

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the May 4, 2005/Vaisakha 14, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

**Total number of questions —155**

#### **Export growth target for 2005-06**

4331. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-  
CHARYA:

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

(a) the overall export growth target fixed  
by Government for the year 2005-06;

(b) the sector-wise target achieved under  
the medium term export strategy 2002-07,  
so far;

(c) whether Government has announced  
any Export Policy for the year 2005-06;  
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Fast tract clearance scheme to Export Oriented Units**

4332. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has declared that  
the fast track clearance scheme, which seeks  
to expedite customs clearances to qualified  
EOUs, would be in operation within the  
next two to three weeks;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been  
incorporated in the Exim Policy 2002-07;

(c) whether the fast track clearance  
procedure for EOUs having status holders  
certificate shall be notified separately;

(d) if so, to what extent this fast track  
clearance scheme will be helpful to the  
exporters; and

(e) by what date it is likely to be  
announced and implemented?

#### **Export of meat**

†4333. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the  
Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of meat exported to  
other countries from India during the last  
year and the total amount earned through  
this export;

(b) whether Government propose to  
levy sales tax on this export of meat; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Export of ruber and rubber products**

4334. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of rubber and

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rubber products produced in the country annually;

(b) what is the local consumption of rubber products in the country;

(c) what is the total value both in quantity and value of exports of rubber products for the last three financial years; and

(d) what steps are taken to increase the export of rubber products in the near future?

#### **High export potential to Iraq**

4335. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scope and demand for Indian goods in Iraq;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any initiatives in this regard particularly in relation to export of electrical items, textiles and food items;

(c) if so, the details thereof specifying concessions proposed to be given to boost exports to Iraq; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Import of ferrous scraps**

4336. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries from where ferrous scraps are imported by India; and

(b) what preventive provisions are there so that no radioactive scrap is imported?

#### **Loss to Indian Industry due to Tsunami**

4337. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss by Indian Industry due to Tsunami has been quantified;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to revamp the industry;

(c) whether Government has assessed the damage suffered by fishing industry due to Tsunami; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the marine exports committed during the current financial year?

#### **India's share of exports in international trade**

‡4338. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India's share of exports in international trade is almost negligible;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India stands at 24th place in the list of 30 major importing countries;

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

(d) whether it is also a fact that the country is still suffering economic loss in export-import trade?

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**Promotion of "Yen Loan Projects" in India**

4339. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held discussions with Japan to promote "Yen Loan Projects" in India;

(b) if so, whether any specific industrial or trade projects have been identified for investment through Yen Loans by Japan;

(c) the expected investment from Japan in India in 2005-06;

(d) the States where such potential investment projects have been identified; and

(e) the steps being taken to encourage more Japanese investment in India?

**Trade discussions with Singapore**

4340. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government held discussions at Ministerial level on trade matters with Singapore recently;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome of such talks in Singapore;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) had announced that trade talks with India have reached the "last half-mile mark";

(d) if so, what are the obstacles in completing trade talks with Singapore; and

(e) which are the issues which are holding back the signing of an economic cooperation agreement to increase trade with Singapore?

**Expert Group on Patents Legislation**

4341. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has set up an expert group to look into the Patents Legislation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the expert committee is expected to submit its report?

**Meeting of NMCC**

4342. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first meeting of the newly constituted National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council has taken place recently;

(b) the details of the discussions that took place in the meeting; and

(c) the decision taken?

**GOM on SEZs**

4343. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Group of Ministers on Central Legislation for Special Economic Zones under Chairmanship of Defence Minister has finalized its position, clearing path for a unified and stable export incentive and fiscal policy regime for units operating in these zones; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations made by this Group of Ministers and whether any legislation is

being considered for giving a final touch on special zones formation?

**Sale of tea from small producers through auctions**

4344. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what actions Government propose to take to ensure sale of tea from small producers through auctions;

(b) whether Government are aware of some syndicates considering the bids in the auction houses and retail prices of tea in the domestic market; and

(c) if so, how Government ensures remunerative prices for tea in the auction houses?

**Export of dairy products**

†4345. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of dairy products during the last three years has shot up despite India holding marginal ranking in production of milk in the world;

(b) if so, the year-wise import of the same during the said period;

(c) the steps being taken for importing the same; and

(d) the names of the States leading in milk production?

**Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06**

4346. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Foreign Trade Policy 2005-06;

(b) the export targets fixed for agriculture, textiles, gems and jewellery and marine products; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to achieve the export target fixed for these sectors?

**Curbs on indiscriminate import of cotton and edible oil**

4347. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to curb indiscriminate import of cotton and edible oils which had led to a fall in prices of these commodities in the domestic market leading to a crisis;

(b) if so, the modalities and mode of monitoring such curbs;

(c) if not, the reasons for not implementing vigorous constant monitoring curbs;

(d) whether Government propose to increase import duty on cotton and edible oils and impose restrictive import quantities measures to encourage domestic sales; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decline in export of molasses and fruits/vegetables**

4348. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of molasses and fruits/vegetables seeds has declined in the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase the exports?

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**Indian goods to Afghanistan through  
Pakistan**

4349. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian  
goods are not being permitted to  
Afghanistan through Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government has held  
any talks with Pakistan in this regard;

(c) the details of such talks;

(d) the outcome thereof; and

(e) the likely income to be generated?

