

## RAJYA SABHA

**List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS**  
*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*  
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**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; 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**

### **Growth in exports**

4487. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Economic Survey 2002-03 has emphasized that growth in exports is one of the critical factors for achieving higher economic growth;

(b) whether the Budget proposal for the year 2003-04 envisaged any reliefs/incentives with a view to strengthening the export efforts; and

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

### **Competitiveness of Indian Exports in international market**

†4488. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian exports have not yet become competitive in international market in terms of cost and quality due to which we have not been able to achieve success in the field of exports;

(b) whether annual export of India is still hanging around 5 billion dollars;

(c) if so, whether Indian goods are in position to compete in international market in terms of cost and quality; and

(d) if so, the details of efforts being made by Government to suitably amend the export policy?

### **Authenticity of ISO certifying agencies**

4489. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any system to check if ISO certifying agencies which have issued certificates were actually authorised to do so;

(b) if not, the credibility or authenticity of such certificates;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the reimbursement proforma there is no provision to ensure that an SSI Unit is actually complying with ISO norms and standards, before the reimbursement is sanctioned;

(d) if so, why this should not be made mandatory before reimbursement is given; and

(e) the details of subsidies and all schemes which are currently in vogue in granting of subsidies for obtaining ISO certification?

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**Development of export infrastructure**

4490. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided on a twelve fold increase to Rs. 330 crore for the year 2002-2003 in assistance to States for development of export infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether a conference on export promotion efforts was held recently and has decided to set up institutional mechanism like Export Promotion Councils under the Chairmanship of Chief Ministers of States;

(c) whether the States have also been asked to put in place export policies based on export promotion plans for the major commodities exported by them in consultation with Export Promotion Council; and

(d) if so, to what extent, this will give a boost to the exports?

**Decanalising the petroleum imports**

4491. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decanalise petroleum imports presently handled by State-owned trading agencies;

(b) whether Government are committed by WTO Charter to decanalise its petroleum imports; and

(c) if so, the deadline set therefor?

**Reduction in industrial duty**

†4492. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for reduction in industrial duty from WTO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to raise the issue of higher duties and non-duty related obstructions in the developed countries which are faced by the Indian exports during the course of discussion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government have taken in this direction?

**Facilities for export of flowers**

4493. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large quantity of flowers destined for export to various countries has been lying at different airports including Bangalore for want of transportation facilities;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure transportation of these flowers to their destination to boost floriculture in the country?

**SEZs in Andhra Pradesh**

4494. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:

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

(a) the number and names of States where Special Economic Zones have been set up in the country;

(b) the places where new SEZs are proposed to be set up in future; and

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(c) the number and other details of SEZs in the State of Andhra Pradesh along with details of new SEZs to be set up there in future?

#### **Assistance to tea plantations**

4495. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether Government have plans on giving special subsidies to tea plantations for introducing new techniques for better and improved production;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out a proposal for introducing such a plan;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government realize the fact that Indian tea has lost its market share in the international market?

#### **Export of IT services**

4496. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite immense potential for services exports, especially the IT professionals, India's share in world services export is merely 1.4 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and hurdles that come in the way of boosting services exports;

(c) whether the WTO regulations on movements and modes of manpower supply are grave obstacles in such exports; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and steps being taken to obviate the same?

#### **Growth of industrial production**

4497. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) growth in the industrial production since 1999-2000;

(b) whether the growth has shown a declining trend;

(c) if so, the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to accelerate industrial production?

#### **Delhi a business friendly city**

4498. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the study conducted by Bibek Debroy and Indicus Analytics for CII, Delhi has emerged as number one city in the ranking of business friendly places among 36 cities in the country;

(b) the factors taken into consideration for the ranking; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to make use of this study?

#### **Industrial development of Jodhpur-Pali sector**

4499. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of prospect of the setting up of new industrial units in Jodhpur-Pali sector after the availability of cheap and non-stop supply of Natural Gas through pipelines between Jodhpur and Kota;

(b) whether Government have drawn the blueprint for the prospective industrial development in this sector; and

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

#### **Closure of paper mills in various States**

4500. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills closed down in various States during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these paper mills;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to revive these paper mills;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Impact of new Exim Policy on exports**

†4501. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of new Exim policy on our exports;

(b) the total value of exports made since 1 April, 2003 in various fields;

(c) whether any increase, has been registered in the exports to the countries which have adopted common currency;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the status of exports of the country?

#### **Impact of communal disturbances on industries in Gujarat**

4502. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent communal disturbances in Gujarat have adversely affected the industrialisation of the State as the entrepreneurs have started deserting the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to control this situation in the State?

#### **Import of used sheet fed offset printing machines**

4503. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's import has registered a steep increase in the past for used sheet fed offset printing machines;

(b) if so, the details of import done in this period and the comparative data of the same for the previous three years;

(c) whether the EXIM policy permits the import of used sheet fed offset printing machines which are manufactured in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Settlement of cases of anti-dumping duty**

4504. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases for improving anti-dumping duty came up for consideration with the designated authority

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set up for this purpose during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of those cases out of them which have been settled;

(c) the reasons for delay in settling the remaining cases; and

(d) by when these cases are likely to be settled?

**Price stability of agricultural commodities under plantation and spices sector**

4505. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider to implement any schemes to ensure the stability of prices of agricultural commodities under plantation and spices sector in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission have recommended to discontinue the financial assistance to rubber cultivations in Kerala;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken any decision on the same?

**PSF for plantation crops growers**

4506. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved setting up of Price Stabilization Fund for plantation crops in order to safeguard the interests of the growers;

(b) if so, the details of the Fund;

(c) the total corpus of the Fund; and

(d) the number of growers who are going to be covered under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

**Export of services**

4507. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2001, the services export was about one-fifth of external trade;

(b) whether it is also a fact that export of services is now 31.4 per cent of our total exports and only six countries in the world have the services export higher than us;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to gear up the export of more services than goods; and

(d) which of the Indian services are being recognized to be brought up to the world standards?

