

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; Defence; Home Affairs;
Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions —155

Foreign capital investment in retail market

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand has been made in a study report issued by certain private sector institutions that foreign capital investment may be increased by 49 per cent in retail market;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the details of the study reports forwarded by these institutions to Government during last three years;

(c) whether Government have made any cost benefit analysis on this report on retail market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Industrial sickness

955. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the current level of industrial sickness in the country;

(b) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to find out the reasons for industrial sickness and for their revival in a time bound manner;

(c) the number of references made to BIFR during each of the last three years and the number of industries recommended for revival by BIFR, State-wise; and

(d) the number of such sick industries revived during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Target Plus Scheme

956. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fresh notification has been issued to accord the benefits of the Target Plus Scheme by now by the Directorate of Foreign Trade;

(b) if so, how many applications for this scheme have been received by DGFT for the period from 8th to 20th April, 2005; and

(c) what are the reasons and who are responsible for keeping this scheme in abeyance after announcing it since

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8th April, 2005 till the issue of fresh notification?

Impact of sanitary and phytosanitary standards on farm-exports

957. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether country's farm-export is facing non-tariff barriers due to sanitary and phytosanitary standards by some countries;

(b) if so, how many such cases been reported in the past three years and what steps have been taken;

(c) whether these sanitary and phytosanitary standards are in line with WTO agreements, if so, the details of such provisions and do we comply with such standards; and

(d) what steps are being taken to safeguard country's farm-exports from such non-tariff barriers?

Bilateral trade with BIMST countries

958. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while our bilateral trade with other countries is picking up, the Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation (BIMST) Treaty has not resulted in any appreciable economic cooperation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to smoothen the process to facilitate an upswing in the bilateral trade with these countries as well?

Videsh Krishi Upaj Yojana

959. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of Videsh Krishi Upaj Yojana;

(b) since when this is being implemented; and

(c) the details of achievements of this scheme so far?

MFN status in Indo-Pak trade

960. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Pak President to New Delhi he pointed out that the tariff barriers in India were not in tandem with the Most Favoured Nation status granted by India in respect of Pak-goods;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the to-and-fro trade with Pakistan is made through Dubai; if so, the extent of the two way trade done with Pakistan through Dubai and other channels during 2004-05 and 2005-06 so far; and

(c) the steps since taken to translate the MFN status in Indo-Pak trade in absolute terms?

Functions of APEDA

961. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major functions of Agricultural

and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);

(b) its location and branches, if any; and

(c) its contribution in promoting exports?

Fall in seafood exports after Tsunami

962. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether seafood export and number of seafood exporters especially shrimp exports fell sharply after Tsunami of December 2004;

(b) if so, the details including number of exporters associated with shrimp export to US, quantity of shrimp exported to United States and the amount of foreign exchange received during the period January 2004 to June 2005, month-wise and category-wise;

(c) the details of action taken to protect sea export especially shrimp export;

(d) whether any action is being taken to revoke anti-dumping duties imposed on shrimp from India by US;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

New subjects in protocol of WTO

963. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that WTO is including new subjects and new areas without proper approval from Member-countries like India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the WTO has included new subjects like

'Competition Policy', Labour standards, etc., which were not in the original protocols of WTO;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has not lodged any formal protest with WTO;

(d) if so, the reasons for Government not raising this issue in the proper fora; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard by Government?

Proposal to counter trade barriers in WTO talks

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

(a) how the Government propose to dispute the non-tariff barriers and the phytosanitary barriers imposed by certain developed countries in the coming WTO talks;

(b) whether any consultations have been held with experts in this field;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the other areas that are going to come up for discussion in WTO talks at Hong Kong?

Rejection of export consignments

965. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI EKANATH K.

THAKUR:

SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that large consignments mainly of food items were rejected by the authorities in US, EU, UK, Poland, etc. in the month of May this year;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such heavy rejection; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to ensure that export consignments are not rejected by the consignee Governments?

Revival of sick industrial units

†966. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that during March, 2004 to June, 2005 Government have made several announcements for providing financial relief to sick industrial units;

(b) if so, the dates of the announcements made and the amount provided under each announcement; and

(c) the names of institutions which were given relief and the amount provided to each of them till July, 2005?

Increase in seafood exports

967. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our seafood exports have gone up considerably in spite of anti-dumping duty imposed by certain countries;

(b) if so, the amount of exports during 2004-05 and the share of Orissa State out of this lot;

(c) which are our major markets; and

(d) the action plan of Government to persuade those countries which are continuing with levy of anti-dumping duties on our exports to withdraw these duties?

FDI in SEZ

968. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been able to make a strong pitch for forcing investment in India at the World Economic Forum in the recent past in Davos, Switzerland;

(b) whether any policy measures taken to attract FDI in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Import of fruits

969. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fruits imported after the removal of import restrictions showing the quantum of each fruit variety;

(b) the customs duty imposed on each of these imported fruit varieties; and

(c) how far it has affected the domestic fruit growers/traders?

Industrial development centres

†970. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial development centres opened in the country including the number of such centres opened in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2004-05;

(b) the amount of funds provided by Government for industrial development centres in Uttar Pradesh during last three years; and

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(c) the number of such centres likely to be opened in future?

