

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the March 5, 2003/Phalguna 14, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Lignite deposits found in Barmer, Rajasthan

1387. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) details of lignite deposits found in Barmer District. of Rajasthan;

(b) at what depth those lignite deposits are situated;

(c) the details of proposals received for mining of those lignite deposits;

(d) whether the Government of Rajasthan have sent to the Central Government the proposals of three companies for setting up of thermal power plants for the extraction of lignite from those mines and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government are contemplating to clear those proposals ?

Irregularities in coal linkage

† 1388. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases regarding irregularities in coal linkage have come to light;

(b) if so, the total number of such companies whose permission has been cancelled; and

(c) whether any case has also been registered against any of these companies ?

Awarding contracts without tenders

† 1389. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's coal companies have a system of awarding contracts without tenders;

(b) if so, the extent to which officers of different levels have been authorised to do so;

(c) if so, whether complaints of bungling in such cases have ever been reported; and

(d) the outcomes thereof?

Coal production

1390. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for production of coal during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) how far this target has been achieved;

(c) the target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) whether Government propose to enhance production of coal during the Tenth Plan?

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Coal shortage in Singareni Coal Mine

1391. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that acting on a SOS from Singareni Colliery Management following the recent indefinite strike by coal miners, the Union Government constituted a crisis resolution Group, if so, the terms of the Group;

(b) the main demands of the workers; and how the issues were resolved; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the coal shortage with the projects and the people fed by the colliery?

Closure of loss making mines

1392. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to closing down of some of the loss making mines in the country;

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

(c) whether the exact causes of losses of such coal mines have been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to revive such loss making coal mines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

P.F. office in Godavarikham in Andhra Pradesh

1393. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open a Provident Fund office in Godavarikham in Karimnagar District of Andhra Pradesh,

for the benefit of Singareni Coal Company Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving off of arrears of retired Army, Navy and Air Force Officers

1394. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to waive off recovery of 'arrears' worth Rs. 1.85 crores ordered by Controller of Defence Accounts, from about 1500 retired officers belonging to Army, Air Force and Navy after Court's intervention, as reported in Pioneer of 19th January, 2003; and

(b) if so, whether responsibility is being fixed for this financial loss coupled with infructuous expenditure incurred on court cases?

Movement of troops to peace-time locations

1395. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all border troops have moved back to their peace-time locations after more than a year; and

(b) if so, reasons with details thereof?

Purchase of AJT

1396. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to purchase British Hawk aircraft for induction in IAF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any study of Czech aircraft L-159B; and

(d) if so, the difference between the British Hawk aircraft and the Czech aircraft L-159B with regard to our requirements?

Supply of defective defence equipments by Russia

1397. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has supplied, in violation of the contract, some old, defective and unserviceable items of defence equipments;

(b) if so, whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has pointed out this in his report;

(c) what is the Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) other details thereof?

Development of one seater defence aircrafts by India and Russia

† 1398. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Russia have offered to develop one seater defence aircrafts in collaboration with India for strengthening the Indian air force and removing the outdated aircrafts from the fleet of Indian air force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Upgradation of 130mm field guns

1399. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the news-item in Frontline

dated the 16th August, 2002 regarding "Upgradation of 130mm Field Guns to 155 mm 45 caliber";

(b) if so, the progress made in the execution of the project;

(c) whether there are any shortfall in the upgradation programme; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures which are being taken by Government thereon?

Import of arms

† 1400. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is one of the largest importer of the arms in the world;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what is the utility of Defence Research Organisation?

Indo-Russian joint venture for production of military hardware spares

1401. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently signed an agreement with Russia for setting up two production centres for joint production of spares for the military hardwares;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the production centres are likely to be put in place?

Intrusion by Pakistan spying aircraft

† 1402. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) number of times Pakistan's spying aircraft intruded in Indian territory by

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violating international border during the last year; and

(b) the concrete steps taken by Government to prevent it?

Intrusion by Pakistan's surveillance aircraft in Poonch

† 1403. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an unmanned surveillance aircraft of Pakistan had recently entered into Indian airspace in mater sector of District Poonch on a spying mission;

(b) if so, whether India had shot down the aircraft by anti-aircraft gun;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government of India has lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and

(e) if so, reaction of Government of Pakistan thereto?

Modernisation of defence production units

1404. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invite Foreign Direct Investment in defence production sector;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) how does Government propose to modernise the defence production units in the country?

Land for expansion and developmental programmes

1405. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has asked the Mazagon Dock Ltd. to return the land which was earlier given to it for expansion and developmental programme;

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

(c) whether Government have taken up the issue with the State Government and persuade it to review its stand;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Raising of additional battalions of army

1406. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the increasing role of Army in counter insurgency duties, Government has decided to raise additional battalions of Army, particularly for posting along the border;

(b) if so, the number of battalions to be raised;

(c) whether certain extra allowance will be paid to those posted in counter insurgency duties; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Induction of Agni Missile

† 1407. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the types of missiles which have been successfully tested so far under the Missile Programme of the country;

(b) the range of surface to surface Agni Missile successfully tested so far; and

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(c) by when the Agni missile will be handed over to Indian Army?

Construction of military station at Una, H.P.