**Free trade in BIMST-EC**

4508. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the proposed free trade in BIMST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand-Economic Co-operation); and

(b) the outcome of the 4th meeting of the BIMST-EC Ministerial meeting held in the first week of March, 2003?

**Export of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani medicines**

4509. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the value of

Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic, Unani etc. medicines exported during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of the value of such medicines proposed to be exported during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

#### **Knowledge of child care**

4510. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mal-nutrition is most common among children due to delayed complementary feeding; and

(b) whether Government have undertaken any publicity campaign to address insufficient knowledge of proper child care?

#### **Death of a child in RML**

†4511. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the person responsible for the death of a child in intensive care unit of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and action taken by Government against him in this regard; and

(b) what were the reasons for getting repair work done on war footing in and around the intensive care unit of the hospital at that time?

#### **Eradication of Malaria under NAMP in Rajasthan**

4512. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to

eradicate Malaria under National Anti-Malaria Programme in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the total number of reported Malaria cases in each districts of Rajasthan during the said period?

#### **Increase in the number of Government hospitals**

†4513. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the number of Government hospitals in the country keeping in view the growing population of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, specially because of increase in the number of private hospitals every year and almost all of them earning profit; and

(d) the number of Government hospitals alongwith the details of the hospitals which are more than thirty years old, State-wise?

#### **Menace of spurious drugs**

4514. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the business of spurious drugs has grown and expanded in menacing proportion all over the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken and/or contemplated for detection of the sources and route of circulation of spurious drugs and counterfeit medicine brands as well as for elimination of this menace;

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(c) whether Government are aware of the rampant spurious drugs trade in the State of Jammu & Kashmir; and

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

#### **Dengue cases in Karnataka**

4515. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a number of Dengue cases reported in Bangalore last year;

(b) if so, the details of its incidences in the State of Karnataka during the last three years;

(c) whether the disease which was formerly restricted to urban areas is now being reported in semi-urban and rural parts of the State also, due to change in water storage practices, intermittent water supply and migration;

(d) whether any assistance is being provided under Dengue Control Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Improvement of hospitals in Assam**

4516. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the State of Assam for financial grants for improving the services of the existing Government hospitals during the last three years;

(b) the necessary action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of funds allotted by Government for improvement of hospitals in the State during the said period?

#### **Increase in breast cancer cases**

4517. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of breast cancer particularly in urban areas are increasing;

(b) if so, the main factors contributing to this;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a possibility of treatment of about 70 per cent cases of breast cancer, if detected in time; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to increase awareness among the people?

#### **Typhoid detection kit**

4518. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA :  
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

(a) the number of typhoid cases in India every year;

(b) whether it is a fact that typhoid detection kit has been developed by the scientists at the Defence Research and Development Establishment in Gwalior which can detect typhoid from a person's blood sample instantly without going into widal test;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the kit developed by DRDE has been tested by AIIMS; and

(e) if so, the opinion of the experts in AIIMS in this regard?

**Pesticides in mineral water**

4519. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED  
KHAN (DURRU):

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry released a statement right after pesticides were found in mineral water that the water was according to the standards set by BIS;

(b) if so, whether the standards set by BIS mention that harmful pesticides should be present in the water; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**Interference of DG in drug control matters**

4520. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:  
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN  
ZAHIDI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that DCGI has made a complaint to the erstwhile Minister over the excessive interference by DG in drug control matters; and

(b) the action being taken to correct the situation?

**Contamination of vegetables**

4521. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:  
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

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

(a) whether water contamination has led to high levels of lead, copper and zinc in vegetables grown and sold in Delhi and some other parts of the country;

(b) whether such vegetables are injurious to public health; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to check the menace?

**Shortage of anaesthetists in Government hospitals**

4522. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:  
SHRI PARMESHWAR  
KUMAR AGARWALLA:

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

(a) whether the shortage of anaesthetists in Government hospitals, especially in rural areas is responsible for a large number of maternal deaths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of future prospects, incumbents do not choose this line as their career;

(d) if so, the details of the efforts made by Government to make this profession lucrative in view of the future requirements; and

(e) the action taken by Government to appoint more anaesthetists in Government hospitals especially in rural areas to save the life of poor people?

**Fast track approval of drugs**

4523. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the new drugs are also being cleared on fast track basis;

(b) the criteria for the selection of drugs for fast track approvals; and



(c) what are the names of the experts under different categories to whom such applications are referred for expert opinion?

(d) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take to amicably sort out the matter?

**Films shown for creating social awareness**

4524. SHRI PRASANTA  
CHATTERJEE:  
SHRIMATI CHANDRA  
KALA PANDEY:

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

(a) how many films were shown during the last two years in West Bengal, Assam, Orissa and Tripura for creating social awareness;

(b) whether any target was fixed in this regard;

(c) if so, whether the same has been achieved; and

(d) the action proposed to give wide publicity in order to make them a success?

**Unrecognised MD degrees**

4525. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many Institutes in the capital and other parts of the country that are awarding MD degrees to Doctors that are recognized neither by Medical Council of India nor the Ministry;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) whether some of the Doctors with such degrees have filed cases to get their degrees registered with Medical Council and the Ministry; and

**Registration of Medical Practitioners with Delhi Medical Council**

4526. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that medical practitioners in the Capital who are not registered in the Capital with Delhi Medical Council can literally escape with murder in the city as they are outside the regulatory authority of the State Council; and

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

**Registration for drugs import**

4527. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI RAMA SHANKER  
KAUSHIK:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the deadline to register for drug import had been extended upto 31st March, 2003;

(b) the names of companies and drugs which have been registered;

(c) the details of pending applications;

(d) whether Government had proposed to clear all these applications by 31st March, 2003; and

(e) the procedure for import of new drugs and the registration of the companies after the deadline of 31st March, 2003?

