RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the August 4, 2003/Sravana 13, 1925 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—155

Setting up of Trade Advisory Board

†1487. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to set up a Trade Advisory Board for effective solutions in trade and for setting up a separate internal department for promotion of trade;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in this regard, so far?

Export of value added items

†1488. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the export of the value added items based on the labour cost is in the interest of the country;
- (b) if not Government's reaction thereto; and
 - (c) the average percentage of the

exports of the value added items based on labour cost made from the country during the last three years against the yearly exports?

Import of raw materials

†1489. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that import of the raw materials has been more than export of the finished products in terms of value;
- (b) if so, the respective values of the imported raw materials and the exports of the finished products during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and
- (c) the prevailing condition of the foreign trade due to the higher value of the imports against the exports?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi

Services for foreign investment

1490. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: DR. AKHILESH DAS:

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

- (a) whether as agreed at the Doha meeting of the World Trade Organisation India has freed seven lucrative services including IT for foreign investment;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have requested for reciprocal action from its key trading partners;
- (d) if so, the details of the trading partners and the reciprocal action taken by them; and
- (e) how far this has helped to promote India's interest in liberalisation of movement of IT professionals across the borders and helping Indian companies to sell their services abroad electronically and increasing Indian commercial presence abroad by opening more branches and subsidiaries abroad, especially in respect of US, EU and South East Asian countries?

Trade ties between India and UAE

1491. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: SHRI B.J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

- (a) whether India and the United Arab Emirates have decided to start a strategic dialogue and strengthen trade ties by setting up a Joint Business Council;
- (b) if so, whether this decision would raise the level of relations between the two countries:

- (c) whether all the disputes between the two countries would be settled as a result thereof:
- (d) if so, the issues involved between the two countries; and
- (e) to what extent, agreement has reached after setting up of this Joint Business Council?

Achievements of CII missions abroad

1492. SHRI B.J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has sent 20 missions abroad to create awareness about the key business issues and to grow trade and information and bridge the institutional gaps etc.;
- (b) if so, the countries where these missions have gone, with success achieved by them;
- (c) whether a chamber delegation had accompanied him to Mexico, US and the other countries for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the countries visited and the mutual agreements, if any, signed in the export sector?

WTO ruling against India

- 1493. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the WTO has ruled against India in a complaint involving country of origin certificates for export of textiles/apparels to US; and
- (b) if so, its likely impact on Indian textile/apparel exports to US in the coming months?

Fraudulent exports

1494. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether it was discovered that some spice exporters imported black pepper of other country origin and reexported the same as Malabar Gold-I Quality pepper which commands a premium quality in the international market:
- (b) if so, whether the exporters have been suspended;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the French authorities detained a consignment of Red Chillies from India at Marseilles after an analysis revealed that these contained Sudan-I, a carcinogenic red dye; and
- (d) what mechanism is in place at Indian ports to inspect the quality of Indian produce before shipment overseas?

Policy to check open import

- †1495. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of sick industrial units all over the country as per the Economic Survey of 2002-03 and whether the reasons for sickness of these units is to allow the open import;
- (b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy to check open import; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

Consultation on non-agricultural market access negotiations at WTO

1496. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to hold extensive consultations with the industry on the issues relating to ongoing non-agricultural market access negotiations at the WTO before finalising their stand; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Indian campaign against MAI

1497. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has stepped up its campaign against the Multilateral Agreements on Investments (MAI) as proposed by the rich nations at Singapore;
- (b) whether India has further consistently opposed expansion of WTO agenda to include new issues which are being brought in by the rich countries adversely affecting poor nations; and
- (c) if so, Government's views thereon and the status of the discussions with the WTO?

Financial aid to coffee growers

- 1498. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the problem faced by coffee growers for the last three years;

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- (b) the measures taken to prevent plight of the Coffee Industry and growers in Karnataka; and
- (c) whether he has given any promise to the growers during his visit to Karnataka in the month of September, 2002?

FDI with latest technology

- 1499. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) how much FDI has been brought into the country during the last three years;
- (b) the number of jobs created as a result thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether this FDI has also brought alongwith it the latest technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the efforts Government have made to get the latest technology;
- (e) whether Government are motivating people abroad to bring FDI;
- (f) if so, what steps are being taken to invite FDI?

Leather industry

- 1500. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the concentration areas of leather industry;
- (b) the details of the organized and unorganized leather industry;
 - (c) whether the indigenous leather

industry is finding it difficult to compete with the new players in the market; and

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

Activities of Projects Export Corporation

- 1501. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the activities undertaken by the Projects Export Corporation (PEC);
- (b) the details of its activities which are similar to those of STC and MMTC and also those different from them;
- (c) the details of the cases of malpractices/ irregularities in the PEC; and
 - (d) the action taken in each case?

Export of herbs

- 1502. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the share of the country in export of herbs to Germany and U.K.; and
- (b) the details of the steps taken by Government to increase participation in export of herbs to foreign countries and also to boost the production of herbs in the country?

Free trade with MGC group of countries

1503. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to

the proposed free trade with various east countries like Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Bangladesh etc.;

- (b) the details of the outcome during MGC's ministerial meeting held at Phnom Penh on the 20th June, 2003;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken to establish rail link from New Delhi to Hanoi connecting countries of the Meking-Ganga Co-operation group; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Business with China

1504. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is bright scope for business with China as said by CII;
- (b) whether his Ministry has assessed the scope for entering into trade and business relations with China;
- (c) in view of the huge potential of the Indian Companies, whether any road map has been drawn up; and
- (d) if so, the sectors identified for the purpose and the action taken thereon?

FDI in India and China

- 1505. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India is far behind China in attracting the foreign capital;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;

- (c) the cumulative approvals from August, 1999 to December, 2002 in comparison to China;
- (d) the average realisation rate to approvals in terms of rupees for the same period, year-wise; and
- (e) the approvals and realisation from 1999 to 2002, State-wise?