Effect of FTAs and PTAs on spices

971. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after Free Trade and Preferential Trade Agreements between India and neighbouring countries spices that are not grown and are more than production levels are landing in Indian market as produce of those nations;

(b) if so, the details of quantity of pepper, cardamom (small), clove, star anise and valuation of these spices imported under Open General Licence arrived in Indian ports from Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh between April, 2003 and July, 2005, category-wise and country-wise species;

(c) the action taken to protect domestic market for spices, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export and import by State Trading Corporation

†972. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that State Trading Corporation is carrying out exports and imports;

(b) the value of the export and import carried out during 2003-04, 2004-05 and first quarter of 2005-06;

(c) the percentage, above value constitutes of the total values of export

and import carried out from country during each of the above period; and

(d) the role of above organization in foreign trade after adoption of liberalization policy in respect of export and import prior to a decade?

Terminal at Wagha border to facilitate trade

†973. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is setting up a terminal at Wagha border in order to facilitate trade with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what way India will benefit by this terminal?

Issues to be raised by India in WTO conference at Hong Kong

974. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the preparations made by Government and what are the issues on which India is going to emphasise in the forthcoming Ministerial Conference of WTO at Hong Kong;

(b) whether there is a possibility of taking up these issues, apart from agriculture in the Ministerial meeting;

(c) if so, what are the possible issues that are going to be discussed;

(d) whether any consultations have been held with experts in connection with agriculture related aspects which are going to be placed before the Ministerial meeting; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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**Strategy for WTO meeting at
Hong Kong**

975. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalized its strategy for the WTO Ministerial level talks scheduled to take place in Hong Kong, especially with regard to our approach to tariff reduction, reduction in subsidies in developing countries, trade distorting domestic support by developed countries in the agricultural sector, TRIPS on account of public health, etc.;

(b) if so, whether a consensus is also being tried to be evolved in such vital matters with leading political parties; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Japan bilateral trade

976. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the recent visit of the Prime Minister of Japan to India, the prospects of Indo-Japan bilateral trade have improved;

(b) what is the extent of Japanese companies operating in India in 2005 and what its growth since 2001; and

(c) what is the action plan of both the countries to further strengthen their economic relations to contribute more to the development and prosperity of India?

**International Trade Fairs in various
parts of the country**

977. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to organize International Trade

Fairs in various parts of the country to promote country's trade with other countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up of industrial estate in East
India**

978. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up 1500 crores industrial estates in East India;

(b) if so, what is the share of investment for North East Region industrial estates with particular reference to Assam;

(c) by when such industrial estates are likely to be set up in the North East Region;

(d) the details thereof indicating the projects likely to come up; and

(e) whether industrial estates already existing in the North East Region, which are in bad condition, are likely to be revitalised; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to promote consumption of
coffee in Karnataka**

979. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the various steps taken to promote domestic consumption of coffee in Karnataka?

Steps to improve trade with Japan

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's trade

with Japan slid in last decade of post reform era from third largest trading partner to seventh largest;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the items and their value exported to and imported from Japan during last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve bilateral trade with Japan?

Steps to boost agricultural exports

981. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total agricultural exports from India grew by only 3.9 per cent in 2004-05;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export of marine products (the largest exported commodity) from India fell by 6.7 per cent in 2004-05 and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost agricultural exports?

Proposal to set up new industries/ small scale industries in various States

982. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating any scheme to set up new industries/small scale industries in districts of various States;

(b) if so, the details of such industries that are likely to be set up during the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount to be provided for the purpose?

Threat of ban on Indian imports by Bangladesh

983. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has threatened a ban on Indian imports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there will be loss of hundreds of million of dollars of foreign trade earnings, if the ban is imposed; and

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

Proposals received for setting up industries

984. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of proposals received by the Ministry for setting up of industries in the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

(b) Government's response thereto?

Export of motor parts

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

(a) whether Government have identified the countries where there is a demand for motorparts manufactured in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to increase export of motorparts to these countries?

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Rejection of shrimp by Japanese importers

986. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seafood importers in Japan recently rejected 28 containers of shrimp exported from the country due to presence of antibiotics in it;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rejected shrimp was of around Rs. 20 crore and 85 per cent of it was from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to create awareness among aqua farmers on usage of antibiotic in aqua farming?

Funds for export oriented industries of Kerala

987. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 10.69 crores for export-oriented industries of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has demanded some additional amount for export-oriented industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Effect of FTAs upon domestic and small scale industries

†988. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are conscious of

the fact that small scale and domestic industries are likely to be affected after the Free Trade Agreement with various countries; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for preventing adverse-effects thereof?

Proposal of G-8 countries to erect non-tariff barriers

989. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed move of the G-8 countries to erect non-tariff barriers on the pretext of arresting climate changes; and

(b) if so, the response of India to the proposed non-tariff barriers?

Exemption of military canteens from VAT

990. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government allowed to exempt military canteens from the purview of VAT and if so, whether the canteens in Kerala has been exempted from VAT;

(b) how many State Governments sought the permission to exempt canteens from VAT and how many among them were given permission and whether the Government extend any compensations to make good the loss;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala sought sanction for exemption; and

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(d) whether the Government consider to accord permission for exempting canteens of Kerala from VAT, the reaction of the Government thereto?

De-mining in border areas

991. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that de-mining process in border areas is not completed properly;

(b) whether the land is handover to farmers after de-mining;

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

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by when the same is likely to be restored?

IT policy of HAL

992. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. has a well formulated IT policy in place;

(b) whether this policy covers crucial and sensitive aspects of threat perceptions and safety measures access to source codes, disaster recovery etc.; and

(c) the other measures being planned to strengthen the IT infrastructure of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.?

Setting up of plastic cards unit by BEL

993. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Electronics Ltd. had tied up with a French company in 2002 for transfer of technology for setting up a 2.40 crores/per year plastic cards unit under 100 percent buy-back arrangement for five years;

(b) whether the BEL has so far invested more than Rs. 4.5 crores in this project;

(c) what is the share of the French company towards capital of the project; and

(d) the present status of the project?