†1408. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Western Command Head Quarter of army, Chandimandi has requested Himachal Pradesh Government to hand over the 790 acre land chosen in Una district to army so as to set up a military station there;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Himachal Pradesh Government has approved the handing over of said land; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision in this regard will be taken?

Release of defence land to three hamlets of 108 Bazaar, Secunderabad

1409. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make all the civilian occupied leased lands of more than a century old as Free-hold;

(b) whether Government has finalised the sanction of release of defence land to three hamlets, residents of 108 Bazaar, Secunderabad Cantonment in exchange of alternate land as promised by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernised training for armed forces

1410. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided not to slash the strength of the Armed Forces, as was planned a few years back;

(b) whether Government has started a programme for providing latest sophisticated arms and ammunition to the Armed Forces; and

(c) whether training of Armed Forces has been modernised keeping in view the changed role of forces *i.e.*, defending the borders; curbing of militancy and insurgency?

Illegal constructions in Delhi cantonment

1411. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal construction has been done in houses in the 14 sites given on lease by Government in the Gopinath Bazar area in Delhi Cantonment in violation of rules and regulations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action being taken against officials of Delhi Cantonment Board under whose patronage illegal constructions have been done by the residents; and

(d) action being taken by Government in the light of prevailing security scenario to protect army establishments in the area from high rise building which may be given on rent to anti-social elements etc.?

Opening of defence production to private sector

†1412. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by Government so far after their decision of

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opening the defence production sector to private sector;

(b) the number of indigenous and foreign companies which have shown interest for construction work in defence production sector; and

(c) the number of companies which have been allowed entry in defence production sector by Government so far?

Operationalisation of LCA

1413. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the light combat aircraft will be made operational in Indian Air Force;

(b) when the project for this aircraft was launched;

(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) other details in this regard?

Request by Karnataka Government to reduce share in respect of modernisation of police scheme

1414. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka has been fully and effectively utilizing the modernisation grants under Modernisation Scheme of security forces;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to reduce the State's share from 50 to 20 per cent under the Modernisation scheme;

(c) the amount of modernisation grant Sanctioned to Karnataka during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(d) since the State is finding it difficult to give a matching grant of 50 per cent, will Government take steps to reduce the State's

share from 50 to 20 per cent as modernisation of security forces was a matter of national importance?

Fake passports racket

1415. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a racket is in operation in Hyderabad and other Airports with fake passports;

(b) how many such cases have been booked during the last three months;

(c) how many brokers have been booked; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this malpractice?

Repatriation of J&K cadre officers posted in other States

1416. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Jammu and Kashmir cadre officers working outside the State;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to repatriate them to their parent State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Unutilised area near LoC

1417. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area between the Pakistan border (LoC) and the barbed wire put up by Government is lying unutilised for cultivation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to make the area cultivable?

**Letting off the accused of 1984
massacre**

1418. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state that whether the Judiciary has let off all the accused in the 1984 massacre of innocent men, women and children who killed them?

**Allowing delegates of international
human rights in India**

1419. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a manifestation of its transparency and commitment to human rights, whether India allows delegates of international human rights activist NGOs to visit detention centres/prisons under the ICRC Charter;

(b) if so, the number of such observers allowed to visit India on fact finding missions; and

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission constantly interacts with its counter part in other countries?

**Security measures for vital installation
in India**

1420. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security audits of sensitive airports/vital installations in India are conducted frequently;

(b) whether post-9/11, additional security measures have been clamped around refineries, power utilities and airports in

sensitive border areas and if so, a summary thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to engage specialised forces in such areas and whether the Central Industrial Security Force has been provided additional training and orientation in specialised areas?

**Killing of policemen and their family
members in J&K**

1421. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment brewing in rank and file of police in Jammu and Kashmir due to apathy towards them despite recent spate in killing of policemen and their family members;

(b) if so, the reasons for disbanding of the special operations group (SOG) in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect the family members of policemen in Jammu and Kashmir?

Extremist activities in J&K

1422. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI T.S. BAJWA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extremist activities have increased in Jammu and Kashmir after the new Government took over last year;

(b) if so, the comparative data of civilians and jawans killed and the terrorist arrested before and after the new regime; and

(c) the steps taken by Government recently to help the State Government to curb terrorism?

Selling of women

1423. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Madhya Pradesh, the 'Bhil Tribe of Gowdri Village are selling women in public auction as reported in the week' magazine, dated 26th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the number of women sold, and the details of persons involved in the case and the persons arrested; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to prevent such heinous acts in future?

Issuances of Identity Cards in bordering States

1424. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to issue identity cards to border States including Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Demand for more powers to NHRC

1425. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has urged the Government to provide more powers and to amend the Human Rights Act accordingly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to consider the demands of NHRC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Report of high powered Committee on Disaster Management

1426. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the report of high powered committee on Disaster Management submitted on October, 1st 2001 and action taken on each of them so far;

(b) the details of strengthening of structures or infrastructures or instruments for disaster management done so far; and

(c) the role of National Committee on Disaster Management and details of its recommendations which are being executed and which are awaiting implementation?

Misutilisation of funds by NGOs

1427. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary organisations aided by the Union Government;

(b) the criteria fixed for providing such assistance;

(c) the names of the agency conducting audit of such organisations;

(d) the names of organisations which have misutilised the funds particularly in Gujarat; and

(e) the details thereof for the last three years?