Gains and losses by WTO Agreements

- 1506. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that after signing the WTO Agreements, India has suffered a heavy loss as the country's SSI units are being closed, employment has shrunk and India has no access to the international market as far agriculture products are concerned;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering a review and provide balance sheet on gains and losses; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Contribution in World Trade

- 1507. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) what is India's contribution in World Trade after joining WTO regime; and
- (b) the details of the position/contribution in World Trade, countrywise?

Agro-Export Zones

- †1508. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the number and details of the Agro-Export Zones identified in the country, State-wise:
- (b) the details of the Central assistance being provided to the State Governments for the success of such Agro-Export Zones:
- (c) whether some Agro-Export Zones have been identified in Uttaranchal also;
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance being provided to the State in this regard?

Treating Bank Guarantees at par with letter of credit

- †1509. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether DGFT is not following the Reserve Bank of India's directives with respect to treatment of Bank Guarantees on similar lines with letter of credit for extending benefits under the DEPB scheme:
- (b) whether DGFT is aware of the explicit opinion expressed by the Reserve Bank of India *vide* its letter dated 25th April, 2003 wherein it has expressed its position that "For the purpose of extending benefits, no distinction may be made between bank guarantee and letter of credit as both are treated as securities for receivables":
- (c) the reasons for DGFT ignoring Reserve Bank of India directives; and
- (d) the steps being taken to implement the same?

SEZ in Gopalpur, Orissa

- 1510. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the British Government has shown interest for establishing a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Gopalpur port area of Orissa; and
- (b) if so, the projects proposed to be taken up by the British Government in the field of commerce and trade, education, health, construction of roads and development of ports, etc. with benefits accruing to the State for economic development?

New branches of ECGC

- 1511. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to open new branches of Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation;
- (b) if so, the places where these are proposed to be opened to facilitate the exporters and by when;
- (c) the allocation of funds for opening up these new branches; and
- (d) the details of the attention which would be given to the exporters through these new branches?

Marine export from Orissa

1512. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2003 and state the target set for export of marine products from Orissa and other coastal States during the year 2003-04?

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Germany's apprehensions on economic reforms

- 1513. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the German industry finds economic reforms in India too opaque to encourage high level of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI);
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the hurdles and misapprehensions which are standing in the way of India being a safe and viable FDI destination; and
- (d) whether visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Germany in May last has made any impact in this direction and if so, the details thereof?

Export performance

- 1514. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether exports have increased in the first quarter of the current financial year;
- (b) if so, which sectors have shown improvement; and
- (c) the targets fixed for the current financial year?

Target for foreign investment

- †1515. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the target fixed for foreign investment for 2002-03;

- (b) whether Government have achieved the above target;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the amount of foreign investment till date during the current year; and
- (e) what steps are being taken by Government for achieving the target?

Industrial Growth Centres in Assam

- 1516. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any plan for setting up of Industrial Growth Centres in Assam:
- (b) the number of Industrial Growth Centres set up so far in the State, location-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) if no funds have been allocated so far, the reasons therefor?

Foreign investment in plantation crops in Kerala

- 1517. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether foreign investors are pressing Government to allow foreign investment in the plantation sector of Kerala;
- (b) whether Government propose to allow foreign investment in the plantation crops such as rubber, coffee, tea etc. in the State;
- (c) whether the WTO insisted to allow the above investment;

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- (d) whether any foreign companies or investors have put forward any application to allow investment in the plantation sector of the State:
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether Government consider to review the proposal, if any, in the matter?

Treating EOUs at par with SEZs

- 1518. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Export Oriented Units are on decline as compared to the Special Economic Zones;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor:
- (c) the incentives available to the SEZs over Export Oriented Units and how they compare with exports, investment and employment generation during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government propose to treat Export Oriented Units at par with SEZs on key issues like service tax and financing facilities; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocations for Focus Programmes

- 1519. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether amount allocated under the Focus Programmes like Focus Africa and Focus CIS for 2003-04 has been utilized;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount utilized during the last year under the Focus Programmes; and
- (d) whether any initiatives have been taken under the programmes to boost India's pharmaceutical exports?

Adverse impact of Iraq war on tea export

- 1520. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Iraq war had inflicted adverse impact on country's tea export;
- (b) if so, the loss suffered in terms of rupees as a result thereof;
- (c) whether export of tea has started again after the war; and
- (d) the quantity of tea being exported now and what was the quantity of tea export before the war?

Seminar by WTO

- 1521. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether in the third week of June, 2003, WTO conducted a public seminar to interact and debate important issues concerning Doha development agency and the status of the current negotiations; and
 - (b) if so, the outcome thereof?

Meeting of WTO in Egypt

- 1522. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India participated in the informal consultations among the WTO Trade Ministers at Sharm-El-Sheikh in Egypt in June, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to any consensus arrived at for on-going negotiations to liberalise trade in agriculture; and
- (c) India's stand on the negotiations on farm goods pertaining to reduction of

customs tariffs and subsidies and how the same was appreciated by the other nations?

Export of automobile parts

- 1523. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that world's leading automobile vehicle manufacturers are coming to India for purchasing auto parts and making enquiries for collaboration in manufacture of parts, etc.;
- (b) if so, the extent of exports of these parts/items and foreign exchange earned during the last three years?

Tax-free import of commodities

- 1524. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the commodities being imported tax-free under OGL, come to India from other countries free of any import tax;
- (b) the commodities out of the above belonging to agricultural products and industrial products;
- (c) the commodities being exported free of excise duties; and
- (d) the imported commodities which are being sold at a cheaper rate than the country-made commodities?