Self-sufficiency by Indian Armed Forces

994. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the occasion of celebration of Taknik Diwas by Defence Research and Development Organisation Prime Minister is reported to have stated that the Indian Armed Forces will have to attain self-sufficiency;

(b) what is the current status of the Indian Armed Forces *vis a vis* self-sufficiency; and

(c) whether the goal can be achieved in a time- frame?

Short Service Commission in the Navy to commercial licence holders

†995. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to award Short Service Commission in the Navy to the commercial licence holders for the sailing of ships;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of commissioned officers likely to be awarded commission?

Terrorists killed by army in J&K

996. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of terrorists

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are waiting to cross over to India from across the border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of terrorists who have been killed by the army in Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(d) the number of officers and soldiers who have been killed by terrorists during these encounters;

(e) whether Government propose to deploy more army personnel in Jammu & Kashmir keeping in view the rising incidents of terrorism;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of 1965 War Plan by Pakistan

997. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the revelations made by Pakistani politician Gohar Ayub, son of the late Field Marshal & President of Pakistan Ayub Khan about the purchase by Pakistan of India's military plan of 1965 War between the two countries and other acts of espionage;

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

(c) whether any inquiry into these revelations is proposed to be conducted?

Construction of road by MoD in Bihar

998. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to

tackle the problem of naxalism, the Defence Ministry are constructing a road in Champaran, Balmiki Nagar, Darbhanga and Forbesganj in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in completion of the said road; and

(c) the details of other steps being taken by Government to tackle the problem of naxalism?

New arms procurement policy

999. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced a new arms procurement policy for future defence deals;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines laid down therein to prevent unfair trade practices;

(c) what provisions have been made to ensure that new procurement procedure is transparent, quick and beneficial to our domestic industry;

(d) whether any limit of advance investment in India required by foreign arms sellers; and

(e) the details of budgetary allocations made during this year (2005-06) and how much we have incurred till date or likely to incur in future/pending defence deals?

Modernisation of Navy

†1000. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an apprehension is gaining ground about adverse effect on the capabilities of Navy due to inordinate delay in expected decision to be taken by the Defence Ministry on various subjects pertaining to

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modernization of Navy and as a result of which dissatisfaction has also spread in the Navy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the purchase process is to be gone through in all the cases of modernization which are under consideration since 2001 and still pending due to indecisiveness; and

(c) if so, the details of above two parts?

Ahluwalia Committee report on IAF accidents

1001. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee, headed by Air Marshal Ahluwalia, set up in December 2004 to identify causes of accidents in IAF, has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the findings/recommendations made by the Committee in respect of MIG-21 which constitutes 70 per cent of the IAF's total fleet;

(c) whether it is a fact that Pilot error is the cause of 50 per cent of the IAF's accidents, a bigger killer than technical defects; and

(d) if so, the details of suggestions the Committee has made towards training of Pilots besides other deficiencies in design or equipment?

Security in Delhi Metro

1002. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to enhance security and safety measures in the Delhi Metro railways keeping in view the recent bomb blast incidents in London Metro Railways; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by Government in this direction?

Import of weapons in NER

1003. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North East region is awash with small arms from nine countries and there is little check on their movement, despite the fact that India is a signatory to the Programme for Action, framed after the UN Conference on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the illegal import of weapons in North East States?

Infiltration of terrorists

†1004. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists are illegally intruding into the country;

(b) if so, the borders being used by these terrorists as their routes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there number has increased in 2005 *vis-a-vis* in 2004;

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

(e) whether Delhi is becoming the place of shelter for these terrorists; and

(f) if so, the number of terrorists arrested during 2004-05?

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New policy to expel Bangladeshi intruders

†1005. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a new policy to expel the Bangladeshi intruders staying illegally in the country;

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

(c) by when the new policy will be implemented?

Bomb blasts in cinema halls in Delhi

†1006. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of bomb blasts recently in the Cinema Halls in Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken so far by Government and the steps taken to prevent such incidents in future;

(c) whether such incidents have been reported from other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for the safety?

Co-ordination with States

1007. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the co-ordination mechanism in vogue between the Centre and the States concerned while combating and containing terrorism, naxalism and insurgency; and

(b) in this process whose responsibility is paramount?

Talks with naxal groups

1008. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government's dialogue with the naxalites had failed and naxals utilized this opportunity to regroup and regain their strength;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the areas of operation of naxal groups has grown rapidly over the past couple of years and this has been due to lack of co-ordination among the States and Centre;

(c) the details of (a) and (b); and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to deal with naxal menace?

Nepalese Gurkhas in the country

1009. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of Nepalese gurkhas in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that with fewer jobs left in the army, many Nepalese gurkhas are taking up arms for the Maoists; and

(c) the steps Government are contemplating to address the situation?

Census on religion basis

1010. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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had directed a State Government to conduct census on religion basis as reported in a section of print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the idea of Government to conduct census on religion basis; and

(d) whether Government had received any objection to such move?

Formation of 'Bharat Rakshit Vahini'

†1011. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to form "Bharat Rakshit Vahini" to tackle the problem of naxalism in Madhya Pradesh is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned Rs. 13 crores for formation of "Bharat Rakshit Vahini" I.R. Battalion; and

(d) if so, the present status thereof?