**Spurious drugs**

4528. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

(a) whether the Delhi Police has arrested number of gangs involved in manufacturing of spurious drugs;

(b) if so, whether spurious antibiotics worth more than Rs. 5 lakh were seized by the North-West District Police on 23rd March, 2003;

(c) whether the two antibiotics have been identified as Ampoxin-500 and Sporidex-500;

(d) if so, whether Spurious drugs are operating on a large scale in the country; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps that have been considered by Government to check spurious drugs manufacturers in the country?

**Appointment of doctors of GDMO**

4529. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether a group of doctors of GDMO, a sub-cadre of CHS, were recruited on *ad hoc* basis/daily wages basis between 1978 and 1989 and these doctors qualified UPSC in year 1992 and 1994;

(b) whether some of them were given seniority from the date of initial appointment in violation of guidelines issued by Ministry of Personnel and Training *vide* circular No. 22011/4/91-Estt. (D), dated 01.07.1991 which prescribes counting of seniority from the date of clearance from the UPSC; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to rectify the situation?

**Bed patient ratio in hospitals**

†4530. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the bed patient ratio in the country is less than WHO's norms;

(b) if so, the ratio of beds and patients as per WHO's norms;

(c) what is this average in India at present; and

(d) by when the above ratio is proposed to be achieved by the Government?

**Import of unsafe food items**

4531. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is vulnerable to unsafe food imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action proposed to set up the infrastructure to test food samples like US corn, soya blends and other genetically modified crops and foods; and

(d) the action proposed to curb import of biologically unsafe foods?

**Registration of Ultrasound Centres**

4532. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ultrasound Centres registered throughout the country;

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(b) the number of Ultrasound Centres registered as Genetic Clinic and Genetic Laboratories during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the number of Genetic Counselling Centres registered in the country during last two years, State-wise?

(d) if not, the details of the criteria adopted;

(e) whether it is a fact that the end use is not proper by many organisations; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid making some NGOs totally dependent on Government funding?

#### Resource crunch in AIIMS

4533. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) is facing an acute resource crunch leading to the curtailment of medical facilities to the increasing number of patients;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to augment the flow of more funds to AIIMS so as to enable it to attend to needy and increasing number of patients coming from the different parts of the country?

#### Doctors on study leave

†4535. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of doctors who went abroad on study leave during the last three years from AIIMS and other Central Government run hospitals and the number of doctors out of them who have returned back;

(b) the assistance being provided by Government for the study and the conditions in this regard;

(c) the action taken by Government against the doctors who have not returned back to the country so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Funds to NGOs by NACO

4534. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given to NGOs by NACO in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 all over the Country, State-wise;

(b) the criteria used to determine how much funds should be given to NGOs from any State;

(c) whether the intensity of AIDS epidemic was also a factor in determining the extent and quantum of financial aid released to NGOs;

#### Corneal blindness

4536. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidence of corneal blindness has been increasing rapidly;

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

(c) the various programmes and plans followed by Government to assess the status of corneal blindness from time to time?

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### Research work in AIIMS

4537. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AIIMS doctors are unable to do research due to pressure of work;

(b) if so, the research that has been done in AIIMS during the last three years;

(c) the findings of these researches; and

(d) what way these researches have been useful to the people of the country?

### Opening of CGHS dispensary in Pushpanjali and West Pitampura

4538. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no CGHS dispensary for more than 3000 CGHS beneficiaries residing in Pushpanjali and West Pitampura; and

(b) if so, by when a CGHS dispensary is likely to be opened in that area as a welfare measure for retired/senior CGHS beneficiaries?

### Health schemes under PMGY in Andhra Pradesh

4539. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of additional Central assistance provided to various States including Andhra Pradesh for funding various health schemes under PMGY by Planning Commission during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) the details of utilisation of funds by various State Governments, health scheme-wise;

(c) the guidelines for utilisation of PMGY funds for procurement of drugs and medical equipments;

(d) whether National Health Policy-2002 envisages increase of Central and State Government's contribution in health sector; and

(e) if so, the details of the increased contribution of Centre and Andhra Pradesh Government and utilisation thereof in Andhra Pradesh, scheme-wise?

### Increase in AIDS cases in Delhi

4540. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a sizeable increase in the number of AIDS cases detected in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and hospital-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the Delhi hospitals are not geared up to admit cases of persons suffering from AIDS and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

### Budget allocation for NACO

4541. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of budgetary allocation made for National Aids Control Organisation (NACO);

(b) the fund allocated for the advertisements/public awareness schemes;

(c) the criteria for fund allocation and the details of distribution of the fund to various agencies; and

(d) the number of agencies involved, State-wise?

**Non-attending of assault victim at RML Hospital**

4542. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assault victim was turned away without medical aid recently and without being attended to by the doctors at the RML Hospital, New Delhi;

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

(c) whether there is a Supreme Court directive in place that no hospital should turn away any patient without giving any first aid; and

(d) if so, whether the above-mentioned directive was in the knowledge of the authorities of the RML Hospital?

**MCI proposals for Medical Colleges**

4543. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India sends approved proposals for medical colleges to Government for clearance and issue of a letter of intent;

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

(c) number and names of all such approved proposals of MCI which are currently pending with Government for issue of letters of intent;

(d) whether the appropriate letters of intent or sanction or appropriate clearance letters are being issued; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Use of separate syringes and needles**

4544. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions regarding use of separate syringes and needles for each patient are not being followed even in Government run hospitals and health centres in rural and remote areas causing Hepatitis and AIDS among patients; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take to improve the situation?