Appointments on compassionate ground in Navyug Vidyalaya

† 1428 SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of appointments on compassionate grounds are under consideration in Navyug Vidyalaya Committee, New Delhi and dependents are being told that their cases would be taken up under 5 per cent quota while appointments on contract basis are being made by the Committee;

(b) the number of such cases and the number of persons appointed on contract basis during the last five years; and

(c) by when the said dependents are likely to be given appointments on compassionate ground whereas appointments on contract basis are being given regularly and whether 5 per cent quota does not apply here?

Increase in crime rate

1429. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Crime more on streets, less on Paper", as reported in Statesman dated the 17th February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether according to National Crime Records Bureau, the crime rate in the country is rising marginally whereas a large number of crimes are not recorded properly;

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

(d) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Global action against terrorism

1430. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to seek the assistance of other countries against terrorism;

(b) if so, the efforts made in that regard;

(c) the response from other countries for global action against terrorism; and

(d) the details thereof?

Financial help to militants lodged in jails

1431. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Pak money poured right into Tihar", as reported in Statesman dated the 8th February, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the separatist organisations active in the valley are providing financial help to militants lodged in Tihar Jail;

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

(d) the steps taken to break nexus of militants lodged in jails with organisations?

Registration of births and deaths in the country

1432. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many States, the figures of births and deaths are not properly registered which hinders the monitoring of the exact number of

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births and deaths in those States in order to determine the rise or fall in the sex ratio;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the names of those States which are lagging behind;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to make registration of births and deaths compulsory in the country;

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

(e) by when the necessary orders are likely to come into force?

Discussions by Minister with foreign leaders

1433. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has visited many foreign countries and held discussions with various leaders during the last 2-3 months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and outcome of the discussions;

(c) whether any extradition treaty was signed with any foreign country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Discussions held in the Conference of CMs

1434. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had called the Conference of Chief Ministers on February 8, 2003 to discuss the internal security;

(b) if so, how many Chief Ministers attended the Conference;

(c) what were the main subjects discussed;

(d) what were the decisions arrived at; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to implement the suggestions made in the Conference?

Boundary dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

1435. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that boundary dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Orissa relating to 63 villages is still persisting;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far to resolve the dispute between the two States?

Failure in furnishing complete replies

1436. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of Delhi has all along failed to follow the Cabinet Secretary's instructions to furnish complete and satisfactory replies to the MP's references and that too expeditiously;

(b) whether in response to a large number of MP's references received in September, 2002, no satisfactory reply has been furnished except for an acknowledgement; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against the said officer as per Government of India instruction No. (17-A)

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reproduced below Rule 3-C of the CCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 for his failure to furnish timely replies to such MP's references?

Arrest in connection with adulterated water

1437. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of companies involved in bottling pesticides containing adulterated water have been unearthed recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Police had made any arrests in this connection;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Delhi Police propose to take against the owners of the companies who are manufacturing and marketing pesticides containing bottled water?

Return of Kashmiri migrants

1438. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated package to pursue Kashmiri migrants to return to their home in the valley with the help of State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government feels that the security situation in the valley is conducive for the return of migrants; and

(d) if not, the measures suggested to provide them full security if they return to their home?

Subramaniam report on internal security

1439. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the GoM on internal security studying the Subramaniam report identified certain Madarsas of indoctrinating disloyalty to the nation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific Madarsa has been found guilty on this score and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the names and other details thereof State-wise;

(e) whether Government have taken up this issue with respected community leader including Muslim Members of Parliament; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure incurred on security cover to VVIPs

† 1440. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of VVIPs to whom security cover has been provided by the Ministry; and

(b) the details with regard to on security cover provided to VVIPs alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon by the Department?

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Steps to check, activities of private security agencies

1441. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of increasing number of personnel of private security agencies found involved in heinous crimes;

(b) if so, whether Government propose compulsory registration of these security agencies with the police;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the fresh steps taken by Government to formulate certain guidelines in order to keep a check on activities of private security agencies?

Agreements with Bodo Liberation Tigers

1442. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have reached any agreement with the Bodo Liberation Tigers at a meeting held on 10th February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government for its implementation;

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the provisions made in the agreement/accord require the approval of the Parliament; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when a suitable legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament?

Setting up of multi-agency centre for using intelligence inputs

1443. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a meeting of Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police held in New Delhi on January 7, 2003, it was decided to set up a multi-agency centre to effectively use intelligence inputs to detect and crack terrorist modules across the country;

(b) if so, the constitution, functions and *modus operandi* of the multi-agency centre; and

(c) the success achieved by the Centre so far in identifying the terrorist outfits operating in and around the country?

Incidents of fake encounters

1444. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of fake encounters by police and security forces have increased;

(b) the details of the fake encounters came to the knowledge of Government during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(c) the causes of such encounters and the action taken against the erring personnel;

(d) the compensation paid to the family of deceased and those who sustained injuries in such encounters; and

(e) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

Report on bonded labour in India

1445. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of human rights watch "Bonded labour in India";

(b) if so, what are Government's comments on the study; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Setting up of globe panel to tackle the menace of terrorism

1446. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has proposed to set up a globe panel of countries affected by terrorism for sharing and devising methods to tackle the menace as reported in The Time of India dated the 28th January, 2003; and

(b) if so, the full details thereof?