Non-utilization of funds by naxal affected States

†1012. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States are unable to fully utilize the funds given by the Central Government to tackle the problem of naxalism;

(b) if so, whether the main reason thereof is the inability of the States to make 50 per cent contribution due to their poor economic condition;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider to free the naxalism affected States from making their contribution and that

Central Government should provide 100 per cent assistance; and

(d) if so, by when it will be done and if not, reasons therefor?

Scrapping of security plan at the official residences of MPs

1013. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Area security plan for deployment of security men at the official residences of the Members of Parliament has been scrapped; and

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

Rape and abduction cases in the country

†1014. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape and abduction are on the increase in the country particularly in National Capital region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Infiltration of Bangladeshis

†1015. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a

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large scale intrusion of Bangladeshi citizens in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of Bangladeshi citizens caught while crossing the border of the country during last three years; and

(d) the number of Bangladeshi citizens send back to their country during this period?

Terrorist attacks

†1016. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise and place-wise details of the States wherein terrorists attacked or planned to attack from 2002 till date year-wise, month-wise and date-wise alongwith the number of attacks;

(b) the number of innocent people killed and defence personnel who lost their lives and the terrorist killed respectively in such incidents; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such incidents?

Increased activities of Maoist/terrorist organizations

†1017. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Maoist and other terrorist organizations are constantly expanding and spreading their activities in the country and such incidents are increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware of the fact that they are entering into

India through Nepal and other border countries;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check their infiltration alongwith the outcomes thereof; and

(d) the names of the foreign militant organizations to which they are linked?

Registration of private security agencies

†1018. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of private security agencies working in the country;

(b) whether it has ever been investigated that the above mentioned private security agencies are registered under private security rules;

(c) if so, the details of the above agencies, State-wise where they are working;

(d) whether it is also a fact that several private security agencies do not pay full salary to their guards; and

(e) if so, whether any investigation has been made in this regard?

Restoration of peace in J&K

1019. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to initiate talks with separate organizations of Jammu & Kashmir to help restore peace in the militancy hit State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also agree that there is an urgent need to work for stopping

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killings by restoring peace in Jammu & Kashmir;

(d) if so, whether any measures have been chalked out to see how violence could end; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Identity cards for persons living in Border areas

1020. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to issue identity cards to people living in Border areas to ascertain their identities;

(b) whether any State Government of the NER has requested the Government to consider the issue of such photo identity cards as a National scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Multi-purpose National Identity Cards

1021. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to issue 'Multi-purpose National Identity Cards' for Indian Citizens and 'Resident Cards' for others;

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

(c) the targeted date for completion of this exercise, with revenue implications?

National Police Commission Report, 1979

1022. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Police Commission Report, 1979 has been accepted *in toto* or in pieces; and

(b) what are the plans to change the mindset of the police and make them aware of human rights violations?

Dual citizenship

†1023. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to grant dual citizenship to all persons of Indian origin having foreign citizenship except Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a decision to grant life time multipurpose visa to Indians residing abroad has been taken so that they remain associated with their original country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exodus of Bangladeshi migrants from upper Assam

1024. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned by the massive

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exodus of Bangladeshi migrants from upper Assam, Government has sought a report from the State Government on the issue;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report from the State Government;

(c) if so, what are the details of the same;

(d) whether Government also suspects ULFA to be behind the SMS campaign to evict suspected Bangladeshis; and

(e) what steps Government proposes to take to tackle the situation in the State and whether any help and assistance has been provided to the State Government in this regard?

Funds for implementation of National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Programme

1025. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State has demanded release of funds for implementation of the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Programme;

(b) if so, what is the status of the proposal;

(c) whether the State Government has also sought heat wave and lightening strikes to be declared natural calamities so that the affected persons could be compensated; and

(d) if so, what is the status of the proposal?

Tips to U.P. Government about Ram Janam Bhoomi Temple

1026. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has given tips to Uttar Pradesh State Government about probable attack on Ram Janam Bhoomi temple;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive action taken thereon?

More powers to Panchayats to deal with naxal violence

†1027. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to give more and more powers to Panchayats to check the naxalite violence in tribal dominated areas;

(b) if so, Government's plan in this regard;

(c) whether a discussion is being held between Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Panchayati Raj to enforce Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 in tribal areas;

(d) if so, whether Government have arrived at any conclusion; and

(e) the details in this regard?

Involvement of film stars amongst bookies in cricket matches

†1028. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that names of

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some film stars have figured amongst bookies involved in cricket matches;

(b) if so, whether Government would conduct a high level inquiry in order to save the entire film industry from getting a bad name; and

(c) if so, by when the said inquiry would be completed?

Talks with Bangladesh regarding border fencing

1029. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently held Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh has resulted in any breakthrough over the issue of border fencing by India along its borders with Bangladesh;

(b) whether the 1975 border guidelines forbid putting up fences up to 150 yards of international border; and

(c) whether in contrast to BSF, the Bangladeshi Rifles are capable enough to prevent illegal entry from the Indian side without resorting to fencing of their borders?

Initiatives to solve Ayodhya dispute

1030. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any move to solve the Ayodhya dispute;

(b) if so, would Government place before the House the blue print of such plan;

(c) who are the people and parties involved in such initiative; and

(d) if not, why the Government has not initiated such a move?

Census on the basis of caste

†1031. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prescribed proforma used for recent Census in the country did not contain any column for caste;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Census has not been done on the basis of caste in the country after 1952;

(c) if so, the manner in which Government ensure reservation for SC, ST and OBCs on the basis of their increased population; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct census on the basis of caste?