**New initiatives for increasing trade  
between India and China**

†4350. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will  
the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China have taken  
some new initiatives for increasing the  
mutual trade between the two countries; if  
so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India and China have  
entered into any new trade agreement to  
widen trade relations with the ASEAN  
countries by further strengthening mutual  
trade relations between the two countries;  
if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the frequency of air cargo  
service is going to be increased to strengthen  
the trade relations between India and China;  
if so, the details thereof?

**Border trade through PANGSAUNG  
PASS**

4351. SHRIMATI MOHSINA  
KIDWAI: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Custom  
Station namely 'PANGSAUNG PASS' has  
been recently in operation on the Indo-  
Myanmar Border in the State of Arunachal  
Pradesh for two days only in a month for  
the purpose of border trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether  
barter trade is permissible on that station  
and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, by when 'PANGSAUNG  
PASS' is likely to be opened for Indo-  
Myanmar border trade;

(d) whether a Chinese delegation  
recently expressed interest in the opening  
of the said route; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction  
thereto?

**Discussions on trade prospects and  
problems with Japan**

4352. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:  
SHRIMATI KAMLA  
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether talks were held with the  
Japanese Minister of Trade and Economy  
recently on trade prospects and problems;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the  
talks in Tokyo ended with an agreement to  
further strengthen dialogue within the ambit  
of the India-Japan Economic Partnership  
Agreement;

(c) what specific steps were suggested  
to give life to the stagnant trade with Japan;

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(d) whether it is a fact that trade relations with Japan are on the decline; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to increase border trade with China**

4353. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any efforts to secure overland access to Chinese markets through Nathu La and other border points;

(b) whether there is any trade between India and China through roads and border towns presently;

(c) whether Government had discussed the issue of cross-border trade with China through roads;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Chinese Government;

(e) what steps will be taken to increase border trade with China; and

(f) the details of steps proposed?

**Fall in tea production**

4354. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tea production in the country for the period 1st January to 31st December, 2004 was 82.02 crore kilograms as compared to the tea production for the same period in 2003 which was 85.75 crore kilograms;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the fall in production of tea;

(c) whether it is true that some Northern States like Jammu and Kashmir,

Uttaranchal, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh have also reported tea production in recent years; and

(d) if so, what incentives the Ministry proposes to give to these States for the production of tea?

**Legislation on SEZ**

4355. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed legislation on SEZ is on the lines of SEZ legislation of China;

(b) if not, how India specific SEZ legislation proposes to foster competition with other countries of the world; and

(c) the details of SEZs in the country, State-wise?

**Decline in steel exports**

‡4356. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of steel has come down during the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the export of steel?

**Closure of major, medium and SSIs**

4357. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of major, medium and small scale industries which have been closed or on the verge of closure for the last three years;

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(b) the effective steps being taken to revive these industries in National interest; and

(c) the number of sick industries that were revived during the last year and the number of industries to be revived during the current year?

**Plight of farmers and small traders under new laws**

†4358. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the new laws which the Government of India propose to bring forward under the influence of multinational companies, W.T.O. and World Bank, may restrict the freedom of seed and grain of the Indian farmers;

(b) if so, whether these efforts may entrap the small industries, farmers and traders in a neo-license regime and inspector regime and whether the new laws may prove to be dangerous for the farmers seed and grains freedom; and

(c) if so, the measures Government are likely to take to protect the farmers, small traders and industries from them?

**Price of Vanilla beans**

4359. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware about the sharp fall in production of "Vanilla" beans;

(b) what are the steps taken by Government to help the farmers; and

(c) whether Government propose to announce any floor price for "Vanilla"?

**Talks for enhancing Indo-Pak Trade and Economic Cooperation**

4360. DR. AKHILESH DAS:  
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS  
KAUR:

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

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Indian delegation headed by the Union Minister of External Affairs, any talks for enhancing Indo-Pak trade and economic cooperation were held in Islamabad; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the agreement of understanding reached as a result thereof?

**Exim trade by EOUs**

†4361. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the total Exim trade of the country that export oriented industrial units accounted for during the last two years;

(b) the total amount of foreign exchange earned by the above units during the last two years; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that being export-oriented units these are getting many economic concessions from the Government and if so, the total amount of concessions granted to these units during the above period?

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**Funds allocated for setting up industries**

‡4362. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money allocated by Government to set up various industries in the country specially in the rural areas during the last five years;
- (b) the district-wise/State-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the above amount of money allocated by Government is sufficient for establishing industries in these areas;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

**Effect of tea import on domestic producers**

‡4363. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that domestic producers are facing a lot of difficulties due to increase in the import of tea during the last three years; and
- (b) if so, the action being taken by Government to reduce the import of tea?

**Mechanism to study problems of industry**

4364. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has evolved a mechanism to study the problems being

faced by industry from time to time;

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

**SEZ in Bellary, Hubli and Mysore**

4365. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested to set up Special Economic Zones in Bellary, Hubli and Mysore in Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

**Imposition of strict norms for import of Indian Shrimp by Japan**

4366. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Japan, like the EU, has imposed strict standards for import of shrimp from India, following the presence of banned antibiotics in some consignments; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure that shrimps exported to Japan are free from banned antibiotics?

**Imposition of non-tariff barriers by developed countries**

4367. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that non-tariff barriers imposed by developed countries are creating a lot of problem to the exporters;

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(b) if so, whether India contemplate any appropriate steps in the light of the above unfair and non-transparent measures taking by developed countries of the world; and

(c) which are the main developed countries who are imposing non-tariff barriers against India?

