**Special Courts for rape and sexual
crime cases**

1186. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

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

(a) whether Government are
contemplating to set up Special Courts
exclusively for cases relating to rape and
other sexual crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when
such Special Courts are likely to be set up;

(c) the number of such cases pending in
the Courts at present and annual average of
such cases; and

(d) how far the Special Courts are likely
to curb the rape and other sexual offences?

**Recommendation of Delimitation
Commission on Rajasthan**

1187. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether Delimitation Commission
has recently recommended for altering the
Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies
in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations have
since been accepted by Government?

**Law Commission for accountability of
police**

1188. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission in its
177th Report has suggested the
accountability of police;

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

(c) the action taken to change the code of
criminal procedure and IPC accordingly?

**Vacancies of Judges in Andhra
Pradesh High Court**

1189. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND
JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in the
sanctioned strength of Judges in Andhra
Pradesh High Court as on date and since
when;

(b) the reasons for the vacancies;

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to
be filled;

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(d) whether Government propose to increase the strength of Judges in the High Court further to eliminate pendency of cases therein; and

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

Pending rape cases in courts

† 1190. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to rape which are pending in various courts in the country;

(b) the duration of pendency of the said rape cases;

(c) the reasons for delay in the disposal of these rape cases;

(d) whether Government propose to issue some directions to expedite disposal of rape cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

† 1191. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,734 Fast Track Courts are proposed to be set up in the country under Government sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, the States in which these Courts are to be set up and their number in each State;

(c) the number of Courts out of the same which have become operational by the end of December, 2002 alongwith the details of the States in which they have been set up; and

(d) the amount allocated to each State by Government under the said scheme so far and the amount yet to be allocated?

Amendments in Anti-defection Law

1192. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a number of representations from public and Ex-PMs to bring amendments in the Anti-defection Law;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have been actively considering to bring suitable amendments in the Anti-defection Law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Missing files/documents relating to Uphaar Cinema

1193. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether vital documents/files relating to Uphaar Cinema fire tragedy case have been found missing recently;

(b) the system/mechanism in place for the proper upkeep and protection of judicial documents; and

(c) whether computerisation of judicial process, in selected areas, has effected improvement/efficiency of record protection and retrieval systems in courts?

Container and offshore shipping

1194. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government on container and offshore shipping;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether Government propose to allow subsidy in ship building for building container ships in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Status of National Waterway Number-one

1195. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Waterway Number-one between Haldia and Allahabad;

(b) whether this needs further dredging for ensuring improvement and if so, the financial requirement thereof;

(c) the contemplated manner of financing this;

(d) whether this Waterway requires infrastructure for night navigation; and

(e) if so, the details of the project envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan ?

Expansion of major ports

1196. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any step towards the modernisation and expansion of the major ports during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith fund spent thereon, port-wise;

(c) whether Government have earmarked fund for the development and expansion of these ports during Tenth Plan;

(d) if so, the specific plan formulated for Paradeep Port; and

(e) the details thereof?

Potentiality of Inland Waterways Transport of India

1197. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the potentiality of Inland Waterways Transport of India;

(b) the percentage of potentiality so far utilised; and

(c) the policies of Government to exploit 100 per cent of the potentiality?

Reservation of jobs for disabled persons in private and public sector

1198. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1995, the Parliament passed the Disability Act to provide *inter alia* for the reservation of jobs for the disabled persons in the private and public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the provisions of the law have been implemented and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Demands made by Disabled Rights Group

1199. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government recently reviewed the progress made on the demands of the Disabled Rights Group for improving infrastructure and social conditions to help

the physically and mentally challenged and bring them into mainstream;

(b) if so, whether a review meeting was held in the month of August, 2002 to discuss the demands made by the Disabled Rights Group;

(c) if so, how many of its demands have been met; and

(d) to what extent the directive has been implemented to meet the demands of the disabled?

Survey on benefits of Reservation Policy

† 1200. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey to find out the percentage of people belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe of the country benefited from the Reservation Policy;

(b) if so, the date on which such survey was carried out; and

(c) the percentage of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes benefited from the reservation system as per the survey ?

Functioning of the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation

1201. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) the main functions of the National Minority Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) the funds allocated to it during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the procedure and criteria for allocating the funds to State Governments?

Handicapped persons in the country

1202. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of handicapped persons in the country;

(b) the effect of environmental degradation on the increase in their population; and

(c) the budget allocation/expenditure on them during the last three years?

