

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 3, 2003/Agrahayana 12, 1925 (Saka)

(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—87

Private participation in coal trade

109. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the
Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal
has been formulated to liberalise norms for
allotment of captive blocks of coal mines to
private sector and permit trading of coal
through private participation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the
specific blocks, if any, for such allotments?

Promoting coal sector in Madhya
Pradesh

110. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will
the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
promote the coal sector in Madhya Pradesh
with the help of State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Import of defective navigation
equipment by O.F., Medak

111. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ordnance

Factory, Medak imported navigation
equipments;

(b) if so, the details and cost thereof;

(c) whether C & AG *vide* his report
No. 6 of 2003 has observed that these
equipments were defective and were not
verified and tested during the period of
warranty;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the loss caused and action taken in
the matter?

Joint exercises between IAF and
British Special Air Services

112. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force is likely to
have joint exercises with British Special
Air Services;

(b) whether details in this regard have
been finalised; and

(c) when these exercises are likely to be
held?

**Establishment of Defence
University in Haryana**

113. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set
up a Defence University in Haryana;
- (b) if so, the place where this University
is to be set up; and
- (c) by when the work in this regard is
likely to start and the University would
become functional?

Production of SU-30 by HAL

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that HAL propose
to bring out SU 30s next year;
- (b) if so, whether our engineers are now
fully capable of manufacturing this in the
country, and how our engineers are proposed
to be trained; and
- (c) whether all the problems which earlier
had dogged the engine system, have been
sorted out and a fully safe-proof system has
been developed by our own men?

**Defence deals approved and
sanctioned**

115. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of defence
deals/projects involving upgradation of
equipment/arms approved and sanctioned
in the last three years and the amount of
funds sanctioned therefor;
- (b) whether all the approved projects/
deals have been completed;

(c) if so, the amount of funds utilized
till date;

(d) if not, the number of projects still
pending and when they are expected to be
completed; and

(e) whether any delay has occurred in
any deal/project and if so, the reasons
therefor?

**Tripartite treaty for development of
AWACS**

116. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government
has recently signed a Tripartite treaty with
Israel and Russia for developing AWACS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of funds involved in the
whole project; and
- (d) the number of such AWACS planes
that would be developed and where they
would be deployed?

**Development of indigenous
Airborne Early Warning and
Control System**

117. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

- (a) whether India has decided to develop
its indigenous Airborne Early Warning and
Control System;
- (b) if so, whether help from other
countries will be sought for this project;
- (c) if so, the countries whose help will
be obtained; and
- (d) the details in this regard?

Medium of defence service examinations

118. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to include Hindi to be one of the medium of defence service examinations;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a decision; whether this decision will put the aspiring candidates from the Hindi region at an advantageous position;

(c) whether Government propose to include all recognized regional languages in the question papers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Chief of Defence Staff

119. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish the post for a Chief of Defence Staff who will oversee and control all three arms of the services; and

(b) if so, when will this structural change in the armed forces be effected and the views of Government on this?

Joint control centres at IAF airbases

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF decided to consider setting up of joint control centres at IAF's airbases so as to enable the civilian aircraft can be parked in IAF controlled air space;

(b) how the Ministry of Defence is co-ordinating with the Ministry of Civil Aviation in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence suggested to the Ministry of Civil Aviation to start first 'notice-based' flying; and

(d) if so, the details of the "Notice-Based" flying?

Import of T-90 tanks from Russia

121. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of T-90 tanks imported from Russia; and

(b) whether T-90 is capable of countering T-80 tanks acquired by Pakistan from Ukraine?

Admiral Gorshkov

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

(a) whether India has concluded the final deal on the acquisition of Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov, during the recent visit of our Prime Minister to Russia;

(b) whether India has the expertise to assess the sea-worthiness of Admiral Gorshkov and whether any international experts/valuers were engaged to evaluate the deal; and

(c) to what extent the acquisition of Admiral Gorshkov will enhance our naval capabilities?

Import of bullet proof jackets

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

are planning to import bullet-proof jackets for our Jawans to fight with terrorists and enemies;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any field tests have been conducted;
- (d) if so, the out come of the field tests; and
- (e) the specifications that the Ministry has set in for importing bullet proof jackets?

Recruitment of foreign nationals in Defence forces

124. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the nationals of PoK and Bangladesh have been recruited in the Defence forces through recruitment centres as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to recheck the antecedents of new recruits in Defence forces in the past few years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Grounding of Sukhoi-30 fighters

125. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sukhoi-30 fighter planes have been grounded on detection of 'nicks' in the engine blades; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to get the defective parts replaced free of cost by the manufacturers?