**Increase in Dengue and Malaria cases**

4545. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many dangerous diseases like Dengue and Malaria are alarmingly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for eradication/prevention of these diseases; and

(c) the details of the assistance provided to Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka by Government for the prevention of the above diseases during the last three years?

**Spread of AIDS among women**

4546. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV infected women around the globe has increased from 41 per cent in 1997 to 49.7 per cent in 2002; and

(b) the action Government propose to take to check the spread of AIDS among the women?

#### **Organ donation**

4547. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in December, 2002 the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) at AIIMS, Delhi, has successfully coordinated organ donation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of such ORBOs in different parts of the country;

(d) the details of such organisations where transplantation has taken place in the last two years;

(e) whether the awareness campaign conducted by Government to give wide publicity of organ transplantation is satisfactory and yielding results; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Purchase of Doopan Samagri**

4548. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders for the purchase of Doopan Samagri was placed to M/s. Baij Nath, Paprola during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said company was not short listed for the purpose;

(d) the criteria fixed and the instrumental authority in placing such orders; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken against the officials for violating the rules?

#### **Supply of Ayurvedic medicines to CGHS dispensaries in Delhi/Gurgaon**

4549. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goel Medico, Green Park, New Delhi had been supplying the local purchase Ayurvedic medicines to the Ayurvedic CGHS dispensaries in Delhi/Gurgaon since 1st April, 2002;

(b) whether the supply has since been stopped and if so, since when; and

(c) the action taken by Government to ensure the supply as expeditiously as possible so that beneficiaries may not face any further difficulties?

#### **Material released to Uttaranchal under NMEP**

4550. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released material to Uttaranchal Government under National Malaria Eradication Programme from the date of its inception till date;

(b) if so, the worth of material released to Uttaranchal so far; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to release funds instead of materials under the above programme to this State?

#### **Shortage of life saving drugs in CGHS dispensaries**

†4551. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

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the acute shortage of some life saving drugs and their non-availability in the CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether Government have assessed the availability of necessary drugs in these dispensaries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure adequate stock and supply of essential drugs in the CGHS dispensaries?

#### **SARS symptoms in the country**

4552. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOOT:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain persons have shown Suspected Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) symptoms in metros in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how these persons have been isolated and treated; and

(d) the preventive steps taken against SARS?

#### **Supply of Catamine drug**

†4553. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the supply of the cheaper drug Catamine, which has become the choice of foreign tourists, has been in abundance during the last one and half year and it is being carried by them by mixing with rose water;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard and whether Government have contemplated any legal action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Survey on effect of tobacco products**

4554. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any survey conducted to find out the effect of tobacco products, gutkha, jarda, mava, etc. on people's health;

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

(c) whether Supreme Court have issued directions for imposing ban on smoking in public places;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it is being implemented; and

(e) the number of States which have not implemented the direction and what machinery exists to supervise its implementation?

#### **Hospital charges by CGHS approved hospitals in Hyderabad**

4555. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some hospitals approved by CGHS in Hyderabad insist on making payment for the hospital services availed by CGHS beneficiaries and the patients get reimbursement from the CGHS;

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

(c) the reasons for not having a uniform procedure in the matter; and

(d) whether the hospital charges are in excess of the approved rates of CGHS, if so, the reasons therefor?

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### **Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi**

4556. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi to provide medical assistance to helpless and poor people;

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

(c) how Government would help the poor and needy patients to obtain the aid for getting themselves cured?

### **India as global health care destination**

4557. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to embark upon a grand scheme to make India the hub of global health care destination;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to upgrade our hospitals to international standards;

(c) whether the Budget proposals for 2003-2004 contain any specific incentive in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce community based universal health insurance scheme for the poor so that all sections of the society get quality health care?

### **Registered Pharmacists in the distribution and sale of drugs**

4558. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that pharmacy students in Karnataka have been agitating that the existing system of involvement of registered pharmacists in the distribution and sale of drugs be continued; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that medicines are not allowed to be dispensed by persons who have no basic knowledge of drugs in Karnataka?

### **Cancer patients**

4559. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients suffering from advanced stage cancer in the country;

(b) the names of the Government hospitals and private hospitals where proactive cancer screening facilities are available;

(c) the number of cancer detection centres run by the Indian Cancer Society across the country; and

(d) the facilities provided by them to the patients?

### **CGHS dispensaries in Uttaranchal**

4560. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS dispensaries functioning in the country, along with bed and specialist facilities, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open CGHS dispensaries in Pauri and Dehradun districts of Uttaranchal for the benefit of retired employees of Central Government;



(c) if so, by when Government propose to open CGHS dispensaries in these two district; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Ayurvedic Centres and Colleges**

4561. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Ayurvedic Centres and Colleges functioning at present in the different parts of the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up new Ayurvedic Centres in the various parts of the country particularly in the major cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

#### **CGHS facility**

4562. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that if both husband and wife contribute to the CGHS, eligible parents of both may avail the benefits of the facility;

(b) if so, the Rules and Orders issued by Government from time to time in this regard;

(c) whether both the Government servants can have separate cards;

(d) whether one spouse having facility of lesser status than the other spouse is eligible to avail the facility of the status of other spouse; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Medicines for SARS**

4563. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to cure SARS patients medicines have been developed in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their availability in the country;

(c) whether Government have asked ayurvedic, Unani and Homoeopathic Research Institutes to develop medicines to control SARS as according to Hong Kong health officials SARS may never go away; and;

(d) if so, their response in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Funds for leprosy treatment**

†4564. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the provision of funds made in this year's budget for the treatment of leprosy; and

(b) the number of patients of leprosy at present in the country alongwith the amount spent on each patients, State-wise?

