

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; Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

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Margin Money Scheme

4486. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Agro and Rural Industries set up by availing margin money under the "Margin Money Scheme" launched by KVIC, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to increase the quantum of margin money under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

PMRY in Madhya Pradesh

†4487. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some districts of Madhya Pradesh are lagging behind in achieving their PMRY related targets;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof;

(c) the existing status thereof, State-wise;

(d) the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(e) the targets that have been fixed in this regard; and

(f) the details thereof?

Conversion of sea water into potable water by atomic energy

†4488. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sea water could be converted into potable water by means of atomic energy;

(b) if so, whether Government have any such project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) the per litre cost of conversion of sea water into potable water by atomic energy, the details thereof?

Coal imports due to non-fulfilment of coal demand by Industries

†4489. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the non-fulfilment of coal demand major coal consuming industries in the country are importing the coal;

(b) if so, the major coal consuming industries during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 alongwith the quantum of the coal imported by them separately; and

(c) the percentage of the demand of these industries fulfilled by the said import?

Supreme Court's environmental guidelines regarding coal mines

4490. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has recently put a ban on coal mining unless the environmental rules are strictly followed;

(b) if so, the details of these environmental rules and whether these are being followed; and

(c) if not, whether the Coal mining has been stopped in compliance of the Supreme Court's ban?

Consultation on coal sector reform

4491. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether industry-wise federation of coal mine workers or major central trade unions have been associated with High Power Expert Committee, constituted by Government for comprehensive review of coal sector in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allotment of coal blocks for captive mining

4492. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central and State power utilities have requested for allotment of coal blocks for captive mining; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and status of allotment of such blocks to Central and State power utilities?

Fire in coal mines of Raniganj and Jharia

†4493. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal mines

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of Raniganj and Jharia region are continuously in the grip of fire for the last several years;

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

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the quantum and value of coal destroyed due to this fire; and

(d) if so, the quantum and value of coal burnt in a year in these areas?

Demand-supply gap of coal

4494. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to reduce the demand-supply gap of coal, CIL propose to speed up coal production with investment of around Rs. 21,000 crores to meet the revised target;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is revised production plan of the Unit for 2005-06 and 2006-07 and how far it would help to reduce demand-supply gap in the country?

Coal reserves in the country

†4495. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal reserves in the country as on date is estimated to be 91 billion tonnes;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have a monopoly on the coal mining industries;

(d) if not, the percentage of industries under the control of Government out of the total coal mining industries; and

(e) the percentage of domestic production through which the coal requirement of the country could be met during the last three years?

Supply of coal by Coal India Ltd.

†4496. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small coal consuming industries are being supplied coal by the Coal India Ltd. through National Co-operative Consumers Federation of India to meet their requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of coal given to the NCCF for supplying the same to the small consumers in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(d) whether the NCCF has furnished any details with regard to the distribution of coal; and

(e) if so, the names of the coal receiving small scale industries alongwith the quantum of coal supplied to them?

Coal production

†4497. SHRI RAMADHAR
KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal of various grades in the country, grade-wise;

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(b) the total demand of the coal of the various grades in the country;

(c) whether coal is being imported;

(d) if so, the quantity of the coal of various grades imported during the last three years alongwith the price thereof, year-wise;

(e) the name of countries from where said coal was imported;

(f) whether Coal India Limited has taken any measures to reduce the import by increasing the production of the coal; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of coal from captive mines to nearest PSUs

4498. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the sale of coal from captive mines to the nearest Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act does not allow sale of captive mining by private companies; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to sell coal from captive mines?