Killing of civilians in bomb blasts in J&K

1032. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have started targeting civilians in bomb blast attacks in Jammu and Kashmir for the last couple of months;

(b) the details of such incidents during the last three months with number of persons died and injured in attacks;

(c) whether the group responsible for such attacks has been identified; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to nab them and thwart their evil designs?

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Pak nationals in India

†1033. SHRI JANARDAN
DWIVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani citizens
staying illegally in India at present after
expiry of their visa;

(b) the steps taken to send them back
to Pakistan since year 2000 till date; and

(c) outcomes thereof, so far?

**Activities of Mao extremists in
Bihar**

1034. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH
KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Bihar where Mao
extremists are active;

(b) the details of the criminal acts
committed by such extremists in Madhuban
and Bairstania in recent past; and

(c) what steps are being taken to tackle
the menace and to provide security to the
inhabitants of extremists-affected areas?

Amendments in FCRA, 1976

1035. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the massive diversion of foreign funds by
Non-Government Organisations (NGOs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to
suitably amend the Foreign Contribution

(Regulation) Act, 1976, to make it difficult
for NGOs to use funds for purpose other
than the specified purpose;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof;
and

(e) when such amendments are likely to
be made in the Foreign Contribution
(Regulation) Act?

Assessment of damage due to floods

1036. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an
assessment of damage due to floods in
various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) was the Disaster Management
mechanism in place in those regions;

(d) if so, how has been its performance;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what measures are being taken to
further strengthen the Disaster
Management mechanism at local level to
mitigate the disaster?

**Agitation by lawyers against
amendments in Cr.PC**

1037. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the agitation by lawyers from Tamil Nadu
and other States regarding the recent
amendments in the Code of Criminal
Procedure; and

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

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Foreign nationals in Indian Jails

1038. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreigners languishing in Indian Jails at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that their upkeep is becoming a burden for Government resources;

(c) whether the High Court of Delhi has asked Government to frame a policy for their release or set a time frame for their cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

(a) the number of lives lost due to bomb blasts in two cinema halls of Delhi on 22nd May, 2005 and the number of those injured in those blasts;

(b) whether any ex-gratia payment has been made by Government to the next of kin of the deceased and to the injured, if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry into those blasts has been held;

(d) if so, the findings thereof;

(e) whether those responsible for those blasts have been apprehended; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, indicating the terrorist organisations to which they belong?

Reimbursement of stationing of UP PAC in Delhi

†1039. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent invoice for the reimbursement of the expenses incurred for 28th May, 1986 to 31st March, 1999 on the deployment of Uttar Pradesh P.A.C. companies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in spite of frequent requests from the State Government, the Government of India have not reimbursed the above said expenses so far; and

(d) if so, the steps taken for early reimbursement of the abovesaid expenses?

Bomb blasts in cinema halls of Delhi

1040. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

Activities of Taliban terrorists

†1041. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is increase in the activities of Talibani terrorists on the line of control in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress regarding the action taken/proposed to be taken for strengthening the vigilance?

Central assistance to Kerala towards Tsunami relief operations

1042. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance granted to the Government of Kerala, towards Tsunami relief operations;

(b) the amount raised by the State Government of Kerala through donations

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from general public, firms and other organizations;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala sought financial help from ADB and if so, whether it has been granted and the details thereof;

(d) whether the Tsunami disaster fund has been properly utilized by the Government of Kerala without being divested to any other purpose; and

(e) whether Government laid down any guidelines for the expenditure of Central assistance and if so, whether the State Government adhered to the guidelines?

Crimes in Bihar

1043. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of kidnappings, murders and dacoities that took place during the current spell of President's Rule in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that such crimes have increased; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to meet the situation?

Resettlement of tribals of Nicobar

1044. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the resettlement of the tribals of Nicobar and other areas hit by the Tsunami wave of December 26, 2004; indicating the number of families still to be resettled; before the onset of Monsoons this year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

Data base on the Tsunami hit areas

1045. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that data base on the Tsunami hit areas in the country is not available with the concerned authorities with regard to the scale and damage caused to life and property, reach of medical and rehabilitation assistance, etc., in the affected areas, particularly in inaccessible areas;

(b) if so, whether concerned Government organizations are requesting private individuals and agencies to furnish relevant data; and

(c) if so, the details with steps taken to create an authentic data base on the effect of Tsunami and assistance provided to the victims, particularly those in the remote areas?

Terrorist incidents in the country

†1046. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of advancement of Indo-Pak peace process terrorist incidents are increasing in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pak agency ISI is behind these terrorist attacks; and

(c) if so, the view point of Government in this regard and the details thereof?

Illegal constructions in Delhi

1047. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the Press

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Report about illegal constructions in the capital;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon and the corrective steps proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether some Members of Parliament had written letters to Commissioner (MCD) regarding illegal construction but no action has been taken by him;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(e) what is the policy of Government regarding removal of illegal constructions/encroachments?

Separating investigation and law and order wings of Delhi Police

1048. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to separate the investigation wing from the law and order establishment of police department as recommended by the Malimath Committee in its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it is likely to be implemented?

Violent activities of Tamil Tigers and Maoists

†1049. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Tigers

of Sri Lanka and Maoist of Nepal had together increased their violent activities in Bengal and Bihar;

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

(c) the assessment of the Government about these organisations; and

(d) the regions of above States which have come under the influence of these elements?

Complaints against Delhi Police

1050. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against Delhi Police during the years 2003, 2004 and so far in 2005;

(b) whether the complaints are increasing every year and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many police officials have been punished on the basis of those complaints during that period?