Occupation of defence land

126. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of private parties including Army Wives Welfare Association who have been occupying defence lands and have not got lease agreement renewed;
- (b) the reasons therefor and loss caused thereby; and
- (c) the action taken to rectify the error?

Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher

127. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation have the technology for production of Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for purchasing rocket launcher from Tata Group and not producing by DRDO?

Acquisition of American attack helicopters by Pakistan

128. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps Government are contemplating to counter Pakistan's acquisition of American attack helicopters;
- (b) the weapon-delivery system these helicopters are equipped with and how high and deep these can fly; and
- (c) what is our threat perception in regard to this development?

Spurious Liquor

129. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious liquor is being sold clandestinely in the capital market as genuine Indian Made Foreign Liquor, issued by the Canteen Stores/ Department;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Military police has recently arrested a few persons found involved in the sale of such spurious liquor in the capital; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the accused persons?

Raising of Territorial Army with ex-militants

130. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to raise a Territorial Army with ex-militants to counter insurgency;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken by Government to tackle and to stop spread of insurgency in different parts of the country?

Accidents in Bharat Dynamic Ltd.

131. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many major and minor accidents have occurred in Bharat Dynamic Ltd., Hyderabad during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the number of workers killed or injured in such accidents, year-wise and total loss caused in accident;

(c) the compensation paid to the affected ones in each of these accidents; and

(d) the preventive measures taken to avoid such accidents in future?

Mid-air collision between drone and MIG-21

132. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-air collision between a newly-acquired drone and a MIG-21 fighter has occurred over the Bhatinda airbase in Punjab on October, 24, 2003; and

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

Funds for Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal

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

(a) the amount of civic amenities like potable water, sanitation and construction of roads during the year 2003-04 to the various Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that all these Cantonment Boards have not been able to maintain civic amenities for want of funds;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for allocation of additional funds to these Cantonment Boards; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Contract for purchase of
HAWK-115**

134. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have signed a contract for the purchase of
66 HAWK Type-115 trainer aircraft from
British Aerospace after an evaluation period
of 20 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Rapid
Action Force are now flying an advanced
version of the HAWK, Type-128, which
indicates that the Type-115 is now
obsolete; and

(c) if so, the reason for Government
opting for the obsolete Type-115 when the
current Type-126 is now in service?

**Procurement of Phalcon Early
Warning System**

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

(a) whether India has recently signed
deals on procurement of Phalcon Early
Warning System with Israel and Control
Radar equipment with Russia;

(b) if so, whether these Phalcon systems
from Israel will be mounted on IL-76
Russian made aircrafts; and

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that Russia
has suspended production of IL-76 version
and if so, how India propose to use the
Phalcon systems contracted with Isreal?

**Pension to Territorial Army
Personnel**

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

(a) whether Government at any point

of time decided to award pension to any
category of persons belonging to Territorial
Army who had fought the three battles of
1962, 1965 and 1971;

(b) whether Government propose to
award pension to thse persons; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

Vacancies in Coast Guard

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

(a) the details of vacancies in the Coast
Guard lying vacant during the last five
years; year-wise and category-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that shortage of
men and material in Coast Guard is affecting
the challenges to internal security posed
by the increasing use of sea lanes for
terrorists movement, gun running and
narcotics smuggling; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to
overcome the difficulties?

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

138. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the proposal made by Hindu Welfare Society
Kashmir about "clusterisation" of Pandits
setting 10-15 Pandit families that are fully
integrated with a wider Muslim
neighbourhood and adequately protected by
security forces, and later, if successful,
such clusters could be increased and
uprooted Pandit families brought back from
Jammu region and also from other parts of
the country; and

(b) if so, whether such a scheme will be
launched especially when conditions are
becoming comparatively better under the
present political set-up?

**Allotment of employees between
U.P. and Uttaranchal**

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

(a) whether the State of Uttaranchal has referred certain disputed issues to Central Government for decision with regard to matter of allotment of employees between the State of Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of such cases alongwith the steps taken by Central Government in this regard?

**Co-ordination Committee to deal
naxal menace**

140. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Co-ordination Committee on Naxal-affected States headed by Union Home Secretary, formed about five years back has made any recommendations and evolved common strategies to effectively deal with naxal menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether their implementation resulted in denting the lethal infliction of Naxal attacks; and

(c) what are the long-term plans, both political and strategic, to gradually eliminate Naxal activities?