#### **Increase in diabetes in the country**

4565. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

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

(a) whether India has been declared the diabetes Capital of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more and more juvenile are falling prey to this disease;

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(d) whether it is also a fact that unless concrete steps are taken to combat this disease, the diabetic population in India will rise to 5.72 crore by 2025; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to arrest the increasing trend of this disease among the children and to accelerate steps to spread awareness among masses?

#### **Health satellite**

4566. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is considering launching a health satellite to beef up telemedicine facilities and help the country's health care sector;

(b) if so, whether India has got the expertise in this field or it will obtain technology from some other country; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

#### **Setting up of heavy industries in backward districts**

4567. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up heavy industries in the backward districts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Disbursement of wage arrears**

4568. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any precise guidelines have been set for the disbursement of wage arrears/VRS/terminal benefits for the employees of units which are under disinvestment process;

(b) if so, the percentage of funds disbursed as arrears of wages/VRS/terminal benefits to employees out of total income accruing from disinvestment of sick PSUs till now;

(c) whether Government are offering shares to employees of the units under disinvestment as a part of their dues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Infrastructure projects**

4569. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to finance the viability gap of infrastructure projects undertaken by the Private Sector so as to ensure that these projects are a success;

(b) whether Government propose to finance the difference between the rate of return that the bank would require for projects to be financed and the actual rate of return for the project; and

(c) if so, the details of the scheme and its impact on the viability of projects?

**Excessive man power in PSUs**

4570. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the PSUs using obsolete technology and having excess man power, PSU-wise;
- (b) the reasons for having excess man power in these PSUs; and
- (c) the remedial measures Government have taken in respect of these PSUs?

**Revival schemes for HEC, HCL and HMT**

4571. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of revival schemes for Heavy Engineering Corporation, Hindustan Cables Limited and Hindustan Machine Tools Limited;
- (b) the amount that has been allocated for revival of these companies since they were referred to BIFR, year-wise;
- (c) whether the productivity has increased in these PSUs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Services of the employees of disinvested PSUs**

†4572. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the services of thousands of employees of Public Sector Undertakings would be kept intact by giving them salaries as usual by the private companies in case of

sale of these undertakings by Government to the private sector companies; and

- (b) if not, the scheme of Government to provide employment to thousands of employees who have become jobless along with the details thereof?

**International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises**

4573. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of the International Centre for Promotion of Public Enterprises;
- (b) in what manner, the International Centre reciprocates to the cause of PSEs in the country; and
- (c) what is India's membership contribution in this regard?

**Commissioned programmes in NER**

4574. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) total outlay, annual allocation, date of sanction, utilization and achievement made towards improvement of infrastructure as well as for commissioned programmes in Guwahati Doordarshan including those for NE Channel during the last three years upto 31-03-2003 head-wise;
- (b) persons held responsible and action taken for delay in notifying the selected parties for allotment of commissioned programmes till last week of March, 2003 resulting in harassment to producers and inappropriate utilization of sanctioned fund; and
- (c) the details of findings of the inquiry conducted on rampant corruption in allotment of commissioned programmes in NER and action taken on guilty persons?

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**Grants-in-aid to DD**

4575. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and amount of grants-in-aid given by Government to Doordarshan during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (b) the details of the fund utilisation for the said period, year-wise?

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines for the setting up of community radio stations;

(b) if so, the need for such stations;

(c) in what manner Government propose to regulate the functioning of these stations; and

(d) what would be the role of States in this regard?

**Losses of Indian Film Industry**

4576. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the bleeding Indian film industry needs to release its business model to recover the losses it has made in terms of revenue generation in the calendar year 2002;
- (b) if so, whether experts have pointed out that Indian film industry should look at the "studio model" of the 1930s to turn its fortune;
- (c) whether the industry has urged government to help it to grow during the calendar year 2003;
- (d) if so, whether any concession have been provided in the budget of 2003-04; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Guidelines for setting up of community Radio Stations**

4577. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

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

**Unutilized land of AIR**

†4578. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that All India Radio possesses lakhs of square meter of unutilized land throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the area of the total land alongwith the locations thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this land has been encroached upon; and
- (d) if so; the area of land under encroachment alongwith the cities where the land has been encroached?

**Popularising the programmes of DD and AIR**

†4579. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that different schemes have been implemented for popularising the programmes of Doordarshan and Akashwani during the last three years;

(b) if so, the schemes implemented during the said period ; and

(c) the total amount spent on each of such schemes?

**Programmes telecast on DD**

†4580. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether the programmes, which are telecast on Doordarshan, are procured or produced from the private sector organisations;

(b) if so, the names of those programmes during 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 in which advertisements were also telecast during the programmes; and

(c) whether the income generated from these advertisements is more than the amount spent on the production or procurement of these programmes and the names of the organisations from which these programmes were procured?

**Revenue earning by DD through advertisement**

†4581. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the revenue earning of Doordarshan has increased continuously from the telecast of advertisements;

(b) if so, the revenue earned by telecasting of advertisements on Doordarshan during 1998-1999 and 2002-2003; and

(c) the percentage of hike in rates of advertisements during the above period?

**Fixation of prices under Conditional Access System**

†4582. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether Government have fixed prices under Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, whether Government have selected any grounds for fixation of prices; and

(c) if so, the detail of such grounds and the names of the parties consulted by Government in this regard?

**Proposal to revamp AIR and DD**

4583. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to revamp AIR and Doordarshan at an enormous cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether AIR and DD are incurring losses and are unable to match private players in quality and content of the programmes;

(d) if so, the revenue and expenditure of AIR and DD for the last three years with their average audience/viewership ratings for the last one year in relation to their major three to four competitors, during peak and non-peak timings, separately; and

(e) how would this situation be reversed in the proposed re-organisation exercise, apart from hiring expert advisors?