#### **Industrial units in the country**

†4368. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial units functioning in the country particularly in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of sick industrial units out of the same and the reasons for their sickness;

(c) whether Government are formulating any scheme to revive such sick industrial units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Growth trends of leather Industry**

4369. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our leather industry is on the up-swing and has moved on to a positive territory by achieving a good growth in dollar terms;

(b) if so, what are its growth trends and which are its international markets; and

(c) the kinds of incentives Government propose to give to this industry to help it further expand its business?

#### **Increase in foreign trade deficit**

4370. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of increase in country's foreign trade deficit during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the widening gap between imports and exports; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government for increasing India's exports?

#### **Stadium for civilian population in Ranikhet**

†4371. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any big playground or stadium is available for the civilian population near cantonment council in Ranikhet, Utranchal;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for the improvement, extension of the said stadium; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Discussions between USA and India regarding purchase of arms, fighter aircrafts and ships**

†4372. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions between the USA and India have been held recently regarding purchase of arms, fighter aircrafts and ships for the Navy etc. in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether some agreements have been signed for the same recently?

**Procurement of multi-role combat aircraft**

4373. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent decision of the US permitting US companies to bid for 126 multi-role combat aircraft to India, will facilitate licensed production of F-16 and F-18 aircrafts in India; and

(b) whether India is still keeping its options open for acquiring Israeli, French and South African made fighters for gradual replacement of the ageing MIG squadron with IAF?

**Procurement of F-16 fighter planes**

4374. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the IAF is not in favour of acquiring F-16 fighter planes from USA A-1;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering purchase of F-16 planes from the point of view of political and diplomatic angle; and

(c) what are the considerations before the Government to acquire F-16 which did not find favour with IAF?

**Validity of nursing certificate**

4375. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Army Medical Corps issues about 2000 nursing certificate every year

to its nursing assistants at the time of their retirement;

(b) whether these nursing certificates issued by the Army Medical Corps are not recognized by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Human Resource Development and these army personnel are not able to get jobs in the Government organizations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Defence Ministry to sort out the issue for the welfare of jobless retired nursing assistants of army?

**Extortion racket run by Indian Army Officers**

4376. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior officers of the Indian Army have been accused of posing as Naga rebels to run a kidnapping and extortion racket in the tea gardens of Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of officers involved in the racket; and

(c) what action has been taken against them?

**Compulsory military training**

4377. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any proposal for compulsory military training to all the young citizens so that their services can be utilized during any emergency-crisis in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Promotions in IAF and Navy

4378. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that promotions in IAF and Navy have been made time bound;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any bench mark has been prescribed for satisfactory performance in lower rank for time bound promotion; and

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

### Shortage of civilian manpower in Navy

4379. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy is facing a shortage of civilian manpower finding it difficult to run workshops for maintenance of warships and equipment;

(b) whether the Navy has sounded the Government that it would not be able to operate the newly commissioned Sea Bird project at Karwar unless it is provided adequate number of civilian staff; and

(c) whether the Navy has assessed the shortage of civilian manpower at 31 per cent of its total requirements?

### Agreement with US to rescue submarines in distress

4380. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US have agreed to reach an agreement for American assistance for Indian naval submarines which are in distress and for purchase for submarine rescue vehicles;

(b) if so, what are main decisions US has taken to improve submarines for Indian Navy;

(c) whether any agreement in this regard has been reached between the two countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) to what extent US Navy has been able to aid Indian submarines which were in distress; and

(f) to what extent this will help to improve the capability and shortcomings of India Naval forces?

### Corruption in armed forces

†4381. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the news of increasing corruption in all the three wings of armed forces has tarnished its image;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the above said reasons the internal bickerings among officers and personnels is being dragged into various courts;

(c) the details of such cases being dragged in different courts of the country; and

(d) whether Government are considering any comprehensive plan to prevent corruption and for bringing transparency in the working of the armed forces?

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**Production of BrahMos missiles**

4382. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
SHRIMATI VANGA  
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has placed any orders for the BrahMos;

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

(c) whether Government had identified its vessels in which the BrahMos missiles would be fitted;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) how many industries in India are taking part in the production of BrahMos missiles; and

(f) how many industries from Russia are taking part in the production of BrahMos missiles?

**Development of SEDS**

4383. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had received any proposal from Government of Karnataka in the year 2003 for development of Storm Water Drainage System (SEDS);

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving clearance to the proposal; and

(c) the time by when this Solid Waste Disposal Act is likely to be cleared?

**Strict rules for private sector aviation**

4384. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether IAF has suggested to the Government to have strict rules for private sector aviation in the wake of recent accidents of Helicopters; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by Government to strictly regulate private sector aviation to avoid accidents?

**Leakage of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus passengers**

†4385. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether list of passengers, who were to travel by the inaugural bus between Srinagar and Muzaffarabad was leaked; and

(b) if so, the action taken against the guilty officers?

**Problems in construction of ADS**

4386. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Indian Navy has started constructing Air Defence Ship;

(b) whether it is also true that the date for steel cutting has already been fixed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is true that the Government first decided to manufacture aircraft carrier of 10-12000 tones capacity;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether it is true that the Navy is facing some challenges on designing; and

(g) if so, the details of the challenges that Navy is facing?

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### **Construction of ADS**

4387. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first indigenously designed 37,5000 tonne heavy aircraft carriers, tentatively christened "Air Defence Ship" (ADS) is being built at Cochin shipyard;

(b) if so, the special features of the indigenous carriers *vis-a-vis* those deployed by other countries;

(c) the details of the cost involved and time schedule fixed for completion of the project; and

(d) the status of the similar heavy aircraft carriers already in use by the Indian Navy and the extent to which the new addition is expected to boost the Navy's aspiration for adequate power projection in the Indian Ocean region?