Free trading of coal

4499. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to allow free trading in coal and as a first step State-owned Coal India may

be asked to set aside about 32.5 million tonnes of coal for open sale to traders and actual users;

(b) if so, whether Government would allow only after taking out this coal from the essential commodities list;

(c) if so, whether the proposal which was mooted by Planning Commission has been approved by Government; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Import of coal for thermal power stations

4500. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether being unable to supply adequate quantity of coal to the power sector in the country, State Electricity Boards have been asked to import coal to meet requirement of their thermal power stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to increase productivity of coal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deficiency of coal for steel industry

4501. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is deficiency in ensuring adequate and reliable supply of coal to the steel industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including domestic supply of coal to steel industry and the supply from overseas sources during each of the last three years;

(c) whether it is possible for the domestic coal industry to meet the entire need of steel industry;

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in that regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal reforms

4502. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have suggested some fresh reforms for the coal sector for implementation by his Ministry in a time-bound schedule, including removal of coal from the essential commodities list to allow free trading in coal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status?

Closing down of coal mines

4503. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of coal mines suspended/closed during the last five years;

(b) the number of employees who lost their jobs due to closure of these coal mines, mine-wise;

(c) the details of compensation made to the employees who lost their jobs; and

(d) the details of revenue loss to Government, if any, due to closure?

Transmission of pornographic pictures through SMS

4504. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to

prevent mobile users from taking illegal photography using their camera mobile phones;

(b) the Acts, Rules and Notifications that forbid the transmission of pornographic pictures through SMS; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to regulate or prevent the misuse of camera mobile phones?

BSNL plans for broadband services

4505. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL plans big broadband push in many States;

(b) if so, whether out of 198 cities being covered by State owned company for offering broadband services, 21 cities are from Southern States;

(c) whether BSNL is also rolling out broadband services aggressively in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, by when these plans are likely to be implemented and completed; and

(e) the total amount involved in these projects?

VPTs in Tamil Nadu

4506. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of tele-density in rural and urban areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of household telephones in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(c) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in Tamil Nadu, district-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to install VPTs in all the villages of the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time frame fixed in this regard;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether Government are making any efforts to increase household telephones in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Provision of mobile services in Chhattisgarh

†4507. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATIPREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BSNL's mobile connections which were working in Chhattisgarh State as on 31st March, 2004;

(b) whether the said mobile service has become operational in all Tehsil Headquarters and District Headquarters of Chhattisgarh State;

(c) if so, the number of THQs and DHQs yet to be provided with this service;

(d) the scheme for expansion of such mobile service in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(e) whether mobile connections of BSNL are available on demand in the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(f) if not, by when the mobile connections would be made available on demand?

Agreement between India and China

4508. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether betting on the untapped potential of the Indian telecom market, China's two largest telecom equipment companies have firmed up manufacturing plans in India;

(b) whether China's number two telecom equipment producer has already kicked up off operations at its new manufacturing facility at Manesar;

(c) if so, whether this company is planning to set up a manufacturing facility through a 100 per cent subsidiary in India;

(d) if so, whether any agreement between Indian Government and Chinese companies have been reached; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when these companies are likely to start manufacturing any telecom in India?

GPRS in Tamil Nadu

4509. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-metro cities that are covered under the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the names of those cities or towns; and

(c) how many more areas would be coded to the above list this year?

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Increase of commission of PCO owners

4510. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coin booths of BSNL that are functioning in Karnataka;
- (b) the number of them that are in Bangalore;
- (c) whether Government have increased the call rate from Re.1 to Rs.2;
- (d) if so, the commission that the owner of the coin booths gets per call;
- (e) the reasons for increasing the call rate from Re.1 to Rs.2; and
- (f) whether Government have received any representation from the coin booth owners in Karnataka to increase the commission rate per call?

Expansion of mobile service in Chhattisgarh

†4511. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mobile connections of BSNL operating in the State of Chhattisgarh as on 31st December, 2004;
- (b) whether such mobile service has been commenced at all District Headquarters and Tehsil Headquarters;
- (c) the scheme of expansion of this mobile service in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether Mobile Telephone connections of BSNL is available on demand in the State of Chhattisgarh; and

(e) if not, how long the present situation would continue to prevail?

Setting up of Customer Care Centres

4512. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Customer Care Centres in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that a target of setting up of 900 Customer Care Centres in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan has been fixed;
- (c) if so, the number of Customer Care Centres set up during the last three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) what mechanism does Customer Care Centres have to ensure for speedy settlement of problems?