Discussions held during Home Minister's visits to Thailand and Singapore

1447. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit in January, 2003 to Thailand and Singapore, he had discussed matters relating to strengthening of the global fight against terrorism with the leaders of the two nations;

(b) if so, whether any other issues were discussed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Socio-economic plans to tackle the menace of nexalism

1448. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the action taken for special socio-economic plans for development of nexalite affected States to fight nexalite menace?

Dialogue with Hurriyat Conference

1449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmir Committee Chairman, Ram Jethmalani has been continuing dialogue with Hurriyat Conference on the Kashmir issue even after the formation of new State Government;

(b) what progress has been made in regards to resolving the issue and whether any significant change in the attitude of Hurriyat Conference has been noticed after the elections in Kashmir;

(c) by when, Government propose to hold talks with the elected representatives of Jammu and Kashmir and Hurriyat Conference will also be invited to participate; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Long term solution of crimes committed by kids

1450. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 per cent of the kids arrested and remanded to juvenile houses had committed rape, sodomy and molestation;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a reputed NGO-PRATIDI, had found that petty crimes happened to be committed

by the kids were due to a particular atmosphere of poverty and neglect; and

(c) whether Government would consider to hammer out a long-term solution to the problem?

Modernisation of Central Jail in Vidarbha region

1451. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact amendment in the code of criminal procedure to deal with overcrowding of undertrials and defames of State Jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any request for construction, upgradation and maintenance of Central Jail in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount sanctioned in this regard?

Proposed amendment in Code of Criminal Procedure

†1452. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend Code of Criminal Procedure to provide for special courts for hearing the cases against culprit politicians on day-to-day basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when final decision will be taken on this?

Draft Bill for Statehood to Delhi

1453. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Delhi has drafted the Statehood Bill and sent it to the Union Government for approval and presentation by Parliament;

(b) if so, the details of the draft bill presented; and

(c) by when the same is proposed to be introduced in Parliament for final approval so that Delhi may be granted the full Statehood without further delay?

Enclaves at Indo-Bangla border

1454. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are hundreds of enclaves at Indo-Bangladesh border along Coochbehar and Jalpaiguri districts of West Bengal;

(b) if so, how many of them belong to India and how many belong to Bangladesh;

(c) is there any proposal to exchange the enclaves; and

(d) if so, time-frame therefor?

List of young men turned terrorists

1455. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of young men who went to Saudi Arabia and other gulf countries from four Southern States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh and have no contact with their families for the last several months/years;

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(b) whether Government have checked that they have joined the Al-Qaeda and Taliban Cadres there and turned terrorists there; and

(c) whether any such persons have been found to be in terrorist groups coming to India?

Bill pending for clearance

1456. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government of Karnataka for The Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal and details thereof?

Study conducted regarding harassment of girl students

† 1457. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of Gender Study Group of Delhi University stating that 91.7 per cent girls residing in the hostels are harassed;

(b) if so, the details of the concrete steps taken by Government to check such harassment; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lack of sophisticated weapons with police force in Bihar

† 1458. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether police force in Bihar has not been successful in dealing with criminals due to lack of sophisticated weapons and other means; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard alongwith its plan for future course of action?

Training camps of terrorists abroad

† 1459. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from PoK, the terrorist training camps are also being operated in Bhutan, Bangladesh and Burma;

(b) if so, number of such training camps being operated in each of the said countries;

(c) name of the terrorist organisations operating the said camps; and

(d) assessment made by the Government regarding the threat to the National Security by these training camps?

National Register of Indian citizens

1460. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to draw up a National Register of Indian citizens containing details about the citizens which will form the database for Government planning;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost involved;

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(c) by when, the work in this direction is likely to commence and be completed; and

(d) whether the modalities for enumeration work have been finalised and if so, the details thereof?

Dialogue with concerned parties to resolve dispute

1461. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-
CHARYA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH
LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have again started any dialogue with the concerned parties to resolve the Ram Janam Bhoomi dispute of Ayodhya with a view to settle the issue by out of court negotiations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Killing of informers by militants in J&K

1462. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of informers have been killed in Kashmir Valley by the militants;

(b) if so, the number of such persons killed during the last three months; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Government had not provided sufficient securities to them which has resulted in their murders and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Replacement of BSF by CRPF

1463. SHRI RUMANDLA
RAAMACHANDRAYYA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to replace Border Security Force in Srinagar and other towns of Kashmir Valley by Central Reserve Police Force;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether CRPF has adequate strength there to deal with situation or more CRPF Personnel will be posted there; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

Inspection of high-rise buildings

1464. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has ordered Delhi Fire Service to complete inspection of all the high-rise buildings in the capital, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 20th December, 2002;

(b) if so, how many such high-rise buildings are there in the capital and out of which how many have been inspected and asked to conform to fire safety standards; and

(c) time by when the process would be completed?

Gearing up to make police force more friendly

1465. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has geared up to make force more people friendly;

(b) if so, the measures devised for the purpose; and

(c) the steps devised to control corruption within the force?