### **Identity cards for illegal migrants from Bangladesh**

4388. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to issue identity cards for the illegal migrants from Bangladesh;

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

(c) the number of illegal migrants from Bangladesh as on 1st January, 2005; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the proposal to issue identity cards for these migrants, if under consideration, would met with stiff opposition in the country, particularly Assam and North-East?

### **Distinguishing Bangladeshi migrants**

4389. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to distinguish between Indian citizens and the illegal Bangladeshi migrants on the basis of separate identity cards and a pilot project for such door-to-door verification is already in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including restrictions proposed, if any, relating to the right to vote, movement in the country, drawing benefits available under the PDS, etc., and its present status?

### **Smuggling of contrabands**

4390. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that smuggling of contrabands such as opium is taking place along the Afghanistan, Pakistan route;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of consignments of heroin were seized in India in recent months;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what preventive measures are being taken to check this?

### **Cases of sexual harassment against top bureaucrats**

4391. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the top bureaucrats in Government have been accused of sexual harassment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and  
 (c) what action Government have taken against such bureaucrats?

**Tenders to businessmen associated with dons**

4392. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
 SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that majority of Government tenders are awarded in favour of businessmen generally associated with underworld dons;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to debar such businessmen from participation in Government tenders; and

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

**Financial package for the victims of naxal violence**

4393. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised any financial package for the victims of naxalite violence in States affected by the naxalite menace;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned and disbursed to the States during the last three years?

**Adoption of children orphaned by the Tsunami**

4394. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the large number of requests for the adoption of children orphaned by the Tsunami quake by National and foreign organizations; and

(b) what guidelines have been issued by the Central and concerned State agencies on the adoption of such children and the conditions qualifying the adoption agencies and Institutions?

**Relocation of hazardous chemicals**

4395. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the Lal Kuan, Delhi fire tragedy some years ago, it was decided that 877 units dealing in hazardous chemicals in the Walled City will be relocated to Holambi Kalan;

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

(c) the incident-wise details of the fire accidents occurred in Walled City during the last three years and the quantum of property and lives lost due to these fire incidents?

**Aborigines communities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

4396. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many aborigines communities existing in Andamans & Nicobar Islands have been wiped out by Tsunami on 26.12.2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, their community-wise number before and after Tsunami; and

(d) the steps being taken to preserve them and uplift them?

**Atrocities on women in the country**

4397. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities on women are on the rise in the country;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that all the State Governments have not established Crime Against Women Cells in their respective States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to curb the incidents of atrocities on women in the country?

**Rehabilitation of tribal groups**

†4398. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several tribal groups are facing the rehabilitation problem in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Losses due to heavy snowfall in J&K and H.P.**

4399. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of life and property caused by heavy snowfall in

Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are proposed by Government to effectively meet such crisis in future and for timely relief and restoration of communication?

**Providing visa's to tourists at airports**

†4400. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide visas to tourists at any airport of the country after their arrival with a view to boost tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Dual citizenship**

4401. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to confer unqualified 'dual citizenship' to all people of Indian origin settled abroad;

(b) whether Government have taken into consideration the threat to national security posed by such a move; and

(c) whether many of the Bangladeshi infiltrators now living in India illegally, numbering more than a crore could stake claim for Indian citizenship?

**Monitoring of funds collected for Tsunami aid**

4402. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the money collecting by way of donations

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for Tsunami victims by some private organizations and how much money deposited with Government so far by such organizations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have appointed any Committee of official to ensure the money is reaching the real victim of Tsunami or not; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rehabilitation of Tsunami victims**

4403. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI SANTOSH

BAGRODIA:

SHRI K.B. KRISHNA

MURTHY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that desired help is not reaching Tsunami victims;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the State-wise details of the measures taken by Government for the rehabilitation of the Tsunami victims?

#### **Recruitment racket**

4404. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a racket of recruitment in Army and Para-Military Forces on the basis of alleged forged documents have been unearthed/detected; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take against the persons involved in the racket?

#### **Misuse of psychotropic pharmaceuticals by youth**

4405. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that youth have been misusing certain psychotropic pharmaceuticals in the recent times;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent such abuse of pharmaceuticals; and

(c) which agency is engaged in surveillance of these incidents?

#### **Raising of new force ATPSF**

4406. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS

KAUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two oil majors and other Public Sector Undertakings operating in Assam have offered to raise funds for a new security force in Assam to replace the Assam Tea Plantations Security Force (ATPSF);

(b) if so, in what circumstances and whether the ATPSF is expected to cover and address some additional concerns or areas of operation; and whether the ATPSF suffers from lack of funds; and

(c) what decision has been taken to create the new Security force, indicating the constitution and functions thereof?

#### **Muslims Population**

4407. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any enquiry regarding alleged outstanding

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growth among Muslims in the census of 2001;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a deliberate attempt to show faster growth of Muslim population in the country; and

(d) who is responsible for it, and what action has been taken against them?

#### **Privatisation of some public/semi-public institutes/services**

†4408. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some public/semi-public institutes and services have been privatised;

(b) whether there was provision of reservation to SC/ST and Backward Classes in the services of such institutes before privatisation; and

(c) if so, the status of this provision of reservation after privatisation?

#### **Development of Tsunami affected towns**

4409. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government for development of small and medium towns affected by the Tsunami in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the development work has been completed?