**Achievement under Accelerated
Power Development and Reforms
Programme**

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

(a) whether the envisaged objectives under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) have

been achieved after utilizing Rs. 15,000 crores released by Government during the last two years;

(b) if so, whether these achievements have resulted of cash losses by the State Electricity Board and also generation of more power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Threat to Hindi speaking people
by ULFA**

142. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in North Eastern States particularly in Assam, the Hindi speaking people have been asked to quit or face consequences by ULFA and other groups;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on such developments;

(c) whether Government has discussed the situation with the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Concern over rape cases in Delhi

143. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media report 'Court concerned over rapes in Delhi' which appeared in the media recently;

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

(c) whether a high-power Co-ordination Committee will be constituted to review present crime situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Tamil as official languages of
Union Government**

144. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand for declaration of 'Tamil' as one of the official languages of the Union Government; and

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

Undertrials in jails

145. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of jail population in India are undertrials;

(b) if so, the total jail population and the number of undertrials;

(c) the State-wise details of the percentage of the undertrials and duration of their stay;

(d) the expenditure on account of their stay in jails; and

(e) the steps being taken to reduce the burden of undertrials in the jails which are in fact already over crowded?

**Spurt in Cases of rape, dacoity,
murder etc. in Delhi**

146. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming spurt in the cases of rapes, dacoities, murders, kidnappings and chain-snatching in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) the reported cases in each category, district-wise during the year 2003, month-wise; and

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

**Increase in theft and robbery
cases in Delhi**

147. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that theft and robbery cases have tremendously increased in the Capital during the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of accused who have been arrested for their involvement of those cases; and

(d) what is the number of cases which are yet to be solved?

Modernisation of Police

148. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry's proposal for modernizing police in States has not so far been considered;

(b) if so, whether the High Court on August 1, 2003 had asked the Ministry to submit a time-bound plan for computerizing Delhi Police records, providing more personnel for security wing and other functions;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for not implementing the police reforms; and

(d) by when Government are likely to come forward to have police reforms to improve the security of the country?

Payment of freedom fighters pension

149. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pertaining to pension payments to freedom fighters are pending with Government;

(b) if so, how many such cases are pending, State-wise and what steps are being taken to clear these cases; and

(c) whether some officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs have been caught red-handed by the CBI for accepting bribe in clearing freedom fighters' pension cases, and if so, the details thereof?

Communal clashes

150. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of communal clashes, that took place all over India during 1998-2003;

(b) the number of persons killed in those incidents; and

(c) the quantum of property loss in terms of money in those incidents?

Invitation to Hurriyat leaders for discussions

151. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have decided to invite Hurriyat leaders for discussions with him on Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of Hurriyat leaders?

Spurt in infiltration in J and K

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

(a) whether there was a spurt in infiltration by terrorists from across the Line of Control in the State of Jammu and Kashmir during the months of July to September, 2003 as a result of which there was an increae in terrorist related cases of violence;

(b) if so, the number of civilians killed and injured during the period from 1.7.2003 till date and the number of terrorists and their local sympathizers killed and injured during the same period, separately; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to control, contain and eliminate terrorism from the State?

Increase in naxalite activities

153. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalite activities are on the increase in the country especially in selected pockets of the country;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to curb this menace;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tackling of left wing extremism

154. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the measures to tackle left wing extremism in nine affected States;

(b) if so, the action plan proposed; and

(c) the additional funds arranged and sanctioned for affected districts of Andhra Pradesh to check left wing extremist activities?

Publication of 'Crime in India-2001'

155. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Crime Index Bureau under the Home Ministry has published any report as 'Crime in India-2001';

(b) if so, what are the year-wise figures relating to major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, etc.; and

(c) the number of atrocities against women in the country and in different States if indicated in the said crime report?

Efforts to combat insurgency in North-Eastern Region

156. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up an umbrella organization for meeting the challenge of the insurgency activities in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be put in place;

(c) whether the proposed organization would include the representatives of the affected States in the North-Eastern Region; and

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

Increase in rape cases in Delhi

157. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME

AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of rape have increased manifold in the NCT of Delhi during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of cases reported and registered in various police stations;

(c) whether the National Commission for women (NCW) have criticized the Government of serious lapses in treating the raped women recently; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken on the report of NCW?

Negotiations with NSCN (IM)

158. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) the progress of negotiations with NSCN (IM) group;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fear in a number of North-Eastern States that these negotiations may undermine their territorial integrity;

(c) whether Governments of these State have approached the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what assurances, if any have been given to these States on behalf of the Central Government?