Raising of all-women battalion in Tamil Nadu

1466. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu Government propose to raise all-women battalion in their police force, as reported in the Indian Express of 11th December, 2002;

(b) if so, details of the proposal;

(c) whether any other State has also raised this battalion; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in the face of unabated increase in violence against women, the steps taken by Government to strengthen women police force in the States to instill confidence among victims?

Staying of Afghan citizens in India

1467. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Afghan citizens are still staying in India;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to send them back;

(c) whether Government have granted Indian citizenship to some Afghan citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Immigration policy

1468. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering formulating an immigration policy in view of the massive infiltration from Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Setting up of Law enforcement agency

1469. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held during February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proposal to set up a Central law-enforcement agency was proposed for discussion in the meeting;

(d) if so, the details and status of the proposal;

(e) whether a comprehensive scheme for policing in the coastal areas of Kerala were submitted in the conference;

(f) if so, the details including status of proposal;

(g) whether it was submitted in the conference on the human dimension of the problem of overstaying Pakistani nationals of Kerala Origin in the State; and

(h) if so, the details thereof including decision taken thereon, if any?

Handing over of land for construction of temple

1470. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) why the Central Government made an application in the Supreme Court to lift ban on religious activity in Ayodhya's 67.703 acres land;

(b) whether Central Government plan to hand over this land to Ramjanambhoomi Trust for the construction of Ram Mandir; and

(c) whether Government plan to introduce a Bill to hand over the disputed 2.67 acres land in Ayodhya to Ramjanambhoomi Trust to construct the Ram Temple?

Communal riots

† 1471. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details with regard to communal riots since January, 2000 to till date;

(b) the details regarding loss of life and property in the said riots;

(c) the details with regard to compensations given to the dependents of victims of riots; and

(d) what action has been taken against the persons involved in the riots?

Self-defence learning programme organised by Delhi Government

1472. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Government has organized self-defence learning for women students in Delhi; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the kinds of Do's or Dont's or safety measures to be observed for the purpose;

(c) the kind of awareness that has been created among women; and

(d) whether any NGOs have been associated with this process; if so, the details thereof ?

FIRs registered in connection with rioting and killing after Godhra incident

1473. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FIRs registered in cases of looting, arson and murders in relation to incidents of rioting and killing after Godhra train incidents;

(b) the current status of such cases; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the number of persons arrested, charged, convicted or released/discharged from the court in such cases?

Foreign capital investment in mining sector

† 1474. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval has been given for foreign capital investment in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether high class technology has been introduced after according approval for capital investment in this sector and if so, the extent thereof?

Proposal for deep sea sand mining from Kerala

1475. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for deep sea sand mining from the Coast of Kerala for sanction;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter;

(c) whether Government are aware that the State Government of Kerala signed agreements with some private firms for deep sea sand mining in the global investors meet;

(d) whether any relevant legislation exists in deep sea; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to introduce any legislation in the matter?

List of various minerals

† 1476. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the minerals for which State Governments have to take the Central Government's permission at present; and

(b) whether there is any plan for curtailing the said list in the future?

Depleting the stock of non-conventional energy sources

† 1477. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stock of Conventional Energy Sources is fast depleting;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any concrete decision by formulating any action plan with regard to non-conventional energy sources such as solar energy, wind energy, bio-gas energy and bio-mass energy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Achievements in promotion of non-conventional energy sources

1478. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the progress year-wise and State-wise for the period from 1st April, 1999 to 15th February, 2003 in regard to promotion of Non-Conventional Energy Sources?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Conference on Solar Energy

1479. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has held a conference of all the nodal agencies of State Governments on the best way to increase the use of solar energy for generating alternate forms of energy;

(b) if so, when this conference was held;

(c) whether it is a fact that adequate funding is not being given to State Governments to develop solar energy;

(d) whether there is any proposal to expand the assistance to the State Governments to encourage solar energy development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Establishment of wind farms

1480. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is encouraging the establishment of wind farms;

(b) how many such wind farms have been set up with Government's assistance in the last three years;

(c) the power being generated at such wind farms;

(d) whether there is any proposal to expand the number of wind farms in the country; and

(e) if so, the new sites selected for such wind farms?

Subsidy for the establishment of power plants

1481. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government gives subsidy for the establishment of power plants in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds released for such a subsidy in 2002-2003;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is usually a delay in release of such a subsidy; and

(e) if so, reasons therefor?

Mini power plant based on rice husk ash technology

1482. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Institute for Solid Waste Research and Ecological Balance, mini power plants based on rice husk ash technology can fulfil the electricity needs of rural areas and can be a boon to farmers and millers besides ensuring sustainable development as outlined in Kyoto protocol;

(b) if so, whether apart from the utilisation of the husk as a fuel, the use of RHA as a cement substitute by tapping its super pozzolanic behaviour;

(c) if so, to what extent Government has been successful in introducing this technology in power; and

(d) to what extent Government is making efforts for its immediate use?

Committee set up to enhance file movements

1483. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Committee to examine the inordinate delay in decision making owing to red tapism and babudom;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) time by when the Committee has been asked to submit its report; and

(d) the other measures to expedite the decision making and speed up file movement?