#### **Earthquake prone cities**

4410. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have already identified 38 cities of our country as quake prone, out of which 10 cities are in extreme danger;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are Government's plans to save the cities from possible quake effect; and

(c) whether any guideline has been laid down for the construction of earthquake proof buildings in such cities?

#### **Establishment of Calamity Management Centre**

4411. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish Calamity Management Centre on the pattern of those in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) where the proposed centre will be established and by what time the centre is likely to be completed?

#### **Permission to raise funds by trusts/bodies**

4412. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any reliable data regarding trusts/bodies empowered to raise funds for Tsunami hit victims;

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(b) whether the prior permission of Charity Commissioner is necessary to raise such relief funds and if so, the tenure of validity of such permissions granted by the Commissioner;

(c) whether trusts or bodies registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act of 1950 can raise funds for Tsunami relief without securing a specific permission from the Charity Commissioner; and

(d) whether if due diligence is taken on applications received for permission?

**Compensation to families of persons killed by bull in Delhi**

4413. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a court of Delhi has ruled to pay Rs. 35 lakhs as compensation to each of the bereaved families who were killed by a bull on the street in East Delhi recently and to recover the amount from the salaries of the officials of Delhi Police and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) because of their negligence; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

**Non-tribals people in Nicobar Islands**

4414. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many families of Non-tribal people were living in different tribal areas of Nicobar district and what was their population before Tsunami tragedy on 26th December, 2004;

(b) how many shops were run by non-tribal people before Tsunami in Car Nicobar, Nancowry, Katchal, Chowra and Teresa Islands; and

(c) whether the non-tribal people referred at (a) & (b) above are still living after Tsunami?

**Indo-Myanmar Pact**

4415. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance of the Indo-Myanmar Pact for prevention of illicit trafficking in narcotics drugs, arms, ammunition and organized crimes, including insurgency; and

(b) the comparative figures of such incidents during 2003, 2004 and the current year so far?

**Blast on Hanji Wara bridge on the Indo-Pak Highway**

4416. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hanji Wara bridge on the Indo-Pak Highway bus route (Srinagar to Muzaffarabad Bus Service) was blasted and damaged in the first week of April;

(b) if so, how this happened when police were guarding the bridge;

(c) whether this occurrence have created panic and fear in the minds of the proposed travelling public; and

(d) what are the effective measures taken to avoid this kind of blasts in future?

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**Extortion of Government funds by underground outfits for North-East**

4417. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a wide spread extortion of Government funds in the North-East by the underground outfits for the last several years, with the connivance of certain officials belonging to All India Service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) what are the names of such officials whose connivance has siphoned off Government funds and what action Government have taken against them?

**Inclusion of Kodava language in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution**

4418. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for inclusion of 'Kodava' language in Eighth Schedule of the Constitution is pending with Government; and

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

**Restriction on mobile phones in Government offices/buildings**

4419. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that carrying and use of mobile phones is not allowed in many of the Central Government Offices and high security buildings due to security reasons;

(b) if so, the details and names of the places/offices it is not allowed;

(c) what are the technical and scientific reasons for placing such restriction on use of mobile phone in such places; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that such a restriction is not there on security consideration in many of the developed and developing countries?

**Coastline security**

4420. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:  
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling activities and infiltration of terrorists is rampant through the coastline of the country;

(b) the details of authorities responsible for preventing illegal entry of men and material through the coastline;

(c) the details of seizures and arrest made during the last three years for violation of the country's coastline boundary; year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) what measures are initiated and amount allocated for further strengthening the agencies responsible for coastline security and fortifying the coastline?

**Kidnapping by naxalites**

4421. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Major of Border Road Organisation, engaged in laying road network in Gadchiroli District in Maharashtra was kidnapped in the Naxal infested area on 18th January 2005;

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

(c) how many such incidents of kidnapping by Naxalite occurred during 2004 in the country and how many such kidnapped persons rescued; and

(d) whether such kidnapping incidents are happening due to any shortcomings in our security set up?

**Doubling strength of para-military forces on Nepal and Bhutan borders**

4422. SHRIMATI VANGA

GEETHA:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to double strength of the para-military forces deployed on India's border with Nepal and Bhutan in the next two years;

(b) if so, whether Government have held any talks with respective countries in this regard; and

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

**NGOs registered under FCRA, 1976**

4423. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of N.G.Os registered under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976 and which are the beneficiaries of funding from foreign agencies during the years 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the details of the purpose for which these organizations have been receiving foreign funds;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the N.G.Os are engaged in work that they are not officially permitted to carryout in India or which incite extremists and subversive ideologies; and

(d) if so, what are the names of such N.G.Os and the action Government have taken against them?

**Awareness among the people regarding earthquakes**

4424. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any action plan to create awareness on earthquakes among the people in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Cases of car jacking in Delhi**

4425. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

SHRI LALIT SURI:

DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of car jacking reported in Delhi during 2003 and 2004, month-wise;

(b) the number of cases out of them which were solved, vehicles recovered and restored to the owners;

(c) the number of cases which were closed as untraceable during the period; and

(d) the special efforts made/proposed to be made by Delhi Police to reduce such cases to the minimum?

#### **VIP security**

4426. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the categories of providing security cover to VVIP's and VIP's;

(b) what are the criteria for receiving 'Z' plus security;

(c) what security cover is eligible for each category; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Joint Patrolling on Border**

4427. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSF and Bangladesh Rifles have decided to undertake coordinated border patrolling to check the trafficking of children and women on both sides;

(b) whether any discussion in this regard have been held with the Government of Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details of discussions; and

(d) when the proposal of joint patrolling was conceived?