APEDA plan for organic farming

- 1525. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether APEDA has formulated a plan for farmers to switch over the 'organic farming' in place of the traditional farming

- to boost the exports;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether APEDA has developed organic standards for various organic farm products;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) how these standards are made available to the farmers?

Special hospitals for women in Orissa

- 1526. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that special hospitals are proposed to be set up in Orissa for women to improve health care of the mother and the child:
- (b) if so, the contribution of the Central Government to help the State to achieve this objective, as it is a poverty stricken area; and
- (c) whether the State has the highest infant mortality rate in the country, if so, the financial and other help rendered by the Centre to the State to control it?

Manufacturing of combination drugs

- 1527. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether under para 122 (e) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules prior permission of the Drug Controller of India is mandatory for developing a new drug with combination of two or more drugs; and
- (b) if so, the names of the companies found violating the above provision during last two years and the measures taken by Government to prevent the trend of manufacturing combination based drugs

without approval of the Drug Controller of India?

Negligence by doctors and medical practitioners

1528. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that some doctors were punished for negligence while treating wife of a foreign diplomat;
- (b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether Government have plans to check such gross negligence by the doctors and medical practitioners who are playing with the lives of people; and
- (d) whether Government have any machinery by which gross negligence by the doctors and medical practitioners can be redressed on a national scale?

CGHS dispensaries in Maharashtra

- 1529. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that CGHS card holders are facing problems in Maharashtra especially in Vidarbha region due to less number of dispensaries and non availability of facilities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to include some new hospitals in the list of CGHS for the benefit of the card holders in the region;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Database of diseases

- 1530. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have plan to undertake annual surveys across the country to access data on the treatment of diseases such as diabetes, coronary artery disease, cancer, mental health and hypertension;
- (b) if so, how this data bank would help Government in taking policy decisions;
- (c) the States where this pilot project would be undertaken?

Shortage of doctors in GB Pant Hospital

1531. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Cardiology Department of the superspeciality GB Pant Hospital is suffering from shortage of doctors;
- (b) if so, the number of doctors required in various departments of the GB Pant Hospital and the existing strength; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to fulfil the vacancies so that the common people are not denied the opportunity of treatment at this prestigious hospital?

Public expenditure on health

1532. SHRI B.J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's

public expenditure on health is one of the lowest in the world, as per the report of the Social Watch:

- (b) whether as per the WHO only 0.49 per cent of the population has access to essential drugs, while Pakistan and Bangladesh are better placed; and
- (c) whether the budgetary allocation for 2002-03 offered no provisions for reviving the public health system despite the National Health Policy of 2002?

Amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules

1533. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government have amended the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to introduce a cumbersome and expensive procedure for import of medicines *w.e.f.* the 1st April, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details of the new rules and the procedure adopted for licensing;
- (c) to what extent the new rules have helped in checking banned drugs; and
- (d) whether the Customs has also informed that it is not possible to implement the measures?

Empowered Action Group mechanism

1534. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have sought

Cabinet approval to provide more funds under the Empowered Action Group mechanism to enable the States to undertake flexible family planning schemes;

- (b) if so, whether the Tenth Five Year Plan has provided a consolidated funds of Rs. 250 crore towards the EAG Scheme;
- (c) whether this scheme has been fully approved by the Planning Commission;
- (d) if so, the funds provided to each State under this programme;
- (e) the States which have utilised funds so far; and
- (f) whether any details of the implementation of the scheme and proper utilisation of the funds have been obtained from the States?

Improvement in Burn Wards in hospitals

1535. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

- (a) whether Government have taken any fresh steps to improve the Burn Wards in Delhi hospitals in response to the findings by the Delhi High Court;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken to upgrade the Burn Wards of Delhi hospitals;
- (c) whether the similar steps would also be taken in hospitals of the other metro cities; and
 - (d) if so, by when?

Eye banks

1536. DR. ABRAR AHMED: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the Eye Banks are ill equipped to preserve eyes;
- (b) the estimated number of eyes donated every year and how many eyes go waste; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Amendment to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act

1537. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to introduce some amendments in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to make it stronger to deal with the spurious drugs manufacturers; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Central Council of Indian Medicine

- 1538. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council of Indian Medicine has been granted permission for starting new colleges of ISM, conducting courses of ISM and fixing the number of seats/ students:
- (b) if so, the details of the provisions of the IMC Act, 1970 under which CCIM is empowered to do so;

- (c) whether it is a fact that the Council is charging Rs. one lakh from the institutions of ISM every year; and
- (d) if so, the provisions of the IMC Act, 1970 under which CCIM has right to do so, otherwise why this unhealthy practice has not been checked?

Changing of Infants

- †1539. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are awae of several recent incidents of changing of infants from the hospitals;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to take any stringent action to stop recurrence of such incidents; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in private hospitals

- 1540. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries can avail the services of private designated laboratories and clinics/hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details of such designated laboratories and clinics/hospitals;
- (c) whether it is a fact that medicines prescribed by CGHS Dispensaries and designated clinics/hospitals are compulsorily to be obtained from the concerned CGHS Dispensary, where they are mostly not available;
- (d) whether it is a fact that private designated laboratories/clinics are

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refusing to entertain CGHS beneficiaries for inordinate delay in remittance of their service charges by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to rectify the deficiencies?

Central assistance under PMGY

- 1541. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount of additional Central assistance provided to various States particularly Maharashtra for funding various health schemes under PMGY during the last three years;
- (b) the details of utilisation of the funds by various State Governments health scheme-wise;
- (c) the guidelines for utilisation of the PMGY funds for procurement of drugs and medical equipments; and
- (d) the details of the increased contribution of the Central Government and the State Government of Maharashtra and utilisation thereof in the State, scheme-wise?

Outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis

1542. SHRI THENNALA G.
BALAKRISHNA PILLAI:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware that the 'Japanese Encephalitis' is spreading all over the country, especially in the Southern States:
- (b) the action taken to prevent spread of this disease;

- (c) the number of deaths occurred due to this disease during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether Government have conducted any studies in this regard; and
 - (e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Non-availability of medicine at CGHS dispensaries

1543. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

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

- (a) whether Government are aware of the plethora of complaints from the CGHS beneficiaries. especially from Delhi, about non-availability of medicines at CGHS dispensaries as well as the empanelled chemists and authorised chemists supplying medicines of different brands than those prescribed by the CGHS doctors:
- (b) if so, the steps taken to redress these grievances; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure adequate availability of prescribed medicines in the dispensaries and the authorised chemists supply only prescribed medicines?

Human Development Report

1544. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of observation made in the UNDP's Human Development Report about the condition of health sector in the country;

- (b) if so, what are Government's projections in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve the Health care?

Teaching Sub-cadre of CHS

1545. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has more than 50 Director-Professors in the Teaching Sub-cadres of CHS who are eligible to function as the Principal of a Medical College according to M.C.I. norms; and
- (b) if so, the pressing reasons to keep a non-teaching Specialist continuing as the Principal of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College in violation of M.C.I. norms?

AIDS control programme

- †1546. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have evolved any strategy to treat the patients of AIDS during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether any programme has been formulated for treatment of AIDS patients;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of cases of AIDS detected in the country, State-wise?

Tibetan Herbal Medicines Research Centre

- 1547. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Tibetan Herbal Medicine Research-cum Treatment Centre is being set up on the outskirts of Vishakhapatnam;
- (b) which Organisation is setting up this Centre;
- (c) whether Government are providing any help for this Centre; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Speech Therapy

- 1548. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the primary Health Centres/ hospitals in Delhi where Speech Therapy is provided to children with hearing loss;
- (b) whether the CGHS beneficiaries can avail of Speech Therapy for their children at any private hospital/doctor in Delhi and claim reimbursement;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps Government propose to take for benefit of the hearing impaired children, as development of speech in such children is closely related to the intensive speech thereby?

New CGHS dispensaries in Delhi

- †1549. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) the number of CGHS dispensaries

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

proposed to be constructed in Delhi alongwith the locations thereof;

- (b) the number of CGHS dispensaries for which land has been allotted by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation;
- (c) whether her Ministry has submitted maps of these dispensaries to the concerned department;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when the construction work of these dispensaries would be completed?

Hepatitis B and AIDS patients

- 1550. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the existing number of AIDS/Hepatitis B patients, State-wise;
- (b) the number of persons/children who have died because of AIDS and Hepatitis B diseases during the last three years, till date?

Allopathic and ISM&H institutions

- 1551. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the institutions set up by Government during last three years in the field of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Allopathy and Naturopathy;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the necessary funds allocated and actually utilised for the purpose during this period?

Dropsy cases

- 1552. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of dropsy cases, due to reported consumption of adulterated mustard oil, have been reported in a number of States, including Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka and Maharashtra:
- (b) if so, the results of any inquiry conducted into these cases; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken to coordinate with the State Governments to check further production and sale of the adulterated mustard oil?

HIV tests

- 1553. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that free HIV test for pregnant women would be soon made an option;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for which Government have to come out with this idea?

Mortuaries in Government hospitals

- 1554. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per a report filed by a forensic science expert it has transpired that most mortuaries in the capital's Government hospitals are ill equipped to conduct an autopsy;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for such dismal functioning; and
- (d) the steps contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

AIDS cases

- 1555. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of AIDS cases reported, State-wise, during this year;
- (b) the steps being taken to eradicate this deadly disease;
- (c) whether Government have created any special corpus for eradicating this disease; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Unutilised machines at AIIMS

- 1556. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Hi-tech machines used to repair medical equipments are rusting at AIIMS;
- (b) whether among the 40 odd equipments donated by the Australian Government twenty have been declared discarded;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether services of the workshop employees are being utilized to the utmost possible?

Ill effects of mosquitoes repellents

†1557. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of mosquitoes are increasing continuously;
- (b) whether mosquitoes repelling agents like Goodnight, Allout and Kachua Agarbatti are harmful to health; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for waste management in hospitals

- 1558. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have released any funds for the State Government hospitals of Andhra Pradesh for hospital waste management;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last four years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government propose to cover more hospitals for the purpose in the State in the near future?

Affairs of NACO

- 1559. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that no estimates have been prepared or circulated in respect of the expenditure and activities of the National Aids Control Organisation for the year 2003-2004;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when the same are likely to be prepared and published?

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Annual report of NACO

1560. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National AIDS Control Organisation brings out Annual Report on its activities in the field of AIDS;
- (b) if so, whether no such publication has been published for the current year;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken for publication of the report alongwith the likely time to be taken in this regard?

Leprosy patients

- †1561. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the country has highest number of leprosy patients in the World:
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been carried out in this regard;
 - (c) if so, the findings thereof;
- (d) whether Government have formulated any programme for eradication of leprosy; and
- (e) if so, by when the above programme is likely to be implemented?

Retail prices of drugs

1562. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been brought to Government's notice that drugs manu-

facturers are fixing maximum retail price of medicines many times more than the actual value of the generics;

- (b) whether any survey has been conducted on the price structure of the medicines; and
- (c) if not, whether Government propose to do it now for evolving a rational methodology?

Hepatitis 'A' vaccine

- 1563. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of opinion among the medical experts on the question of using Hepatitis 'A' vaccine to prevent liver diseases including jaundice;
- (b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy on the issue; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

- 1564. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have launched the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana recently;
 - (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the entire population in various States and UTs would be covered under the scheme; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Role of NICD to control mysterious disease

- 1565. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that mysterious disease is prevalent in some States and the National Institute of Communicable Disease has played an ineffective role to check/diagnose such diseases;
- (b) if so, whether such mysterious disease has claimed many lives in West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh recently;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the assistance other than financial rendered by Government to the affected States during the past 3-4 months?