Introduction of VRS in Central Government Offices

†1484. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final opinion has been made to introduce Voluntary Retirement Scheme in the Central Government Offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Prosecution cases against senior officials

1485. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CVC has granted permission to proceed with prosecution of senior officials involved in vigilance and corruption cases;

(b) if so, how many such officials are

involved in corrupt cases;

(c) how many are being reported to Government about the officials relating to corrupt practices every year; and

(d) what speedy measures are being taken to check corruption in Government departments?

Commissioning of on going hydel projects

1486. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) which of the on-going hydel projects are likely to be commissioned by the end of December, 2003;

(b) the quantum of additional power generation estimated out of these projects; and

(c) target for hydel power generation addition for the year 2003-2004?

Tapping of hydro power potential

1487. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether to lessen dependence on spiralling fossil fuel prices the Government would consider tapping the balance hydro power potential in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prevailing hydro thermal imbalance the share of hydro power is to be enhanced and if so, to what extent;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any study on the additional hydro power potential and if so, how many schemes have been finalised with their locations and generation capacity; and

(d) whether mini-hydel schemes are viable which are closer to user community and does not involve transmission set up?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Recommendation of the Hanumantha
Rao Committee**

1488. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the units of Tehri Dam Hydel Project are slated for commissioning as scheduled by August, 2003;

(b) whether the recommendation of the Hanumantha Rao Committee on the rehabilitation of oustees from the catchment areas of Tehri Dam have been implemented; and

(c) whether the Centre has transferred the responsibility for the rehabilitation/resettlement of the oustees of Tehri Dam to the State Government with funds provided by Tehri Hydro Development Corporation?

Demand and supply of power

1489. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the gap between demand and supply of power during Sixth to Ninth Five Year Plans period and gap between State-wise power generation capacity *vis-a-vis* actual generation during the same period;

(b) what is the Government's strategy in the Tenth Five Year Plan to bridge the gap between estimated demand and supply; and

(c) whether at present we import our electricity from other countries and whether there are any plans to import electricity in future, the details?

**Amount sanctioned under PMGY to the
State of Chhattisgarh**

† 1490. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to the State of Chhattisgarh under the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, Minimum Needs Scheme, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and the Rapid Energy Development Scheme in the years 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) the amount out of it provided so far to the State Government; and

(c) by when the remaining amount is likely to be released?

Review the power scenario in A.P.

1491. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the power scenario in Andhra Pradesh to know the latest demand and supply position in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

**Generation of power from natural gas
and coal**

1492. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is too much emphasis on power to be generated from natural gas;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is ample scope to generate power from coal;

(c) what are the reasons for ignoring the potential of coal in the country for power generation;

(d) whether vested interests are against use of coal; and

(e) steps proposed to give more emphasis to power generation from easily available coal in the country?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Reducing share of power from Central Power Plants of Rajasthan

† 1493. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether share of power to Rajasthan from Central Power Plants is reducing consistently because of the formula evolved by Central owned power projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that present power distribution system from Central owned power projects like NTPC/NHPC has been reconsidered; and

(c) if so, new targets set in this regard and the details thereof?

Selling of old coal based plant of NTPC

1494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to sell certain old coal based plants of NTPC;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith names of the plants to be sold in near future; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve capacity addition programme of 20000 MW over the next 10 years?

Potential of Hydel Power generation in NER

1495. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the potential of Hydel Power generation of North-Eastern Region;

(b) what steps are taken to promote Hydel Power Projects in these States; and

(c) whether the Planning Commission while fixing the targets for Tenth Plan for

power generation has taken into consideration the potential of hydro-power generation of these States?

Separate entity to monitor flow of electricity

1496. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering a proposal to create a separate entity to monitor the flow of electricity from the National Electricity Transmission Utility;

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

(c) whether the proposed agency is being empowered to control discipline and eliminate the threats of major blackouts; and

(d) by when the new system is likely to be put in place?

Status of Dabhol Power Plant

1497. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Dabhol Power Plant of Maharashtra;

(b) by when Government propose to start production of power from this Plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what would be per unit cost of power generated by this Plant; and

(e) whether it is proposed to supply surplus power to neighbouring States?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

T and D losses of SEB's

1498. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing losses sustained by the Electricity Boards at Transmission and Distribution stages;

(b) if so, the Transmission and Distribution losses sustained by each SEB's during last three years; and

(c) the measures adopted by Government to reduce Transmission and Distribution losses?

Establishment of power plants by private/multi-national companies in U.P.

1499. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by private/multi-national companies for establishment of power plants in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the total power generation capacity and the amount of investment envisaged for these projects; and

(c) the present status of these proposed power projects in the State?

Setting up National Power Grid

1500. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the plan formulated by the Central Government to integrate various regions of the country by setting up a National Power Grid through Bi-Pole and 765KV Links/HVDC Stations with an objective to ensure smoothen transmission of power between the regions;

(b) the regions proposed to be inter-linked under the said plan;

(c) the measures taken by the

Government to attract more investments to materialise this plan; and

(d) the names of private power projects participating/Investing in National Power Grid Project?

Workshop on power reforms programme

1501. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to spend Rs. 40,000 crore on reforms in the power sector during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, whether any targets have been set up for expenditure and also obtaining power target;

(c) whether any workshop on power reforms programme was held in the month of January/February, 2003;

(d) if so, the main objective of the workshop; and

(e) to what extent Government is confident of improving power reforms so that targets set are achieved?