#### **Setting up of Central Law Enforcement Agency**

4428. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for setting up of Central Law Enforcement Agency has been referred to Law Ministry for its opinion;

(b) if so, whether the ministry has given its opinion on the need for Central Law Enforcement Agency;

(c) if so, the details of the opinion; and

(d) whether it clashes with the proposed new commission on Centre-State relations?

#### **Package for rehabilitation of Naxalites in Karnataka**

4429. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:  
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the mounting Naxal activities in Karnataka which resulted in killing of 7 Police personnel in Tumkur district recently;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to strengthen the affected States to tackle Naxal menace by adopting Socio-Economic strategies;

(c) when will the Rs. 60 crore package sought by the State Government of Karnataka be approved to rehabilitate the Naxalites in the State; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to bring in a tough anti-terror law like POTA to deal with Naxalites and their leaders?

### VIPs security by CISF

4430. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF Panthers are going to replace NSG Black cats to protect the most threatened VVIPs;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay to implement this for three years since the recommendations to this effect was made by the Group of Ministers constituted on reforming National Security System;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry has identified any VVIPs for security by CISF Panthers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Maintenance of community centres in Delhi

4431. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MCD has given the maintenance of community centres to certain tent house owners and whether those tent house owners are forcing Delhites to hire their tent and catering services for booking MCD's community halls/centres for social functions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action does Government proposes to take against the tent house owners for fleecing Delhites?

### Relocation of dangerous markets

4432. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unauthorized constructions and encroachments in regular markets like Sarojini Nagar, Lajpat Nagar, Karol Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Sadar Bazar etc. create hindrances for fire tenders in reaching to the fire accident site easily/smoothly; and

(b) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the fire tenders are able to reach the interiors of the markets etc?

### Terrorism in Bihar

†4433. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 out of the 38 districts of Bihar are hit by terrorism;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 17 districts in Bihar State are severely affected by terrorism;

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

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government have selected only 14 districts to compensate the damage caused by terrorism;

(e) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(f) the criteria for identification of these 14 districts?

### Electrification of villages by NCES

4434. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved the target to provide electricity in the villages of the country through Non-Conventional Energy Sources;

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- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total amount spent during each of the last three years and till date for this purpose State-wise?

**Target for completion of total rural electrification**

†4435. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the target of total rural electrification has been extended upto year 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for extension of prescribed time-frame and how these hindrances would be removed?

**Power Generation Capacity**

†4436. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that so far around 20,000 M.W. power generation capacity has been established in the country in the field of captive power;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the production of power may exceed the requirements of power in concerned area;
- (d) if so, the assessment with regard to additional production capacity; and
- (e) the reasons for non-utilization of the additional power produced alongwith the future plan of the Government with regard to its utilization?

**Allocation of electricity from NPG to U.P.**

4437. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of electricity allocated for Uttar Pradesh from the National Power Grid;
- (b) the total quantum of electricity consumed out of the allocated electricity in the state;
- (c) whether the above allocation is adequate to meet the existing requirement of electricity; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken by Government in this respect?

**Procurement of fuel from private firms by NTPC**

4438. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has signed agreement with private firms for procurement of fuel for their power plants in Gujarat and other cities;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) what are the rates for procurement of gas from private players and what is the basics of selecting private firms?

**Generation of Power in NER**

4439. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of power being generated in North-Eastern Region each year;
- (b) the State-wise details of power required in the region each year/per month; and

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(c) the details of power projects formulated and being implemented/ proposed to be implemented by Government for enhancing the present power generation capacity in the region?

**Pending proposal for power plants in MP and UP**

4440. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposal for setting power plants pending including gas based power plants in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there are any other proposals for providing additional power supply to the power starved areas of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and at what stage of consideration or clearance the same stand; and

(d) the steps taken so far in that direction?

**Gap between the demand and Supply of power in NER**

4441. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any effective measures to bridge the estimated gap between demand and supply of power in the country particularly in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

**Reduction in APM Gas supply to power utilities**

4442. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has imposed any reduction in Administered Pricing Mechanism Gas supply to the power utilities;

(b) if so, the details of the same and its impact on power availability;

(c) whether there is a proposal of significant gas price hike of Panna-Mukta and Tapti; if so, the details of the same and its impact on cost of power; and

(d) the action by Government to ensure availability of power without a price hike?

**Selling power at high price in Delhi**

4443. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI N.K. PREMA-  
CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the media, the Power Companies in Delhi are selling power to the consumers at double, the rate at which they are purchasing and still reporting heavy loss;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to eliminate this apparent contradiction?



### **Electrification of villages**

4444. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without electricity in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the plans to provide electricity to all villages including the time schedule?

### **NTPC facing shortage of coal**

4445. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is facing a tough time because of shortage of coal from the subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.;

(b) if so, whether the subsidiary of Coal India has pleaded their inability to supply beyond the quantity specified in the fuel supply agreements signed in 1990 with NTPC;

(c) if so, whether NTPC has pointed out that they could not conferred to pay higher prices because they have limited options based on the prices;

(d) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

### **Coal shortage by Eastern Regional Power Stations of NTPC**

4446. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Regional Power Stations of NTPC including Farakka are facing frequent coal shortage;

(b) if so, the details of the same and action taken by Government to overcome this problem;

(c) whether NTPC has applied for allotment of eleven coal blocks including Brahmini (ECL) for captive mining;

(d) if so, the status of allotment of these blocks?

### **Scaling down of the Siang upper power project**

4447. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ambitious 11000 mtr Siang upper project which would have been the country's largest power project is likely to be scaled down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there has been pressure from neighbouring countries?