Re-strengthening of AIDS control programme

1566. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have announced a number of package measures to tone up the AIDS programme;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) to what extent these have been implemented;
- (d) the focus laid in promoting the AIDS awareness; and
- (e) whether the State Governments have been urged to implement the above programmes of AIDS awareness?

Revenue loss due to spurious drugs

1567. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the magnitude of the problem of spurious drugs;
- (b) the estimated revenue loss to Government as a result thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to tackle this problem?

Rise in diabetes and cardiovascular diseases

- 1568. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Madras Diabetics Research Foundation has warned of high incidence of diabetes and cardiovascular diseases;
- (b) whether Government, keeping in view the serious situation, propose to launch a preventive programme; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking to bring about changes in eating habits of the people?

NGOs in health sector

1569. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and the details of NGOs registered in the health sector during the period 2000—2003, till 30th June;
- (b) whether any funds were provided by Government to any of these organisations during the above period and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have any system to monitor functioning of these NGOs;
- (d) whether these NGOs regularly submit their accounts and work reports to the Department concerned;

- (e) whether any malpractice has been noticed; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Incentives to doctors by drug companies

1570. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the drug companies offer incentives to doctors; and
- (b) if so, what measures have been taken to check this menace?

Typhoid and rabies vaccine

- 1571. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that outdated vaccines for typhoid and rabies are being sold in various parts of the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that production of cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped by Government but it is still continuing in CRI, Kasauli and Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation, Mumbai; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Banned blood banks

- 1572. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the blood banks in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh whose licences were cancelled, for violation of conditions of licence, during the year

2002-03; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken by Government to keep the blood banks under strict monitoring?

Scam in BHEL

1573. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a multi-crore scam involving private companies responsible for transporting transformers and other machines at BHEL, Bhopal has recently been unearthed:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Working of Bhart Heavy Plates and Vessels

- 1574. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels has delayed supply of the vital components to the Oil PSUs and other orders received by it;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the orders over-due for supply with BHPV; and
- (e) the steps taken by BHPV for timely compliance of the orders in future?

CAS and DTH system

- †1575. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
- (a) whether Government are going to
- †Original notice of the question received in Hindiintroduce Conditional Access System

- (CAS) and then Direct to Home system (DTH);
- (b) the reasons behind compulsion of watching advertisements while the subscriber is paying for watching channel programmes;
- (c) whether there would be restriction on telecast of advertisements on pay channels to be telecast under the Conditional Access System regime; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion and upgrading of DD Centres in Uttar Pradesh

- †1576. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Doordarshan Centres having been expanded or upgraded in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03; and
- (b) the details of the Doordarshan Centres identified for this purpose in the State during 2002-03?

Portraying of women in Hindi music video albums

- †1577. SHRI. P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in a number of private Hindi music video albums, women are being portrayed in a vulgar and semi-nude manner;

- (b) if so, whether Government have issued any order to stop telecast of such albums on private and Doordarshan channels:
- (c) the manner in which Government propose to control it; and
- (d) whether any action is being taken against the producers of these albums?

Visits of foreign film makers

- 1578. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to liberalise issue of visas to the foreign film makers and their teams; and
- (b) if so, the foreign exchange earning from such visits for shooting of feature and documentary films during the years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and the current year?

Foreign channels in India

- 1579. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the foreign channels operating in the country with the source of funding declared by each one of them;
- (b) how many foreign channels have violated Government's norms; and
- (c) the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) involved in each of these foreign channels and the details of the Income Tax paid by these channels during the last financial

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Venue for film festivals

1580. DR. AKHILESH DAS: SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Goa has been selected as permanent venue for film feetivals:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether other States/UTs also offered to host film festivals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the rejection of their offers?

DD news channel

- 1581. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that DD is coming up with a news channel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how it would be able to compete with the already existing popular news channels; and
- (d) in what way it would mobilise the inputs and resources to start this news channel?

Documentary film on Kutch quake

- 1582. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) what are Government's finding about the rejection of the documentary on

- Kutch quake by the Censor Board apart from the faulty language as the makers of the film are crying fowl; and
- (b) whether the film is being referred to the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal for second opinion?

Outstanding dues against producers

- †1583. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount is outstanding against the producers of various serials of Doordarshan;
 - (b) if so, the names of such producers;
- (c) the amount outstanding against each producer and since when; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to recover it?

Satellite C-Band link to AIR stations at Bikaner

- 1584. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to refer to the reply to the starred question 617 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th may, 2003 and state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that after a satellite C-Band link to the AIR station at Bikaner the listners there get radio transmissions only from AIR station Delhi or AIR station Jaipur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether local artists are available to make suitable radio programmes as per the demands and requirements of the captive audiences of Bikaner and adjoining areas;

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- (d) if so, whether Government would consider to allow freedom to AIR station Bikaner to produce and broadcast its own programmes; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Documentary film on Sikkim

1585. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the great film maker Satyajit Ray had made a documentary film on Sikkim on being assigned in 1971 by the then ruler of Sikkim;
- (b) whether the film was banned in India:
- (c) whether following the merger of Sikkim in 1975 Government acquired or attempted to acquire the film especially keeping in view the cinematic and archival qualities expected in a creation by one of the greatest film maker of world;
 - (d) if so, the present status thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tariff for cable Channels

- †1586. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are considering to decide the tariff for cable channels, if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (b) whether the task force has submitted its report to Government and if so, the main recommendations thereof;

- (c) the incident of the cable TV industry which lead Government to start CAS; and
- (d) whether it is in public interest and the basis thereof?