Targets achievement in power sector

1502. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answers to Unstarred Questions 1153 and 2289 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 2001 and 7th August, 2002 respectively and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission recommended to set up task force to analyse/examine the issues related to the performance of the power sector during Ninth Plan to suggest the advance action for the Tenth Plan; and

(b) if so, the progress in this direction?

Foodgrains to drought hit States

1503. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains given as drought relief to six affected States so far;

(b) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested for release of more rice to continue works taken up under special Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana; and

(c) the decision taken on the request of Andhra Pradesh Government for further relief of Rs. 174 crores?

Alarming rate of migration from villages

† 1504. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that facilities of development in villages are negligible and migration from villages to cities has acquired dangerous proportion;

(b) if so, what is the rate of this migration and State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this migration is creating social and family imbalance in States like Rajasthan, Bihar and Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to stop this migration?

Implementation of Golden Thread and Watershed Development Scheme in Assam

1505. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) stages of implementation of Golden Thread and Watershed Development Scheme;

(b) year-wise amount released from New Delhi and released by concerned DM office, district-wise in Assam; and

(c) causes of delay in implementation and release of funds to the field level executing agencies?

Success of pilot sector reforms programme

1506. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Ministry of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot sector reforms programme has not yielded expected results in the districts where it is being implemented;

(b) if so, the problems faced by the districts in taking up the programme;

(c) the districts selected for the pilot project and the progress and the physical target achieved;

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to make the pilot project a success; and

(e) the status of the project in Andhra Pradesh?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Housing for all

1507. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made a target of "housing for all" and decided to focus on the housing needs of the poor and deprived sections of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify the homeless population in the country; and
- (d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

Watershed programme in J&K

1508. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey of places and areas in Jammu & Kashmir where watershed programmes can be undertaken; and
- (b) whether Government would sanction some projects of this nature in the year 2003?

Watershed Development Schemes

1509. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the watershed development schemes and programmes;
- (b) the nodal agency to materialise the watershed development programmes;
- (c) the funds allocated to the watershed programmes;
- (d) the names of the States like to be included under the project; and
- (e) the status of the project as on 31st December, 2002?

Release of foodgrains under SGRY to Himachal Pradesh

1510. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quality of wheat etc. sought and released so far to Himachal Pradesh under Sampurna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) after start of relief operations during the current years;
- (b) the reasons for delay in release of wheat even after clearance by the task force formed for the purpose; and
- (c) details of steps taken by Government to lessen the time taken in completion of official formalities for release of foodgrains under the SGRY?

Inquiry on report on CAPART

† 1511. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have agreed to conduct an inquiry on the report submitted and recommendations made by Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts with regard to CAPART; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor and what would be the justification of the report of the Committee?

Projects sanctioned by CAPART for Rajasthan

1512. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what are the details of projects sanctioned by the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology

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in the tribal and rural areas of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the names and locations of those agencies who have been provided assistance by CAPART during the same period;

(c) whether the activities of those agencies are under constant review by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating whether any regularities have been found in the working of those agencies; and

(e) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Loans provided by World Bank and ADB for PMSGY

1513. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approached the Asian Development Bank and World Bank for loans to Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of loan offered by each of these banks; and

(d) whether any of the account is proposed to be earmarked for development of rural roads in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

Digitalisation of Coastal Maps

1514. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has represented for more pilot projects for digitalisation of Coastal Maps pending finalisation of the report of the committee; and

(b) if so, whether the request has been considered and approved?

Construction of houses in rural areas with Central assistance

1515. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by the State Government's to construct houses in the rural areas with Central assistance;

(b) if so, the specific Centrally sponsored schemes through which houses have been constructed in various States;

(c) the funds allocated to different States for constructing houses under those schemes during last three years; and

(d) the details thereof?

Civic facilities for villages

1516. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any fresh steps for providing all civic facilities to villages in the country at par with those in the city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrains allocated under Food for Work Programme

1517. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains allocated to the States under Food for Work Programme during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether any additional quota of foodgrains has been allocated by the Central Government to States keeping in view of acute drought or flood or any other distressed situation; and

(c) if so, State-wise details thereof?

Implementation of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

1518. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) State-wise details of targets/works achieved or undertaken under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) during the last year;

(b) the details of the beneficiaries under this scheme, State-wise;

(c) the details of the States which have not implemented fully the scheme during the last year due to floods/drought;

(d) whether Central Government has rescued such States in any manner;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of SGRY in Andhra Pradesh

1519. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details thereof?

Funds to Uttar Pradesh under different rural development schemes

† 1520. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Central Government to Uttar Pradesh under various schemes of rural development during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) the progress made in rural

development from the said amount in the State; and

(c) whether Government have made any review in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

Funds allotted to Assam under JGSY

1521. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted to the State of Assam under the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the details of job opportunities created under the scheme during this period in the State;

(c) the number of people in the State benefited under the scheme; and

(d) the details of funds proposed to be granted during the current financial year under the said scheme?