Visa on arrival

1051. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give visas on arrival to the nationals of certain countries visiting India for specific purposes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when that is likely to be implemented?

Strategies to control crime against women by Delhi Government

1052. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased

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to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to restore a sense of security among women, the Delhi Government proposes to work out strategies to control crime against women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government also propose to impart training to girl students in self-defence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for combating naxalism

1053. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance extended to the Andhra Pradesh Government in the recent past to tide over the increased naxal activities in the State; and

(b) would the Government come out with any programme or guidelines to tackle the vexed problem of naxals in the State?

Amount Sanctioned for police modernisation in U.P.

†1054. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan of modernisation of the police;

(b) the amount that had been sanctioned to Government of Uttar Pradesh as the share of Centre during the last three years by Government under the above said plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are not providing the whole of the sanctioned amount to the State Government on the basis of one pretext or other under this plan during the last three years;

(d) the amount of outstanding share of the Centre that is pending to be released by the Government of India under above said approved plan; and

(e) by when, the outstanding share will be provided to the State Government?

R&D Centre to modernise internal security system

1055. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry and IIT, Kanpur are working together to set up R&D Centre to modernise internal security in the country;

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

(c) how the proposed Centre will help the security agencies to update their intelligence and working systems to face the challenges of modern day security threats?

Generating electricity from sea waves

1056. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the power position whether Government is laying emphasis to augment power supply through non-conventional sources;

(b) if so, what percentage of total power supply has been received from this source;

(c) like in foreign countries, whether Government has tried to harness sea waves to produce energy for creating additional supply of power; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to initiate a survey for tapping the vast oceans and seas surrounding our country for generating electricity?

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Agreement between India-Russia-China in power sector

1057. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether energy policy was on top of the agenda as Foreign Minister from Oil-deficient Asian giants China and India met Russian counterpart to analyse the problem;

(b) if so, whether both China and India with large, growing and industrializing populations are looking for energy outside their borders;

(c) if so, whether India-China-Russia had discussion on energy policy;

(d) if so, to what extent Russia had agreed to help and assist both China and India to meet energy needs; and

(e) whether any agreement between India-Russia-China has been signed and if so, the details thereof?

Damage to major Hydel Projects by heavy rains in H.P.

1058. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent heavy rains have caused damage to major Hydel Projects, including Nathpa Jhakri and Bhaba Projects in Himachal Pradesh to suspend production; and

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused and the estimated loss of Hydel Power Production?

Penalty for not unloading Coal at Devi Lal Thermal Power Station at Panipat

1059. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tau Devi Lal Thermal Power Station at Panipat has been paying penalty of Rs. 1 crore per month to the Railway for delay in unloading coal and if so, since when and the total amount of penalty paid as a result thereof;

(b) whether a Railway rack consisting of 58 wagons is required to be unloaded within five hours and the Railways has been charging Rs. 100 per hour as penalty for any delay in unloading a wagon; and

(c) whether Railways has been considering the request of the thermal authorities to increase the time of unloading and if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for captive power ventures

1060. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new guidelines proposed by Government for captive power ventures;

(b) whether Government is thinking of making amendments to the Electricity Act since some of the sections relating to captive power are ambiguous;

(c) if so, the details of sections that are going to be amended; and

(d) whether the new guidelines are within the purview of the Electricity Act or are separations?

Generation and requirement of power

†1061. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the annual power generation

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capacity in the country as per requirement alongwith the extent of power being generated at present; and

(b) to what extent power requirement of the country can be fulfilled by non-conventional energy sources alongwith the names of the sources and the capacity thereof?

Attracting foreign investors in power trading

1062. SHRI MOOLCHAND

MEENA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry record in attracting foreign investors in power trading business has been shocking;

(b) whether Ministry has now adopted a new track and strongly recommended 100% FDI in trading of electricity through automatic approval route;

(c) if so, what other changes are made in this regard; and

(d) to what extent these changes have helped increasing of power in the country?

Electrification of Villages

†1063. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed the target to provide electricity to every village by 2009; and

(b) the number of private sector companies with whom agreements have been made to achieve the said target?

Growth of power generation

1064. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation achieved in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the rate of growth of power generation in the country during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the present rate of growth of power generation is sufficient to meet the ever rising need for electricity;

(d) if so, the justifications therefor; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Generation and consumption of power

1065. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power generation and consumption, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of shortage during the summer season this year;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to tide over the summer crisis every year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Irregularities and corruption in food-for-work programme

1066. SHRI C.

RAMACHANDRAIAH:

SHRI MANOJ

BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been widespread reports of irregularities and corruption in

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the Food-for-work programme inaugurated by Prime Minister last year on 14th November;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems and ensure that benefits of the programme reach the targeted population?

National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004

1067. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Trade Unions have rejected the National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004;

(b) what are the issues that have been diluted from the initial draft;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Bill placed before Parliament does not contain time-bound extension of irreversible guarantee to the whole country, payment of statutory minimum wages, universal entitlement of job guarantee, etc; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Groups formed under SGSY

†1068. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of groups formed under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana in Chhattisgarh during last three years for alleviation of rural poverty and unemployment;

(b) the number of groups categorized as first grade and second grade groups and the number of groups which have been provided loans/grant-in-aid; and

(c) the number of groups remaining in first grade and the number of groups out of the funded groups which have started production?