### **Allocation of funds to States under APDP and APDRP**

4448. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated to the States under the APDP and APDRP; and

(b) whether the funds under APDRP scheme have been fully utilised by the States, and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

### **Providing Additional power to Delhi**

†4449. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the coming summer season and after

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assessing the shortage of power in Delhi, the Government of NCR has requested the Central Government to provide additional power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of arrangements being made by Government for providing additional power?

**Financial support for renovation and modernisation of thermal power plants in Assam**

4450. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) which thermal plants of Assam have received financial support through APDP/PFC for renovation and modernisation so far;

(b) how many sick power plants have been listed for their revival and whether the Ministry has contemplated any financial policy to assist State Government to make operational all such power plants;

(c) whether there is any MoU with the Government of Assam in power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Electrification of villages under RGREP in Kerala**

4451. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for Rural electrification under Rajeev Gandhi Rural Electrification Programme;

(b) if so, the details including the number of villages proposed for electrification and

the fund allotted for the same, State-wise, category-wise as on today;

(c) whether there is any proposal from Kerala State for electrification of villages of Kerala under Rajeev Gandhi Rural Electrification Programme;

(d) if so, the details including the number of villages proposed for the programme, District-wise as on today; and

(e) the details of funds proposed to sanction for the above programme?

**Option of choosing power distributing company by consumers**

†4452. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Electricity Act, 2003 the consumers of electricity have been empowered to get their power connections from a power-distributing company of their choice;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the State Electricity Boards continue to hold monopoly of the power distributing system in the country; and

(c) if so, the States in the country where the responsibility of distributing power rests with more than two organizations and the States where monopoly of power distribution still continues?

**Electrified villages under RGGVY**

4453. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of a electrified villages under Rajeev Gandhi Grameen Vidhutikaran Yojana;

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(b) the number of non-electrified villages in the country State-wise; and

(c) the time schedule to complete the rural electrification?

#### **PGC power projects in Karnataka**

4454. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power projects so far taken up in Karnataka by Power Grid Corporation;

(b) whether the Power Grid Corporation has prepared any project to improve Power Distribution and Transmission and power quality in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed project;

(d) whether the proposed project has been sent to Karnataka;

(e) whether Karnataka Government has agreed to implement the proposed project; and

(f) by when the project is expected to commence and complete?

#### **Requirement and availability of Power in U.P.**

4455. SHRI LALIT SURI:  
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present requirement of power and its availability in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Central Government or the Power Grid Corporation of India to make available additional power to the State; and

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

#### **Use of installed capacity**

†4456. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that on an average 74.8 per cent use of installed capacity is being made from power generation projects operated by Central Government;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that use of installed capacity in many of these projects is not as per Commercial norms;

(d) if so, the names of the projects generating power less than 70 per cent of their installed capacity;

(e) whether power generation can be increased by improving the projects having lesser generation capacity; and

(f) if so, to what extent?

#### **Electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar**

4457. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, so far (i) fully electrified (ii) partially electrified (iii) nominally electrified (with only one or two households covered) and (iv) un-electrified; and

(b) by when all the villages in the respective States are expected to be fully electrified?

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**Shortage of Power in the country**

4458. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that our country is reeling under power shortage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Power Ministry has failed to utilize the budgetary allocation made to them for 2004-05;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action plan of Government to ensure that the allocations made in the power sector are used in full for generation of power?

**Investment to improve transmission system**

4459. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has a definite plan to improve transmission lines and transmission of power in the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Power Finance Corporation has a specific plan to invest nearly Rs. 600 crores for transmission projects in the current fiscal year;

(c) whether the PFC has identified the States where the Rs. 600 crores will be invested;

(d) if so, the criteria adopted by the PFC to select such States where the investment of Rs. 600 crores will be deployed;

(e) to what extent will this investment improve power delivery systems; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Proposal for grants under various heads to Chhattisgarh**

†4460. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by his Ministry from the State of Chhattisgarh during January, 2003-March, 2005 for the grants under various heads and the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals accorded approval and those lying pending;

(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when they are likely to be accorded approval?

**Progress of PMGSY in Bihar**

†4461. SHRI MANGANI LAL  
MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status and progress of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Bihar and the amount so far spent for construction under this scheme along with the length in kilometers of roads constructed; and

(b) the amount yet to be spent against this scheme and the length of roads in kilometers to be still constructed along with the details of the time-frame thereof?

**Old-age-pension**

4462. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many elderly persons are getting old-age-pensions in different States; (State-wise break-up)

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(b) whether Government are planning to provide old-age pension to all elderly persons attaining 65 years of age and belonging to BPL families;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Computerisation of land record in Chhattisgarh**

†4463. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by his Ministry from the Government of Chhattisgarh in 2004 for data entry updation and for the purchase of computers and other instruments under the land document computerisation under the Centrally enforced scheme;

(b) the details of tasks in respect of which the funds have been provided to the State Government together with the amount provided against each task and the proposal yet lying pending; and

(c) by when the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

#### **Employment under employment related schemes**

†4464. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided with employment during last years under various employment related rural schemes being implemented by Government; and

(b) the fund allocated to Maharashtra under those schemes during last years?

#### **Loan-cum-subsidy to fictitious person**

4465. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARSAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that through fictitious names loan-cum-subsidy were sanctioned under the Laxmipur Panchayat in Diglipur Tehsil;

(b) how many fictitious persons have obtained such pour flush latrine loans;

(c) whether the Pradhan, Laxmipur/public lodged complaints to the anti-corruption officials of the Administration;

(d) if so, when the complaint was lodged;

(e) whether any action has been initiated against the erring officials; and

(g) if so, whether any FIR has been lodged against the officials?