Problems of autism among children

1203. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any nodal agency to look into the problems of autism amongst children in the country;

(b) whether there is any estimate of the number of autistic people in the country;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to assist them;

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(e) the future steps and innovative measures proposed to be taken by Government to improve their status?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Hostel facilities for SC/ST students in U.P.

† 1204. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether hostel facilities for SC and ST students are available in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if not, by when, the hostels are likely to be constructed; and

(c) the names of the hostels being run by Government?

Assistance to students of backward classes of Karnataka

1205. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted the schemes for release of Central assistance for the benefit of students belonging to backward classes (i) to bear the cost of construction of boys and girls hostels, (ii) to grant post-matriculation Awards of Scholarship, (iii) award of pre-matriculation scholarships, (iv) release of funds under Centrally sponsored scheme for construction of hostel buildings of OBC students; and

(b) the present stage of consideration of these proposals and by when the approval of Government and release of funds is likely to be expected?

Status of the outreach programme of the NIOH

1206. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the outreach programme of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped (NIOH);

(b) whether NIOH is embarking in activities outside Kolkata;

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

(d) the steps proposed to improve the expertise at the NIOH?

Implementation of Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme

1207. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has started implementing Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) in various tribal blocks of the State, as reported in the New Indian Express, dated the 1st December, 2002;

(b) if so, the total package for the scheme and the share of the Centre and State for this welfare package; and

(c) the progress of the scheme and the details of various works that would be carried out under this welfare scheme?

Development programmes in tribal dominated district of M.P. and Orissa

1208. SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned Rs.125 crores to the Madhya Pradesh as tribal grant and another Rs. 45 crores for the tribal dominated districts of the State for developmental programmes, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 1st January, 2002;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the developmental schemes;

(c) whether such grants have also been sanctioned for the tribal belts of Orissa, considered to be the most backward and poverty stricken areas; and

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

Kidney trade in Kerala

1209. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of kidney trade in Kerala during the year 2002 in which many tribals were also trapped by agents;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Chairman, National Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes initiated any inquiry on this aspect;

(d) whether any action has been initiated or are on anvil regarding the reported incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Model Residential Schools in Kerala for tribal students

1210. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded sanction for the establishment of Model Residential Schools in Kerala, one at Pookkot in Waynad District and another at Idukki in Idukki District for tribal students;

(b) if so, the present status of this project and the details of the amount released for the purpose; and

(c) the details of the project proposals, which are seeking Central sanction as well as assistance received from Government of Kerala for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes?

Upper castes from ST area taking benefit of reservation

1211. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons belonging to upper castes from certain areas declared as Scheduled Tribe area have been taking the benefit of reservation for employment in Government and public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, Government's policy in this regard and whether the same has been reviewed;

(c) if so, the details and the result thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women sold by way of punishment in tribal areas of M.P.

1212. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in tribal areas like in Madhya Pradesh women are sold publicly by way of punishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to deal with it without detriment to the sentiments of the tribals?

**Harassment of tribals of Gadchiroli,
Maharashtra**

1213. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the harassment of poor tribals of Gadchiroli and other districts of Maharashtra under the grave of controlling Naxalite movement came to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has made inquiry in these incidents;

(d) if so, the findings of CBI; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to stop unnecessary harassment to the tribals of the area?

Growing social unrest in tribal areas

1214. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing social unrest in several tribal areas of the country which is being exploited by the Naxalite elements;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study of factors leading to this social unrest; and

(c) if so, the details of findings thereof?

**HUDCO loans for rural and urban
housing**

1215. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

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

(a) the loans provided by HUDCO for rural and urban housing from the year 2000 to 2002, State-wise;

(b) the estimated shortage of housing in urban and rural areas of the country as on 30th September, 2002, State-wise;

(c) whether the targets set during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 have not been achieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Discontinuation of the publications of
CPWD in Hindi language**

† 1216. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the publications published only in English language by the CPWD during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for not publishing the same both in Hindi and English languages in a single binding;

(c) the reasons for discontinuing the age old practice of publishing Delhi rate schedules in both Hindi and English languages; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for violation of rules?

Regularisation of illegal colonies

† 1217. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to regularise illegal colonies of Delhi, if so, the policy in this regard;

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(b) the policy formulated by Government to regularise additional construction in D.D.A. flats alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether Government would charge any fee or any other amount in this regard; and

(d) the number of illegal construction demolished by Government during last one year and the policy thereof?