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**FDI in TV news uplinking**

4584. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been permitted in television news uplinking upto 26 per cent of the total paid-share capital;

(b) if so, the pattern of holding prescribed for balance 74 per cent share capital;

(c) whether as per the existing guidelines, the largest single shareholder can acquire the management of the company even if it happens to be a foreign media house; and

(d) if so, whether Government are aware that such an eventuality may compromise India's sovereignty and cultural integrity and homogeneity?

**Setting up of Electronic News Gathering (ENG) Units in Orissa**

4585. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposal to set up Electronic News Gathering (ENG) Units at Koraput and Baripada;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide financial assistance to the State for providing visual clippings to Doordarshan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

**Private players in FM stations**

4586. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit private players in FM stations;

(b) if so, the number of players awarded the licences during the last three years together with their details and licence fee collected from each;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of the 108 FM stations in 40 cities that were on offer for privatisation, only 13 stations have been taken up; and

(d) if so, the reasons for this poor response and how this trend is proposed to be reversed?

**Expansion of transmission network in Uttaranchal**

4587. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the development and expansion of transmission network in the State of Uttaranchal for the current and next year; and

(b) the amount proposed to be spent for this work?

**Coverage of AIR programmes in the country**

†4588. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total population which is still deprived of the AIR programmes in the country along with the reasons therefor; and

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(b) the justification of the wastage of crores of rupees in the name of celebrating Platinum Jubilee by AIR instead of increasing its broadcast network and its benefit to the people?

(c) whether Government propose to consider making its TV channels as 'pay channels' to generate additional revenue and also at the same time giving the viewers the option to stay out if not interested?

#### **Licence for DTH services**

4589. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down guidelines for obtaining licence for DTH services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of companies which have applied for DTH licence as on date;

(d) whether there is any provision for conditional Letter of Intent for starting DTH service and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any application for the grant of conditional Lol; and

(f) if so, details thereof and decision taken thereon?

#### **Operational results of Prasar Bharati**

4590. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operational results of Prasar Bharati Corporation show a fiscal deficit despite scope for large volumes of advertising revenue;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to bridge the gap by imposing annual licence fee on more than 12 crore radio receivers and 8.25 crores TV receivers all over the country; and

#### **Programmes on Doordarshan**

†4591. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the programmes are purchased from private sector institutions or got prepared for telecast on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the number of programmes got prepared and purchased separately during the years 1998-99 to 2002-03, year-wise; and

(c) the names of the institutions from which these programmes were got prepared or purchased together with the amount spent thereon?

#### **Modernisation of the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India**

4592. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India;

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

(c) the amount allocated in the Tenth Plan for modernising the said organisation?

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**Recommendations of NCRWIC on privileges and rights of SCs/STs**

4593. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Review of the Working of Indian Constitution has formally submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report;

(c) whether the Commission has made any significant recommendations in relation to securing the privileges and rights of SCs/STs in the wake of many judicial pronouncements tantamount to negation of such rights and privileges in terms of educational and employment reservations to SC/ST communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Complaints against the functioning of Delimitation Commission**

4594. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from different quarters against the functioning of Delimitation Commission;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to convene a meeting of all the parties; and

(c) if so, by when this meeting is likely to be held and the details in this regard?

**Freight rate for ships bound for America**

4595. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the freight rate for ships bound for America has been raised by 40 per cent from May, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have analyzed its impact on imports and exports of country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to remove adverse impact on exports?

**Cargo movement in ports**

4596. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent war between US and Iraq has affected the cargo movement in various ports including Kandla port;

(b) if so, whether in the Kandla port, cargo including rice, granite blocks and agricultural commodities chartered to Jeddah, Iran and Yemen have been affected;

(c) if so, the total loss suffered due to these operations in ports;

(d) the steps being taken to implement the commitments made before war; and

(e) how much has been spoiled due to delay in operations in these ports?

**Revision of guidelines for private sector investment in major ports**

4597. DR. M.N. DAS: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revise guidelines for private sector entry into the major port sector;



(b) if so, whether any meeting of stake holder in this sector was convened;

(c) if so, whether any programme of action has been prepared;

(d) if so, the details of specific additional concessions/incentives now proposed to make private sector entry into major ports more investor friendly; and

(e) the difficulties experienced in implementing the joint venture policy for major ports, announced about five years ago in 1998?

**Proposal for replacement of old ships by SCI**

4598. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the ageing ships;

(b) if so, the number of ships with the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);

(c) how many of these are being replaced; and

(d) the details and the cost involved in the acquisition of new ships?

**Assistance to Guild of Service of North India**

4599. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the existence of Guild of Service of North India working under the auspices of National Commission for Women, which is actively engaged in the rehabilitation of unfortunate widows languishing in Mathura-Vrindavan;

(b) whether any financial and other assistance has been given this NGOs; and

(c) if not, whether in future assistance is likely to be provided for such NGOs all over the country?

**Policy for education of special children**

4600. SHRIANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy for the education of 'Special Children' i.e. children suffering from Cerebral Palsy, etc.;

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

(c) the achievements of the last three years of National Trust for Welfare of Persons suffering from Cerebral Palsy?

**Cases of harassment of deaf and dumb children in the country**

4601. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cases of harassment of deaf and dumb children are on the increase in the country;

(b) whether Government envisage establishment of Special Police Stations to deal with the cases of deaf and dumb;

(c) whether any directions have been issued to the States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Welfare schemes for widows, handicapped and orphan children**

4602. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes formulated by

Government for the welfare of widows, handicapped and orphan children;

(b) the financial assistance being provided to States for the last three financial years on this account; and

(c) the machinery provided to carry out supervision of such cases?