Proposals from States under SJGSY

1069. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana were received from several States for approval during the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for not clearing them so far and by when they are likely to be cleared;

(c) whether many State Governments have not properly utilized the funds sanctioned by Union Government for the scheme and that complaints regarding misuse of funds have also been received by the Ministry;

(d) if so, the last two years details thereof;

(e) whether cooperation from NGOs is also being taken for implementation of Yojana; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Corruption in rural employment programmes

1070. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are complaints of wide-spread corruption in Rural Employment Schemes like Employment Assurance Scheme, National Rural Employment Programme or the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana;

(b) the States where the incidence of corruption is very high;

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(c) whether there are monitoring organizations which perform periodic inspections or appraisals to ensure that corruption is eliminated; and

(d) whether any guidelines are existing from the Government of India in this regard, and if so, the details thereof?

Pending National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill

1071. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C.
RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill is pending in Parliament;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the Bill is likely to be taken up in Parliament for final enactment?

PMGSY under World Bank project

1072. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds given to certain States for developing rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana under World Bank Phase-I project;

(b) whether other States are likely to be taken up under this 'Yojana'; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Employment Guarantee Scheme

1073. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the scope of the National Employment Guarantee Scheme is being expanded to cover employment to every one who demands it;

(b) what is the stage of consideration of the said proposal;

(c) what are the financial implications of the revised proposal;

(d) whether funds to the extent needed will be made available by the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rural road proposals pending environmental clearance

1074. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Rural Development has complained to the Environment Ministry that a large number of rural road proposals involving forest clearance simply fail to see the light of day as authorities keep sitting on them;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in clearance;

(c) if so, whether in any communicate the Ministry of Rural Development has listed

272 such pending proposals under Pradhan Mantri Sadak Yojana (PMGSY); and

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take to urge upon Ministry to clear these projects so that rural road development plans are implemented immediately?

Budget for A.P. under Bharat Nirman

1075. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budget released and spent so far in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise under Rs. 1,74,000 crores approved for Bharat Nirman, envisaging development in rural areas;

(b) the details of this budget, released and spent so far in Andhra Pradesh district-wise with regard to irrigation, roads, housing, water supply, electrification and rural telecommunication; and

(c) the details of places, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh, where the scheme of development of irrigation, roads, housing, water supply, electrification and rural telecommunication had been implemented from Bharat Nirman Budget?

Survey regarding human indices by National Sample Survey

†1076. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Government organisation called National Sample Survey has conducted in 2003 a survey on food, clothing and per capita monthly livelihood expenses and raising money therefor in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Sample Survey with the assistance of Centre and States is considering to formulate a policy for per capita food, clothing and raising more money in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the outline of this policy?

Allocation under SGRY to Orissa

1077. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre has allocated Rs. 140 crores to Orissa under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the areas for which the funds are proposed to be utilized; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to allocate enhanced funds to this cash-strapped State to improve its economy in the rural sector?

Schemes/programmes for providing employment to rural people of U.P.

1078. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide employment to the people of the rural areas in the State of Uttar Pradesh through the various schemes and programmes during the year 2005-2006; and

(b) if so, the details of villages in the State where the people have to be provided employment?

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Merger of GAY with IAY

†1079. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have merged Gramin Awaas Yojana with Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) if so, the criteria followed for selection of the beneficiaries under this scheme in Punjab; and

(c) the district-wise details thereof?

Implementation of SGSY

1080. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana has been under implementation for helping self-employment in rural India;

(b) if so, the number of persons given benefit under SGSY till 31st March, 2005 and amount of money spent for the purpose in different States/UTs; and

(c) the target fixed for 2005-06 and money allocated for different States/UTs?

Self-employment guarantee scheme in H.P.

†1081. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States who have been allocated funds under Self Employment Guarantee Scheme during the last three years and the amount allocated to each State;

(b) the districts of Himachal Pradesh to which amount has been allocated during the said period for providing employment under this scheme and the amount allocated and released to such districts;

(c) the economic, educational and social upliftment in the living standards of natives of the said districts due to the said allocations;

(d) whether it is a fact that the natives of the said districts have not got expected benefits from the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Waste land developed by National Waste Land Development Board

†1082. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of area of waste land in the country;

(b) the area of waste land developed so far;

(c) the area of waste land converted into cultivable land in Bihar during the last three years; and

(d) the programme formulated in this regard during this financial year by National Waste Land Development Board?

Converting infertile land into fertile

†1083. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one lakh acre land in the country turns infertile every year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make such land fertile again?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposals under SGSY from Kerala

1084. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRI THENNALA G.

BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Central Government from the State Governments of Karnataka and Kerala under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of proposals cleared by the Central Government;

(c) the details of proposals still pending with the Central Government;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by when these pending proposals will be cleared?

Food for Work Programme

1085. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the potential to ameliorate the acute rural distress through expanded Food for Work Programme, has been utilized to achieve the targeted results;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the horrific picture of inhuman conditions at the worksite, in the backward districts of Yavatmal, Hingoli and Nanded, as revealed during the visit of a study team to these sites; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the anticipated benefits of this Scheme duly percolate to the poorer sections of rural population?

Success of rural development scheme in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

†1086. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the centrally sponsored rural development schemes not achieving desired success in Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the amount released and the work done during the last three years particularly with regard to Azamgarh, Mau, Ambedkar Nagar, Sultanpur and Faizabad under CAPART, SGSY, EAS JGSY and PMGSY and the extent to which it is below the National average; and

(c) whether Government would provide a package in view of the backwardness of Eastern Uttar Pradesh?

Distribution of foodgrains under Food for Work Programme

†1087. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of distribution of foodgrains till June, 2005 under 'Food for Work' Programme;

(b) the number of States where this Scheme is in operation;

(c) the total assets built and work done under this Scheme till June, 2005; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under this Scheme as on June, 2005?