#### **World Bank study on service delivery system to people**

4466. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any study made by World Bank regarding failure of service delivery system to poor people living in the rural and urban area and the urgent need to revamp the service delivery system which is outmoded and failed due to the non-participation of people in such schemes;

(b) if so, whether there is any time bound action plan drawn for that purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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**Non-availability of clothes, meal, etc.**

†4467. SHRI DHARAM PAL  
SABHARWAL:  
SHRI JANESHWAR  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers, labourers, males and females living in the country-side neither get two square meal nor clothes to cover up the body every month; and

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

**Financial assistance to States for providing potable water**

4468. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3072 given in Rajya Sabha on 20th April, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give full financial assistance to State Governments to provide potable water to people living in villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**58th National Sample Survey regarding housing loan to rural areas**

4469. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether findings of the 58th round of the National Sample Survey pointed out that disbursement of housing loans by public

sector banks in rural areas was grossly disproportionate to the reach of the network;

(b) if so, whether according to the report, rural housing sector continues to depend on money lenders and friends, in the absence of Government assistance;

(c) if so, the other points made in the survey report and whether Government has decided to provide some housing loans in rural India; and

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

**Separate body in National Institute for Rural Development**

4470. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a separate body in the National Institute for Rural Development, Hyderabad to deal with disaster management and rural reconstruction;

(b) whether this body operates under the jurisdiction of the NIRD;

(c) to what extent this new body has the expertise and capability;

(d) whether it is a fact that adequate funds have not been channeled for this new body; and

(e) the details of the status of this matter and relevance and utility?

**Community based disaster management at the Gram Panchayat level**

4471. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD)

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had suggested to the Government the community based disaster management on the Gram Panchayat level because it was only the community that provide help in crucial initial hours;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said Institute had also suggested different strategies for common calamities; and

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

#### **Committee to study on development in rural areas**

4472. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government set up a committee to study as to how to make development in the rural area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **EGS**

†4473. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether only rural people living below the poverty line are benefited under the Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) whether Government are considering to include all the unemployed persons under cover of this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Special projects from Rajasthan under SGSY**

†4474. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan Government have sent 17 special projects involving Rs.130.52 crore under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojna to Government of India; and

(b) whether the said projects have been sanctioned; if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the action being taken thereon?

#### **Powerloom, handloom and handicraft units functioning in the country**

4475. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of powerloom, handloom and handicrafts units functioning at present in the country and the employees working in each of them;

(b) the State-wise details of financial grants provided to above mentioned units during the last three years;

(c) the details of aforesaid units running in losses and profits; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government for revival of closed/sick units in the country?

#### **Steps to boost handloom and handicrafts products**

†4476. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the provision made with respect to marketing promotion under the Deen Dayal Handloom

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Promotion Scheme for boosting the handloom and handicrafts products in view of universalisation of textile trade?

**BIFR/Government approval for lock out of 66 textile mills**

†4477. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BIFR/Government have accorded their approval from 'lock out' of 66 textile mills;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking this step; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for the welfare of workers of these 66 textile mills which have been locked out?

**Promotion of handloom clothes**

†4478. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the scheme of Government to promote handloom clothes in the wake of the termination of multifibre agreement in December, 2004?

**Impact of removal of quotas of textile**

4479. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of removal of quotas of textile so far;

(b) whether it has been at par with India's expectations in this area;

(c) the plans made to modernize the textile industry in India and how far have they been successfully implemented;

(d) funds spent on this process in the last two years; and

(e) what steps are being taken for better marketing of handloom in the international market?

**New jute policy**

4480. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government has announced a new jute policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering a technology upgradation fund specifically for the jute sector; and

(d) if so, by when the fund is expected to be formed?

**Pathetic condition of powerloom sector**

4481. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pathetic conditions of powerloom sector in the country particularly of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central Assistance has been given for reviving and rejuvenating powerloom industry in this country; and

(d) whether Government has formulated any scheme for modernisation/upgradation of powerloom industry?

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**Drop in prices of various textile products**

†4482. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that prices of various products under textile industry of the country have come down in Jan.-Feb., 2005;

(b) if so, the names of the products and to what percentage the prices of each of the products are estimated to come down;

(c) whether reasons for reduction in the prices of said products have been ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assessment with regard to the impact on textile industry following reduction in prices?

**Investment in textile industry**

†4483. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with abolition of quota system by USA and European countries capital investment in textile industry has increased since January, 2005;

(b) if so, the additional capital investment during January and February, 2005;

(c) the amount of foreign capital out of the same; and

(d) the areas in textile production in the country where the said capital has been invested alongwith the amount of the same?

**Revival of NTC (APKKM) mills**

4484. SHRI N.K. PREMACHAND-  
RAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage at which revival of NTC mills under NTC (APKKM) stands at present;

(b) the details of reason of delay in implementing the revival package as agreed in BIFR;

(c) whether there is any time-frame for the completion of revival process; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Modernisation of Parvathy Mills at Kollam, Kerala**

4485. SHRI N.K. PREMACHAND-  
RAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any revival and development programme to modernize the functioning of Parvathy Mills at Kollam in Kerala;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce infrastructure development facilities including the setting up of high-tech. weaving equipments in Parvathy Mills; and

(c) whether Government propose to establish the high tech. weaving park in Kerala; if so, the details thereof?

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