Text Books Press at Bhubaneswar

1218. SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up sophisticated Text Books Press at Bhabaneswar with the financial help of Federal Republic of Germany;

(b) whether it is also a fact that printing of text books has been stopped in this press; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof and the time by which this would be resumed?

Improvement of slums in Rajasthan

1219. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

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

(a) the funds provided to Rajasthan for improvement of slums in its major cities during the last three years;

(b) the amount of funds given to each district of the State;

(c) the details of the sanctioned schemes; and

(d) the details of achievements under such schemes?

Upgradation of Text Books Press at Bhubaneswar

1220. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Text Books Press at Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether it is proposed to upgraded this to meet the current requirements and printing of text books; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds for Mega City projects

1221. SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

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

(a) how Government propose to fulfil its commitment to release funds for the Mega City projects for Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bangalore during the Eighth and Ninth Plan period; and

(b) whether Government propose to bear the additional escalation cost due to delay in release of funds to the mega cities?

**Project proposals received from
Chhattisgarh**

† 1222. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the project proposals received from Government of Chhattisgarh during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for the same;

(c) the amount provided to the State Government out of the said sanctioned amount; and

(d) by when, the balance amount would be released?

**Execution of lease hold deeds of DDA
flats**

1223. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons who purchased DDA flats on lease hold basis during 1970-80 have not got lease hold deeds executed thereby depriving the M.C.D. and the Delhi Administration of their revenue; and

(b) the number of such cases and the action proposed to be taken by Government to get the deeds executed?

Vijayvir Awas Housing Complex

† 1224. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of "Vijayvir Awas Housing Complex" of 414 houses for Kargil heroes started;

(b) whether the houses have been constructed in the said complex; and

(c) if so, on what basis the houses will be allotted?

**Implementation of National Capital
Region Plan**

† 1225. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Capital Region Plan was formulated and the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by Government for its implementations;

(c) the names of the scheme implemented so far and those which are yet to be implemented; and

(d) by when the remaining schemes are likely to be implemented and the reasons for delay in implementing the same?

**Allotment of quarters to the allottees of
demolished dangerous quarters**

† 1226. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of type V quarters of Central Government under pools of various Ministries, autonomous institutions and different departments, alongwith locations thereof;

(b) the number and the locations of type V quarters which were either demolished due to various reasons or declared dangerous during last two years; and

(c) the number of allottees who have not been allotted other quarters till date and forced to stay in the quarters declared as

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dangerous and by when such persons will be allotted safe accommodation?

Schemes for development of cities and towns in Orissa

1227. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes through which Central assistance has been allocated to the State of Orissa for the development of various cities and towns in the State during last three years;

(b) the details thereof, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to develop some towns and cities in that State during Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encroachments opposite Birla Mandir and Gole Market

1228. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken for removal of encroachments opposite Birla Mandir and 'G' point of Gole Market, New Delhi near Havlock Square on 31st January, 2003;

(b) whether it is a fact that encroachments removed earlier have been reoccupied in connivance with NDMC and local police; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remove the said encroachments?

Amendment in Delhi Master Plan, 2001

1229. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently amended the Delhi Master Plan, 2001 by permitting the operation of all kinds of industries in certain residential areas of Delhi;

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

(c) whether the steps have been taken to ensure that the running of industries in residential areas do not pollute environmental norms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Constructon of DDA's LIG flats by private builders

† 1230. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority has entrusted responsibility of construction of 9000 LIG flats to the private builders;

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

(c) whether any rate in terms of per square metre for the construction by these builders has also been fixed;

(d) if so, to what extent this rate is exceeding in comparison with the price rate offered for construction of houses during the previous years; and

(e) the year in which the above rate was fixed?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Assistance to Kerala under NSDP

1231. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to
state:

(a) the amount of assistance sanctioned
to Kerala during the current year under
National Slums Development Programme;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala
achieved the targeted progress to upgrade
the slum-dwellers by making use of the
Central assistance;

(c) whether Government would consider
to extend the Central assistance under
NSDP to Kerala as 100 per cent grant;

(d) the reaction of Government thereto;

(e) whether Government would
consider to expedite the NSDP assistance
since the release of funds at the fag end of
financial year create much hardships to
the State for the proper implementation of
scheme; and

(f) the reaction of Government
thereto?

NEW DELHI;
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Secretary-General.

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