Schemes for rural youth, women, SCs/STs

1088. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented in the country for the rural youths, women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and weaker sections of the

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society of the rural areas; and

(b) the total amount incurred on the implementation of the above Schemes during the last three years?

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the sanctioned Central assistance is likely to be sanctioned to the State Government?

Shortfall in construction of houses during Ninth Plan

1089. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether shelterlessness was aimed to be removed by the end of 9th Five Year Plan but only 50.34 lakh houses were constructed/upgraded as of March, 2002 against the target of 109.53 lakh housing units;

(b) if so, the reasons for constructing/upgrading less number of houses; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the money released for rural housing was not spent on the programme but the money has been kept in deposits or mis-appropriated or incurred expenditure in excess of the approved norms?

Rural development schemes in Uttar Pradesh

†1090. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rural development schemes and the amount of Central assistance sought for the same the Government of Uttar Pradesh during the years 2003 and 2004 from Government of India;

(b) whether Government of India have sanctioned all the schemes;

Monitoring of implementation of NFFWP

1091. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry takes stock of the progress of implementation of the National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such mechanism have been developed to monitor the works at the ground level so that quality can be ensured; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fudged muster rolls in Food For Work Programme

1092. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that muster rolls have been fudged to siphon off funds from the National Food For Work Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the legal minimum wages as prescribed in the Programme has not been paid to the workers; and

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

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Reallocation of watershed targets in Maharashtra

1093. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has requested to Central Government to authorize the State Government to reallocate watershed targets at the district level in accordance with local conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

Connecting village with roads

†1094. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of such villages in Uttar Pradesh which have not been connected with concrete roads;

(b) the scheme of Central Government to connect the road-less villages to concrete roads; and

(c) by when all villages of Jharkhand State will be connected with concrete roads?

Achievement in the rural areas

1095. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made by Government in the rural areas in the last three years; and

(b) if the details of the scheme of Government which had benefited the most in the said period?

Capability and technology infusion in man-made fibre sector

1096. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India needs to further enhance the capability and infuse technology in man-made fibre sector keeping in view the increased consumption of man-made fibre in the world market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India even though a major producer of cotton yarn and fabric, the productivity of cotton as measured by yield, has been found to be lower than many countries;

(c) if so, the details of (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to boost textile sector in the context of (a) and (b) above?

Protection of Indian textile industry under SAFTA

1097. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many textile items are there in the negative list where tariff concessions can not be extended under the proposed SAFTA for SAARC countries;

(b) what kind of protection would be granted to Indian domestic textile industry under the proposed SAFTA;

(c) whether the Bangladesh Garment Industry would not be granted preferential status for the Indian market; and

(d) the details of specific clauses that are being incorporated into SAFTA for the protection of the Indian textile industry?

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Steps to promote textile industry

1098. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total cloth consumption in the country annually during the last three years;

(b) the factors that determine cloth consumption; and

(c) the steps taken to promote textile industry, particularly the handloom sector?

Priority to textile sector

1099. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile sector is receiving the utmost priority from Government through several reform measures;

(b) whether sick textile companies, especially National Textile Corporation are being revived through rehabilitation package;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor in the context of potential increase of India's share in world textile market?

Closure of major mills in Gujarat due to floods

†1100. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Textiles industry has been adversely affected due to recent terrific floods in Gujarat and consequently many major mills are lying closed;

(b) if so, whether State Government have requested Central Government for financial assistance to restart these mills;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the financial assistance sanctioned by Central Government to reopen these textiles mills?

Closure of cotton mills

†1101. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cotton mills already closed alongwith the number of mills decided to be closed by the Government in the country; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for rehabilitation of the employees of the closed mills?

Rehabilitation of labourers of closed NTC mills

†1102. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government for the rehabilitation of displaced labourers of the closed units of the NTC;

(b) whether it is a fact that the benefit to be given on voluntary retirement from service to the employees of closed mills is not in consonance with the benefit given to the employees of other organizations;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken to remove such disparity and solve the problems of the labourers?

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Weight based refund under Duty Drawback Scheme

1103. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced weight based refund under Duty Drawback Scheme instead of per-piece norms;

(b) if so, whether it is not a fact that the industry has incurred a loss to the tune of Rs. 1500 crores due to Government's apathy on the issue; and

(c) how the Ministry is coordinating with the Finance Ministry in this regard to save the textile trade in the country?

Technology Mission on Jute

1104. SHRI C. PERUMAL:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute Technology Mission is being implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives given for exports of jute products?

Pitiable condition of weavers in the country

†1105. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the condition of the weavers in the country, particularly of the eastern UP is pitiable and they are on the verge of starvation;

(b) whether Government are formulating a plan for the purchase of clothes made by them to improve the condition of the weavers so that there may be resuscitation of the weavers of the areas like Akbarpur, Tanda, Varanasi, Azamgarh, Mubarakpur and Bhiwandi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Grants from TMC

†1106. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different market committees from the State of Maharashtra have sent 15 proposals to Technology Mission on Cotton for grant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision going to be taken by Government in this regard?

Closure of loss making units of NTC

1107. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Textiles Corporation has been incurring losses in the operation of its various units during the past few years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) in view of the high wage component whether it is feasible to continue their operations and incur further losses; and

(d) as an alternative whether Government would consider closing the loss making units and utilize the funds for other textile units for their upgradation?

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Apparel Park at Bellary

1108. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received

any proposal for establishment of Apparel
Park at Bellary;

(b) if so, the present status thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be released
for the same?

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