Steps taken to present Hyderabad from

159. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of major terrorist strikes which took place recently in Mumbai, Gujarat and elsewhere in the country were found

to have Hyderabad connections;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to liquidate terrorists' clusters in the city and prevent it from being a safe haven for militant activities?

Decentralisation of FCRA approvals

160. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have considered the pros and cons of this sudden decisions;

(b) what will be the mechanism by which the Centre will be able to monitor or check illegal funds coming into country for anti national activities; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the said decision?

Environmental pollution due to uranium mining in AP

161. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uranium mining and processing project in Nalgonda (AP) is increasing environmental pollution in the State; and

(b) the measures taken to ensure safety of people residing around the area?

Bauxite mining by MMCS

† 162. SHRI NANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) if so, whether it is also a fact that the tribals opposing such move are being suppressed brutally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Non utilisation of existing capacity of wind power

163. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is generating only 1950 MW Wind power whereas the existing capacity is 4000 MW;

(b) if so, the details where wind power is being used and the reasons for less utilization of existing capacity; and

(c) what are the plans set out fo utilization of wind energy during next two years?

Generation of power from non-conventional energy sources

164. SHRIDINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to enhance the quantum of non-conventional energy sources to augment the power generation in the country;

(b) what is the quantum of Solar-energy being generated at present and at what cost; and

(c) what research and development projects are presently contemplated to enhance generation of Solar-energy?

Annual report of CVC

165. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Annual Report 2001 of CVC is yet to be submitted/ presented; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons behind such a move?

Delinking DA from pension payments

166. SMT. BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to delink DA from pension payments, to bail out the states from mounting pension liabilities;

(b) if so, whether the pension expenses of the states have increased four-fold during the last five years, making up almot 20 per cent of their Budget; and

(c) whether Government has set up a high powered committee of State Secretaries to defuse the pension crises of State Governments, and if so, the findings of the Committee?

Tenure for cadre posts of the IAS and IPS in States

167. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many State have accepted the proposal of the Central Government to fix a minimum tenure for the cadre posts of the IAS and IPS in the States; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken by the Central Government if some States do not accept the Centre's proposal for fixing such a minimum tenure for cadre posts?

Recommendations of Surendra Nath Committee

168. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the five-member group of experts headed by formed U.P.S.C. Chairman, Surendra Nath to recommend changes in the present system of performance appraisal, promotions etc. in the Central Secretariat Services, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the highlights of major recommendations made by the group and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Effect of power reforms on SEB's losses

169. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recnt report, the Government has disclosed that the cumulative losses of the SEB's has come down by Rs. 5,000 crores in the last two years due to the effect of the reforms introduced;

(b) whether the Electricity Act was a necessary condition for overall improvement and viability of the power industry; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any other plans on the subject?

Delegation of approval power to the State Governments

170. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded powers to State Governments to approve hydro electric and thermal power projects;

(b) if so, whether a large number of state

power projects responding for approval with the Union Government; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

50,000 MW initiative by PM

† 171. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) whether Prime Minister has launched a plan called "50,000 MW initiative" under which 162 schemes hav been identified;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether these schems would be implemented in the State also; and
(d) if so, the states in which these schemes are likely to be implemented?

Power generation target in H.P.

172. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) the details of power generation capacity targets fixed for Himachal Pradesh for the Tenth Five Year Plan period;
(b) whether Government have formulated any strategy to achieve the targets by the state; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to states in the field of power

† 173. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) the states which are facing difficulties in power distribution;
(b) whether Government have made any scheme fo promoting and providing assistance to the states in the field of power;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and

Government have decided to provide to each of the states during the current financial year?

Power generating units in Assam

174. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) the total number of power generating units in Assam in present;
(b) whether Government are considering the establish new power plants to help the State of Assam in its current power crisis;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Losses incurred by SEBs

† 175. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) the details of total financial losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during the last three years;
(b) the details of financial aid provided by Government during this period, year-wise and State-wise;
(c) the effective action proposed to be taken by Government to reduce losses and make State Electricity Boards self-reliant during next three years?

Setting up Rural electrification (Supply) Technology Mission

176. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Power Ministry has joined hands with the Ministry of Non-

† Original question raised in this di.

conventional Energy Sources to set up the Rural Electrification (Supply) Technology Mission through the decentralized generation system;

(b) if so, whether the objective of the mission is to provide power to all villages by 2007 and to all households by 2012;

(c) if so, what are the other main objectives of this Mission;

(d) what progress in this regard has being made; and

(e) to what extent the villages have so far been covered under this plan?

Revival of D.P.C.

177. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to revive the Dabhol Power Company; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

IAY houses for SCs/STs and weaker sections in Himachal Pradesh

178. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people belonging to SC/ST and Other weaker sections who have been provided housing facilities under the Indira Awas Yojana in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise, district-wise and community-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are many such poor families in the State who have not been considered for such facilities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for ignoring them?

Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

179. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) is functional in all the States as on date;

(b) if so, funds allotted for SGRY and funds utilized during the last two years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number of man day of employment targetted to be generated and the actual number of mendays generates under SGRY, during the last two years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the details of work completed under SGRY during last two years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise?

Handpumps installed in NER

180. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to total number of handpumps installed in NER, particularly in the State of Assam under the National Drinking Water Scheme during the period 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(b) the total amount sanctioned, released and incurred by Government fo above purpose during this period?

Galibaha-chamurkha-Jafrapur road in Sultanpur, U.P.

181. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Galibaha-Chamurkha-Jafrapur roa in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh has been proposed

to be included in the project proposals for the year 2002-03 under PMGSY;

(b) if so, whether funds earmarked for the aforesaid roa have been released and works have started;

(c) if so, the details thereof including fund executing agency and period of completion;

(d) if not, the reasons fo delay and by when the works is takeup to be started; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure early execution of the project?

Rural connectivity in Andhra Pradesh during Tenth Plan

182. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified unconnected rural habitations in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States to provide road connectivity during the Tenth Plan period under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

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

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rajiv Ganhi Drinking Water Mission Projetcts in NER

183. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects taken up in the State of Assam under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission;

(b) the present status of the work on the projects; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government for completion of its peojects?

Development of handicrafts

184. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted by Government for development, promotion and upliftment of handicrafts in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for development of handicrafts in the country; and

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

Special Promotional Schemes for Handloom Sector

†185. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the handloom industry has the capacity of generating maximum job opportunities compared tom the textile industry of the country;

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

(c) whether Government have introduced any special promotional schemes for expansion and development of the said sector during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of average annual expenditure incurred on the said schemes?

Export of extles products

†186. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile industries of the country export its product to other countries of the world;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the total values of textles products exported by the industries during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-203; and

(c) the total value of textiles produced under mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector?

Skill training centres for weavers in M.P.

187. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to create new skill training centres for weavers in M.P.;

(b) if so, whether the centres would be equipped with modrn and latest technology; and

(c) how many weaver cetnres are running in the State presently?

Deendayal Weavers schemes in Madhya Pradesh

188. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any budgetary allocation to encourage "Deendayal weavers scheme" in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) if not, the reasonf therefor?

Textiles industries in the country

189. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many extiles industries are in the country as on 31st October, 2003;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether some of these textiles industries/units have been wound up due to lack of finance; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering any scheme to revive the sick units?

Modernization of textile mills

190. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to modrnize some textile mills in the country;

(b) if so, the location wise details of such textile mills;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from Intgernational Financial Institution including World Bank for providing financial assistance for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the detals of financial allocation made by Central Government during the 10th Plan?

TUFS Extended upto 2007

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

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Technology Upgradation fund Scheme has been extended upto March, 2007;

(b) if so, whether small units of powerloom industries decentralised under the scheme are to be extended the benefits; and

(c) if so, the details of powerloom industrial units likely to be benefited with the scheme?

Providing assistance to textile mills under TUFS

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

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Technology upgradation Fund Scheme has been introduced by the Government to provide financial assistance for the modernization of textile industry;

(b) if so, the date on which the said scheme was introduced; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance provided to the industrial units of textile mills, Powerloom and Handloom sector under the said scheme till the end of March 2003, separately?

Development of non-mulberry silkworm rearing

193. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-mulberry silkworm rearing is picking up in the South and this would add to the income of the farmers of the area;

(b) whether Sericulture is also proposed to be brought to Orissa to help the beleaguers farmers of the State to add to their income, on the lines of Southern

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States; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

India's share in the world textile market

194. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India's share in the world textile market is only three percent against China's 10 percent;

(b) if so, whether any target have been fixed to increase our share from 3 percent and in monetary terms, what is the anticipated earning in foreign exchange during 2003-2004;

(c) whether we are exploring new markets, along with the traditional markets for textile business exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to sericulture farmers of Southern States

195. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released financial assistance to Southern States to give relief to Sericulture farmers in view of consistent drought conditions in these States;

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

(c) what role Central Silk Board has played in mitigating the Ordeals of Sericulture farmers in view of drought condition in these States?

DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO
Secretary General

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