Set Top Boxes

1587. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Set-Top Boxes have paved the way for telecom giants to launch distribution of television signals through their network;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such companies;
- (c) whether the existing licencing framework for telecom companies allows them to offer voice, data and video from the same provider and if so, the cost thereof alongwith the cost of the Set-Top Boxes; and
- (d) by when the consumers are to switch over from cable to CAS/STB regime and the amount of extra burden which would be on them as a result thereof?

Uneconomical operation of FM channels

1588. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to uneconomical operation of FM Channels, many licencees have surrendered their licences in Mumbai area;
- (b) whether any task force has been set up by Government to study the possibility of lowering the licence fee as demanded by the private operators;
- †Original notice of the question received in Hindi.
 - (c) whether revenue sharing has been suggested as an alternate system; and

(d) if so, whether Government and the operators have arrived at any agreement to this effect?

Publication of daily newspapers

1589. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Newspapers (Dailies) published in the country and the number of readers of these Dailies;
- (b) whether it is a fact that these Dailies are by and large Urban oriented;
- (c) if so, the percentage of coverage given by these Dailies for the Rural News items:
- (d) whether it is a fact that the English Dailies are more Urban oriented; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Role of NFDC

1590. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of the National Film Development Corporation in giving support, financial or otherwise, to the filmconnected activities running in different States:
- (b) the role played by NFDC in the film-related affairs of Tripura; and
- (c) the details of the administrative network the NFDC has formed all over the country and the extent of its achievements?

Affairs of Kolkata DD Kendra

1591. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incorrect interpretation of commercial rates by Doordarshan Kendra, Kolkata resulted in undue financial benefit of Rs. 2.20 crore to a sponsor if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government have taken any punitive step in the wake of the incident?

Amount spent on advertisements

1592. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the details of the amount spent annually by various Ministries on advertisements during the last three years, Ministry-wise?

Defaulting advertising agencies in Kolkata

1593. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTER-JEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing individual dues of ten top most defaulters of advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR; and
- (b) the number of reminders sent during the last six months to those agencies and the result thereof?

Family Courts

1594. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

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

- (a) the number of family courts set up by various States during the year 2002-2003:
- (b) the number of cases settled by these courts during the years 1999-2002; yearwise;
- (c) the recurring and non-recurring grants given by Government to various States for setting up family courts during the year 2002-2003;
- (d) whether Government propose to set up more family courts in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh in view of the large pendency of cases; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government to set up new family courts alongwith the numbers and locations thereof?

Appointment of judges

†1595. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the tenure of many judges has expired during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the number of such judges thereof in the Supreme Court and various High Courts; and
- (c) the number of judges appointed during the said period in the Supreme Court and the High Courts?

Recommendation of SCAOA on pending cases

1596. MISS MABEL REBELLO: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than 24000 cases are pending in the Supreme Court, 35,00,000 in the High Courts across the country and in the lower court the number is mind boggling;
- (b) whether to improve the effectiveness of the judicial system, the Supreme Court Advocates On-record Association has made certain recommendations during a seminar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and how far these have been accepted by Government to speed up trials and reduce the back-log?

Shortage of judges

†1597. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of judges in view of population of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of judges working per 10 lakh population;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the number of judges in the country is less than the countries like America, England, France and Japan; and
- (d) if so, the proportion of judges in the said countries?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

FTCs in Gujarat

- 1598. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Fast Track Courts have been set up in all the States;
- (b) if so, the number of such courts functioning in Gujarat;
- (c) the number of cases pending in High Courts and other Courts transferred to the Fast Track Courts during the last three years and decided by these courts in the State; and
- (d) whether Government propose to set up more such courts to reduce the pending cases in the High Courts and other subordinate Courts?

Amendment in notaries rules

- 1599. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have amended the notaries rules and fixed the maximum number of notaries for Kerala as 375;
- (b) whether Government have consulted with the State Government before the amendment:
- (c) whether it is a fact that number of notaries fixed for Kerala is meagre as compared to the population density;
- (d) whether the State Government has requested to enhance the number of notaries to 1000; and
- (e) whether Government would consider to amend the rules and enhance the quota to 1000?

Appointment of retired judges on various bodies

- 1600. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of retired judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court of India appointed on various Commissions, Tribunals and other Bodies;
 - (b) the dates of their retirement; and
- (c) the dates since when they are working on various bodies?

Pilot project for computerisation of courts

- 1601. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a pilot project for computerisation and networking of all subordinate courts in the four metros:
- (b) whether Government are thinking of extending this pilot project to the other subordinate courts situated in other major cities such as Hyderabad;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 18 crores for construction of High Court buildings including development of IT in the country; and
- (d) if so, the amount given to Andhra Pradesh for the purpose?

Youth Parliament's in Kendriya Vidyalayas

- 1602. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
 - (a) the amount spent on conducting

Youth Parliaments in the Kendriya Vidyalayas during the last five years, yearwise and the prizes distributed to the students;

- (b) the details of the amount spent on TA/DA of the officers of his Ministry and the Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathans including teachers for the same period;
- (c) whether the students should get more encouragement, instead of the officers just utilising these competitions for travelling across the country?

Development of New Mangalore Port

- 1603. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop New Mangalore Port as hub for all shipping activities:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any plan has been finalised in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, the cost of its implementation?

Affairs of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust

1604. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust procured equipments worth Rs. 8.93 crores to handle fertilizers raw material, foodgrains etc. in 1989;
- (b) whether it is also a fact the entire system was defective *abinitio* and could not be commissioned successfully;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether responsibility has been fixed in the matter; and

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

Evaluation of maritime security measures

- 1605. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have reevaluted maritime security measures keeping in view the warning of the International Maritime Organisation in the wake of the rising terrorist threats;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures adopted for inspection of cargo before and after shipment; and
- (d) whether these measures are delaying the shipment of cargo?