Kerala Institute of Local Administration

1522. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has furnished any proposal to extend financial assistance for Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA)

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government consider to extend financial grant requested for; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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**Guidelines for identifying families
below the poverty line**

1523. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider and modify the existing guidelines of identifying families living Below Poverty Line in the census of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the methodology of poverty estimation of Planning Commission and BPL censuses are different and door to door survey of BPL survey could achieve 100 per cent coverage; and

(c) what is the existing percentage of BPL families in Kerala as identified by the Planning Commission and BPL censuses?

**Submission of utilisation certificates
by States**

1524. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has pointed out that State Governments have failed to submit utilisation certificates for Rs. 50 crores sanctioned under Food for Work Scheme last year;

(b) if so, which are the States to which the amount was released and have not fully forwarded the utilisation certificates;

(c) whether the Ministry has stated that there is no provision to ensure that funds were returned to the Centre if State Government failed to utilize them;

(d) whether all the States who were affected by drought have submitted their utilisation certificates to the Centre; and

(e) if not, how many have not so far done so?

Review of schemes

1525. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI
REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review all the developmental schemes that have been undertaken or initiated from Rural Development Ministry such as SGRY, SGSY, IAY, PMGSY, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States that have diverted or not utilised funds under the above schemes for the last five years; year-wise and State-wise?

PMGSY in Assam

1526. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH
SHARMAH:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages connected with the district headquarters during the last three years in the State of Assam under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to connect all villages of Assam with the main roads of cities during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

BPL population census

1527. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all State Governments are advised to initiate a Below Poverty Line population census, 2002;

(b) if so, parameters used for classification into "poor" and "non poor" in detail;

(c) whether methodology will be developed for identification of Below Poverty Line population based on indigenous parameters of States after discussions with them;

(d) whether States are advised that number of BPL persons identified through the BPL census, 2002 may not exceed the number of persons living Below Poverty Line estimated by Planning Commission for 1999-2000; and

(e) if so, reasons in detail?

Post 2004 quota free scenario

1528. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Ministry to gear up for post 2004 quota free scenario;

(b) the number of applications received in the Textiles Ministry as on 28th February, 2003 for upgradation under Technology Upgradation Fund scheme; State-wise; and

(c) the total amount involved in implementing the requests received?

Textile export quotas

1529. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the major proposals of the WTO, envisaging a substantial increase in the developing countries textiles export quotas retrospectively from 1st January, has been stalled by the USA;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how it affects the Indian textile exports?

Scrapping Export Promotion Capital Goods Incentive Scheme

1530. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering for scrapping of Export Promotion Capital Goods Incentive Scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of mill owners to such measures?

Extention of the raw cotton monopoly purchase scheme

†1531. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have extended the raw cotton monopoly purchase scheme for a further period of five years *i.e.* till June, 2006 on the request of Government of Bihar;

(b) if so, whether any request has been received from the Government of West Bengal also for providing such a benefit to the State with regard to the purchase of raw jute; and

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(c) if so, the decision taken thereon by the Central Government?

Creation of Garments and Textiles Modernisation fund

1532. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create a Garments and Textiles Modernisation Fund with \$ 250 million to help financing of State of the art equipment at international interest rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reducing excise duty on textiles

1533. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce excise duty on textiles to boost exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the recommendations made in this connection by the N.K. Singh Committee on Textiles?

Subsidies and countervailing duties on Indian Textiles

1534. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government has threatened to impose anti-subsidy and countervailing duties on all Indian Textile and apparel products;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons assigned by the US Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government would take up the issue with the subsidies and countervailing measures Committee of the

WTO for extending the transition period to allow the Indian products to gain export competitiveness; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

1535. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to extend the existing subsidy on foreign loan under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the subsidy that Government is proposing to give to the textile units;

(c) the details of textile centres in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the grant that the Union Government are giving to textile centres under Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Scheme, Centre-wise?

Revival of powerlooms

1536. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many powerlooms in the country have closed down during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of labour force affected by the closure of the powerlooms; and

(d) the steps taken to revive powerlooms and to rehabilitate laid off workers?

Incentive to textile sector

1537. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile Ministry was

considering incentives to the textile sector and has submitted to Finance Ministry its proposals to protect the interest of the entire sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry's plan has been accepted by the Finance Ministry;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has also taken into consideration the Kelkar task force's recommendations suggesting uniform duties of 12 to 16 per cent on textiles items by 2004-2005 and lifting some of the exemptions; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Ministry on this report?

Suicide by handloom workers in A.P.

1538. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether two powerloom workers committed suicide in the Sircilla Town of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what were the main reasons for their committing suicide;

(c) whether Government has considered any steps to prevent suicides by weavers in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) to what extent they have been helpful to meet the weavers demands?

Handicrafts exporting units in A.P.

1539. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicrafts exporting units in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(b) what handicrafts items are generally being exported by these units;

(c) what concessions and facilities are being provided to encourage export of handicrafts items from the State; and

(d) how handicraft artisans are being benefited in the State?

Complaints against purchase of cotton by CCI to Vigilance Commissioner

1540. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a complaint was made to the Vigilance Commissioner regarding the purchase of cotton by CCI at Wankaner in the year 2002;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Vigilance Commission; and

(c) what steps have been taken against the officials responsible for such purchases of cotton?

Decline in export of handicrafts and textiles from NER

1541. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of handicrafts and textiles from North Eastern Region with particular reference to Assam has declined during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government proposes to boost up the export of handicrafts and textiles?

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