#### **Child marriage**

4603. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether child marriage is still prevalent in the country;

(b) whether girls between the age of 15-19 are forcibly married in the country; and

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

#### **Murder of lover couples**

†4604. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young boys and girls doing love marriages with persons belonging to other religions and castes in the country are tortured in every way by the society as well as the police and in a number of incidents they are even murdered;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government for protection of such lover couples?

#### **Removal of children suffering from AIDS from the school**

4605. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Southern India two children suffering from AIDS were asked to leave school, inspite of the fact that parents of other children gave statements to the press of their awareness of the disease;

(b) if so, the role-played by the State Government in this matter and whether the State Government sought Centre's intervention;

(c) whether the guilty are likely to be punished for spreading prejudice and inequality due to an illness; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to ensure that such an incident is not repeated anywhere else in the country?

#### **Zonal Advisory Committees for National Programmes on Disability**

4606. SHRI B. J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rehabilitation Council of India propose to constitute seven Zonal Advisory Committees under the stewardship of NGOs to strengthen the reach of its National Programmes on Disability across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to constitute committees of experts in each zone to achieve the objectives; and

(d) if so, whether the experts would serve in voluntary capacity or otherwise?

#### **Development of minorities in J & K**

4607. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

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formulate a comprehensive plan for the educational and economic development of minorities in J & K;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Scheme for liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers**

4608. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme had been launched in the country under National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers for training and their rehabilitation in alternative occupations;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas identified for this purpose and the number of persons targeted and actually benefited by such programmes, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons for not introducing such schemes even after more than 50 years of Independence; and

(d) the funds allocated for various schemes under this programme for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

**Schemes for handicapped persons in J&K**

4609. SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicapped persons at present in J&K;

(b) whether any rehabilitation schemes have been initiated by Government;

(c) if so, the funds allocated for these schemes during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide special assistance to ease the hardships faced by the handicapped in daily walks of life?

**Plan for economic empowerment of the least privileged**

4610. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC) has prepared a strategic plan (2003—2012) for economic empowerment of the least privileged;

(b) if so, the main features of the plan; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be implemented?

**Project for street children**

4611. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed project to cater to the needs of street children in the capital, Delhi;

(b) how many street children will be looked after under this project and whether any NGO would also be associated;

(c) whether this project is also likely to take care of the destitute, forlorn and needy adults specially girls;

(d) if so, the type of help and protection that would be offered to them; and

(e) the name of the agency which would fund the project?

**Scheme for payment of pension to the aged**

4612. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some of the State Governments have not implemented the scheme for payment of pension to the aged under the relevant Central law for social security for the aged and have not even laid down norms for such pension;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to enforce the law in letter and spirit?

**Outlay under special component plan**

†4613. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) keeping in mind the allocation of Rs. 9000 crore in the Tenth Five Year Plan, whether provision of Rs. 1941 crore has been earmarked by Government under special component plan for the welfare of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether Government would issue instructions to all the States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab for making district-wise appointments of nodal officers to pass on the benefit of the same to eligible persons; and

(c) if so, whether Government would conduct an enquiry by constituting a special Committee to ascertain that said funds have been properly utilized by State Governments?

**Assistance to public schools**

4614. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any aid or assistance to the public schools having facilities for the education of 'Special Children' i.e., children suffering from Cerebral palsy, etc.;

(b) whether any criteria has been fixed by Government in respect of tuition fee, etc. charged by public schools for such education;

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

(d) whether Government are aware that public schools are charging exorbitant tuition fee from such children;

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(f) whether Government propose to provide financial subsidy for such education?

**Constitution of Wakf Tribunals in States**

4615. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to constitute Wakf Tribunals in all the States and Union Territories to take care of Wakf properties and fix Imam's salaries;

(b) if so, the names of States and Union Territories where these Tribunals are not in existence; and

(c) by when this exercise will be completed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Reports of National Commission of SC and ST

4616. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission of SC and ST submitted numerous reports for implementation for the upliftment of SC and ST;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on these reports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Harassment of tribal women in Wayanad, Kerala

4617. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the wide spread harassment of tribal women by policemen who went to the forest of Muthnaga, Wayanad district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the action taken, if any, in this regard; and

(c) whether necessary steps will be taken to enquire the above atrocities by a woman judge?

### Demand for Autonomous District Councils

4618. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the tribals population in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) in the country and the names of the States they belong to;

(c) whether there is any demand for creating more ADCs in the States other than the North-Eastern Region;

(d) whether Government propose to constitute ADCs in other States;

(e) how many of these ADCs are under VIth Schedule; and

(f) whether these ADCs are working directly under the control of the Central Government or in unison with the State Governments?

### Inclusion of Govari Community in ST list

†4619. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not including 'Govari' Community of Maharashtra in the category of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether any request has been received from the State Government for inclusion of Govari Community in the category of Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the response of Government in this regard?

### Nomadic tribes

†4620. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of nomadic tribes in India alongwith the number of such tribes;

(b) the criteria fixed by Government to give them the status of Indian citizens; and

(c) whether Government would formulate any scheme so that these tribes get a permanent domicile certificate and also to ensure that these tribes do not fall outside the category of Indian citizenship?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**ADB credit for infrastructure facility in Gujarat**

4621. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asian Development Bank has provided credit for Urban and Environmental Infrastructure Facility Project in Gujarat and other parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Deaths due to faulty elevators**

4622. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fatal incident on 20th March, 2003 which caused sad demise of a senior officer due to faulty operation of lift in CGO Complex, was preceded by similar fatal incident in January this year when the elevator of Minto Bridge Government flats collapsed;

(b) whether these deaths were due to negligence, poor maintenance, floating safety norms and defective elevators;

(c) whether action has been taken against persons responsible for the faults; and

(d) the measures taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

**Shortage of potable water in Delhi**

†4623. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to deal with

the likely shortage of potable water in Delhi in the coming summer season;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Irregularities in repair works in Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi**

4624. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been committed in repair works undertaken in Type IV Quarters, Sarojini Nagar from 2001 to 31st March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of repair works with expenditure on each quarter;

(c) whether payment was made without checking the quality of work;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the official who certified the quality of work; and

(e) the number and nature of works for which complaints received during the above period and the action taken at each level?