Development of national waterway No.

- 1606. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to develop the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (National Waterway No. 1) into a commercially viable waterway system; and
 - (b) if so, the progress so far?

Proposal for Gopalpur Port in Orissa

- 1607. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have a proposal to make Gopalpur Port in Orissa as all weather port;
- (b) if so, the specific steps taken in that regard; and

(c) the assistance extended by Government for this purpose?

Ship service from Allahabad to Farakka

- †1608. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) by when the ship service from Allahabad to Farakka would start functioning on Ganga river from commercial point of view;
- (b) the details of the action taken in this direction; and
- (c) the details of the cost of this project alongwith the amount spent so far?

Problems faced by CIWTC Ltd.

- 1609. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the representatives of the confederation of CIWTC Ltd. met him in Kolkata and submitted a memorandum on various problems and difficulties being faced by them;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether during the meeting he assured the employees' representatives of quick action and if so, the details thereof;
 - (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Revival package for CIWTC Ltd.

- 1610. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the

- CIWTC Ltd. for its revival within a span of four years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof and when;
- (c) whether it is a fact that it has been decided to go in for the disinvestment of the CIWTC without awaiting the results of the revival package; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Tonnage Tax regime for shipping industry

- 1611. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India is going to lose out Rs. 5075 crores from its cumulative GDP and Rs. 501 crores from its cumulative tax revenue in the next 10-15 years if prevalent tax system in the country for shipping industry is persisted with:
- (b) whether TERI has recommended for immediate shift from the corporate tax structure to the tonnage tax regime to help the Indian Shipping Industry to grow further;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by TERI; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Ban on single hull ships of SCI

- 1612. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that SCI's single hull Ships are banned from entering into the EUs waters;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that more than 30 per cent ships of the SCI are single

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hull ships, thereby are not able to go pending with Government? EU due to ban;

- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the changes in the regulations in other parts of the World would not erode the valuation of SCI's share in the market?

National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers

- 1613. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the objectives of the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers setout for providing alternative, dignified and viable occupation to scavengers and their dependents have been achieved;
 - (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount spent on the scheme so far: and
- (d) the steps taken for its effective implementation?

Old Age Homes in A.P. under NGOs

- 1614. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the Old Age Homes being operated by NGOs in Andhra Pradesh alongwith the name of the respective NGO, which have sought Government's grant-in-aid during the e a r 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 and the amounts sanctioned so far; and
 - (b) the details of the applications

Implementation of programmes

- 1615. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government release funds to the States against their specific programmes for implementation under various schemes;
- (b) the details of the schemes eligible for funding by Government;
- (c) whether it is a fact that several State Governments have failed to send any proposal for the projects to be implemented under the schemes;
- (d) the details of States who have neither send any proposal nor have availed of funds from Government during the last five years; and
- (e) the details of the schemes implemented by Government in Jharkhand since its inception?

Welfare schemes for minorities in A.P.

- 1616. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are implementing any welfare schemes for the minorities in Andhra Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of persons belonging to the minorities covered under these schemes in the State during the last three years, yearwise and scheme-wise?

Grants-in-aid for Old Age Homes

- 1617. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the applications pending with Governments seeking grants-

in-aid for construction and maintenance of Old Age Homes in Kerala for the last two years giving the name of the NGO and amounts of grants sought; and

(b) the reasons for delay in taking any decision thereon?

Utilisation of loan in Orissa

- 1618. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have any monitoring mechanism to ensure proper utilisation of the loan assistance provided by the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC);
- (b) if so, the loan assistance provided by NSKFDC to the safai karamchari in Orissa during last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to provide training to safai karamcharis in the State to set up income generating sanitation projects from the loan assistance?

Reservation for SCs/STs and OBCs

- 1619. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the privatisation of PSUs and also the downsizing of Government staff has shrunk the area of employment through reservation of SCs/STs and OBCs;
- (b) if so, whether Government consider to bring in new legislation to provide reservation quota for these sections in the

private sector also especially to retain the reservation provision sexisted previously in the now privatized PSUs;

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

Nomadic communities

- 1620. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of knowing that roughly seven per cent of the country's population is nomadic, most of the nomadic communities do not even have voting rights; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the conditions of the nomadic tribes?

Funds to Manipur under TSP

- 1621. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the funds released during the Ninth Plan for Manipur under the Tribal Sub-Plan;
- (b) whether Government release fund on the basis of clear cut work programme;
- (c) in what way Government ensure proper implementation of the work programme and utilisation of funds; and
- (d) the date of release of the said funds, year-wise?

Jhodias for tribal status

- 1622. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Jhodias of Kashipur (Bhubaneswar) are asking for restoration

- of their tribal status in the matter of reservation in jobs and educational institutions:
- (b) whether the matter of restoring Jhodias' scheduled tribe status is pending with Government;
- (c) whether they have threatened to stop payment of taxes and boycott the next Lok Sabha election; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to resolve the issue at the earliest?

Deaths of tribals by snake bites

- †1623. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that during rainy season due to non-availability of resources, a large number of tribals die because of snake biting and biting by other poisonous species;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that no efforts have been made by Government for their livelihood: and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Industrial areas in Delhi

1624. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: DR. AKHILESH DAS:

- Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have identified some 24 industrial areas in Delhi and have decided to regularised more industrial areas;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's policy in this regard in the light of the Supreme Court's directions relating to shifting of industrial units from non-conforming areas, including farm houses?

Shifting of industrial units to Bawana Industrial Area

1625. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of 16,000 industrial units which were in operation in the residential areas in the capital, only 341 units have started construction work for their units in Bawana Industrial Area:
- (b) whether it is a fact that the dead line fixed by Government before the Supreme Court for shifting of those units is over and if so, when; and
- (c) the reasons for not shifting those units to the Industrial Area where plots are available in plenty and by when these are likely to be shifted?

Surrender of DDA flats by allottees

1626. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Delhi Development Authority (DDA) flats are being surrendered by the allottees because their prices have been going up regardless of the slump in the real estate market;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to set up a Committee to consider this problem?

Government accommodations for artists, musicians and dancers

1627. DR. ABRAR AHMED: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of artists/musicians/ dancers etc. who have been allotted Government accommodation in Delhi during the last five years and as on the date;
- (b) the date from which they are availing such facility, the rent being charged from each of them and the duration for which allotments have been made: and
- (c) the criteria/guidelines for making such allotments?

Supply of drinking water to Posts and Telegraph colony

- †1628. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the drinking water is not being supplied by NDMC in the Type I, II and V quarters situated in the Posts and Telegraph colony at Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government against the officers responsible for this; and
- (c) the action being taken or proposed to be taken by Government through NDMC for supply of water in the said colony?

Housing loans to construct LIG Houses

- 1629. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme, loans were sanctioned by Government, against repayment, to various agencies including Cantonment Boards at Agra, Meerut, Jalandhar and Dehu Road to construct Low Income Group Colonies;
- (b) if so, the details of the loan sanctioned to the above Cantonment Boards with date and condition/period of repayment;
- (c) the position with regard to payment of the Principal and the interest thereon and the time taken in repayment Board-wise; and
- (d) the price fixed for the Houses including the cost of land?

Low Income Group Housing Scheme by Cantonment Boards at Agra, Meerut, etc.

- 1630. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether for the construction of houses under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme the constructing agencies *i.e.*, cantonment Boards at Agra, Meerut, Jalandhar and Dehu Road borrowed loan from his Ministry;
- (b) whether as per the scheme the constructing agency cannot earn any element of profit from the houses, but would benefit the occupants on "No Loss No Profit" basis; and

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(c) whether the constructing agency cannot be the permanent owner of houses but will sell them on outright sale or hire purchase basis to its occupants allocating not more than 25 percent houses to its own employees?

Poverty Alleviation Schemes

- 1631. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the ongoing poverty alleviation schemes;
- (b) whether these schemes have helped in bringing the people above the poverty line:
- (c) whether any time frame has been fixed for eradicating poverty completely;and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of cities under Mega City Scheme in Gujarat

1632. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: DR. A.K. PATEL: PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to revised policy the cities having population more than ten lakhs can be included in the Centrally sponsored schemes for mega cities:
- (b) if so, the reason why the revised proposal of the Government of Gujarat for including four major cities of Gujarat in the said scheme is pending with Government since long; and

(c) the present status of the said proposal and by when it would be cleared?

Jhuggies around Shiv Shakti Mandir, Laxmi Narain Mandir, etc.

- 1633. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of jhuggies around Shiv Shakti Mandir, Laxmi Narain Mandir to Mini Stadium Laxmibai Nagar, and on the drain is increasing continuously as a consequence of which environment of these colonies has got worsened;
- (b) if so, the action taken against the concerned officials for allowing to set up jhuggies on Government land;
- (c) whether Government propose to remove these jhuggies within a fixed time period so that trees can be planted in this area: and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

DDA plots in West Delhi

- 1634. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of plots sold by DDA through auction in West Delhi, years ago, have not been constructed/built-up till date and those plots are being used as garbage sites, creating unhygienic conditions in the area;
- (b) the time allowed to the plot-holders for putting up construction thereon; and
- (c) the action proposed by DDA to enforce conditions laid down in the sale deeds?

Soft loans for Bangalore Metro Project

- 1635. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to seek soft loans for construction of the Bangalore Metro Project from the Japanese Bank under the International Co-operation;
- (b) if so, the amount of soft loans sought for;
- (c) by when the above loan is expected to come through;
- (d) by when construction of the metro projects of Bangalore would commence; and
- (e) by when it is expected to be completed?

Slums development under NSDP in Bihar

- †1636. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of slums developed under the National Slum Development Programme in the cities of Bihar alongwith the names of the cities during the last three years:
- (b) the number of persons benefited from this scheme; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent on this scheme during the last three years citywise and year-wise?

Rehabilitation of slums outside of

- †1637. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating on rehabilitating slums situated within all the big cities at the outside of these cities;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that court's order has also come in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment inequalities in top ten cities

- 1638. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the inequalities in the investments made by the Central Government and the State Governments in the top ten major cities in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government would set-right these inequalities;
- (c) whether Government would launch any study to assess the comparative investments made in the 10 major cities; and
 - (d) if so, by when?

Urban Sanitation Misison

- 1639. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government are planning

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to launch a State Sector Programme *viz*. Urban Sanitation Mission;

- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the projects to be taken up in Orissa under the Mission during the coming three years; and
- (c) the steps taken for time-bound completion of the project?

Civic amenities in CGHC, Vasant Vihar

- 1640. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar was established in 1986 and the allotments started from December, 1986;
- (b) whether all the civic amenities and water supply are being maintained by the CPWD itself;
- (c) whether in other Government colonies like R.K. Puram, Sarojini Nagar and Netaji Nagar, these amenities are being

maintained by the MCD & NDMC;

- (d) the reason for which CGHC, Vasant Vihar has not been handed over to the MCD for maintenance of these services since 1986; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to handover the said complex to the MCD for the said purpose?

Government accommodation to the freedom fighters

- 1641. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) Government's policy regarding allotment of Government accommodation to the freedom fighters and their families;
- (b) the names of the allottees, the category of accommodation and the dates of allotment to each one of them; and
- (c) the names of the applicants who have been declined allotment under the freedom fighters category during last three years?

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