**Assistance for infrastructure development of Madurai and Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu**

4625. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance for development of infrastructure facilities at Madurai and Sivaganga in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Land to various departmental pools  
for construction of quarters**

4626. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the departments of Government of India which have a separate pool of residential accommodation of their own and whether they also come under the general pool residential accommodation being looked after by the Directorate of Estates;

(b) the demand and availability of residential units in the said departmental pools as on 1st January, 2003;

(c) the number of departmental pools so far allotted Government land to construct residential accommodation along with details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have provided land to all the departments having separate pool for construction of residential accommodation for their employees?

**Implementation of the Constitution  
(74th Amendment) Act, 1992**

4627. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the status of implementation of the Constitution (74th Amendment) Act of 1992;

(b) whether the implementation of the said Act is uniform in all the States and Union Territories;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government to ensure its implementation;

(d) the States and Union Territories, which are yet to implement the Act; and

(e) whether Government have drawn an action plan or target date by which the defaulter States can be forced to implement the Act?

**Water supply to Government quarters  
of CGHS dispensary, Daryaganj**

†4628. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water supply to Government quarters of CGHS dispensary in Daryaganj has been cut due to differences between CPWD and MCD;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

**Maintenance of Nehru Place Greens  
park**

4629. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nehru Place Greens is a park having about 2,000 trees and acts as green lungs for the people residing in neighbouring colonies;

(b) if so, whether Delhi Development Authority is proposing to cut down a large number of trees from the said park;

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

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(d) whether before cutting down trees of the park Government propose to interact with the members of the Residents' Welfare Associations of the area to save those trees;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Low cost housing for the poor in Karnataka**

4630. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and spent with a view to providing low cost housing for the poor in the country for the past three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to Karnataka State for the construction of low cost houses during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that poor quality of work is an alarming factor in the State and the beneficiaries are not going to enjoy the fruit of various housing schemes in the State; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take for improvement of quality of houses?

#### **Urban transport services in cities**

4631. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that detailed plan has been worked out to improve urban transport services in various cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific cities to be covered in different phases of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of States have sent the proposals for providing the sky bus system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the costs involved and their present status?

#### **Water connections to unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

4632. SHRI B.P. APTE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to provide water connections in the unauthorised colonies of Delhi especially in North; and

(b) whether quality of water supplied through tankers is inferior in comparison to that supplied through regular connections?

#### **Shady land deals of DDA**

4633. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. has recovered a computer disk containing the details of many shady land deals in which builders and middlemen played a leading role with the connivance of DDA officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the officials, builders and middlemen involved in these cases and the action taken against them?

#### **Schemes under SJSRY**

4634. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government conduct any periodical evaluation of performance of schemes under Swarna Jyanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana;



(b) whether Government ensure the proper utilization of funds under the above scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government for the effective implementation of the schemes?

**New drainage system for low lying area of CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar**

4635. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the blocks in CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar particularly Block No. 66 and 67 are situated in low lying area and remain drowned during the rainy season;

(b) if so, whether the present drainage system is not sufficient to clear/outlet the rainy water from this area;

(c) if so, whether Government propose/likely to propose to construct a new drainage system outside the said blocks; and

(d) if so, by when the new drainage system is likely to be constructed?

**Recovery of property tax from Embassies and foreign agencies**

†4636. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether N.D.M.C. had ever requested Government for recovery of property tax from Embassies and foreign agencies and Government have refused to recover the said property tax;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the total outstanding amount;

(c) the amount likely to be realised as property tax from Embassies and foreign agencies;

(d) whether Government propose to continue the facility of electricity and water free of charge for Embassies and foreign agencies;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if not, the action Government propose to take for recovery of total outstanding amount till date?

**Report of CVO of DDA on large scale construction of hotels**

4637. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Vigilance Officer of DDA had stated in his report in 1998 that there is large scale construction of hotels on the two properties for commercial use was violation of DDA rules and regulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the persons who owned those property and the details of the report submitted by the Chief Vigilance Officer;

(c) the action taken thereon and if not, whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed for dereliction of duty; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Targets under VAMBAY for Gujarat**

4638. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) had been extended to Gujarat;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any targets under VAMBAY for the State has been fixed for the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Shortage of water in Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar**

4639. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been acute shortage of drinking water in the C.P.W.D. Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that no drinking water in the evening time in the aforesaid colony is being supplied by Government during the last several years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government have taken against those concerned officials who are fully responsible for it; and
- (d) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard and also supply water in the evening also?

**Delhi High Court directive on encroachments along Yamuna bank**

4640. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that

the Delhi High Court while delivering judgement, has commented that encroachment is a never-ending drama in capital and ordered that the Yamuna's bank be cleared of all encroachments within two months; and

- (b) if so, the steps being taken to ensure compliance of Court's judgement?

**CGEWHO housing project in Noida**

4641. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Employees Welfare Housing Organisation (CGEWHO), an autonomous body under the administrative control of his Ministry undertook a Housing Project for Central Government Employees in Noida, Phase-III, Sector-82;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project was to be completed by the end of the October, 2002;

- (c) if so, whether possession of housing units has been handed over to the beneficiaries so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken by Government to ensure immediate handing over the possession?

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