Re-introducing of only incoming telephone facility in Delhi

†4513. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that M.T.N.L. had provided telephone facility at a monthly rental of Rs.100/- only in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the reasons for withdrawing this facility; and
- (c) whether it is proposed to reintroduce this scheme in near future; if so, the details thereof?

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Illegal operation of STD booths

†4514. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that STD booths allotted to handicapped and unemployed persons are being operated by other persons illegally;

(b) whether Government have taken any action thereto along with the details thereof during the last two years;

(c) whether any connivance of employees of Telephone Department has come to notice; and

(d) the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise?

USO fund for rural telephony

4515. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the Telegraph Act in order to incorporate a clause whereby fixed line wireless service providers in rural areas are provided Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering seriously to work out the details of providing USO fund for rural telephony to fixed line wireless service providers as it is cost effective, convenient and can be installed without digging or laying of cables;

(d) if so, Government's plan in this regard; and

(e) the views of Administrator, USO fund in the matter?

Revival of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Bangalore

4516. SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has exempted Government from open offer for the ailing Indian Telephone Industries Ltd., Bangalore;

(b) if so, whether Government are likely to pump in Rs.200 crore as a part of rescue package to revive the loss-making ITI; and

(c) the other salient features of the rehabilitation package for ITI as worked out by Government?

USO Act to allow wider use of funds

4517. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to incorporate changes in the Universal Service Obligation (USO) Act to allow wider use of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to abolish Access Deficit Charge (ADC); and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Rural teledensity vis-a-vis urban areas

4518. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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have decided to accelerate connectivity by setting a target of 15 crore fresh connectivity in the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the digital divide was yet to be bridged as the teledensity in villages was 1.7 percent compared to 27 per cent in urban areas; and

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

Share of MTNL/BSNL

†4519. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the share of MTNL and BSNL in the revenue earned through PCO installed throughout the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of PCOs of MTNL and BSNL have been closed during the last years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the loss likely to be suffered by both public sector companies out of their closure; and

(d) the details of the efforts being made by Government to contain the said loss?

Formation of Millennium Telecom Company

4520. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL has formed a subsidiary company known as Millennium Telecom Company;

(b) if so, the projects the company has either installed or marketed and the number of employees in the company;

(c) the profits made by the company since its inception; and

(d) whether the MTNL has formed any other subsidiary company; if so, the name of the company and the status of that company?

Provision of internet connections to schools and colleges

4521. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide high-speed internet connection to various schools and colleges in every district for accessing the important information and rich educational content in local languages; and

(b) if so, by when, it would be made available to schools and colleges?

Revenue implications under Unified Access License Regime

4522. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Unified Access License Regime in telecom sector;

(b) the number of companies issued such license;

(c) whether Government has cut telecom license penalties for delayed payments for Unified Access Licensees migrating to UASL, NSD and ILD Services; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, with details of the companies that would benefit from such relaxation and revenue implication thereof?

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Setting up of electronic software parks

4523. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any scheme for setting up of electronic software parks for rural development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

E-governance projects

4524. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bhoomi e-Governance Project of Karnataka computerizing twenty million rural land records received 'Stockholm Challenge Award';

(b) if so, the details of other Indian e-governance projects selected for the above award; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the above project in other States also?

Availability of BSNL pre-paid SIM Cards in Andhra Pradesh

4525. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided by BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh separately for both land-line and mobile telephones;

(b) whether any complaints have been

received regarding availability of pre-paid SIM Cards of BSNL in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to ensure hassle free availability of BSNL pre-paid SIM Cards;

(d) whether BSNL propose to expand its rural telephone services in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof district-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Surrender of BSNL and MTNL phones

4526. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during April 2004, to February, 2005, there has been a significant rise in the number of surrender of BSNL and MTNL fixed line phones in the country;

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

(c) the reasons for such major increase in surrender of BSNL and MTNL land line phones;

(d) by what percentage have cell phone connections increased during this period; and

(e) the manner in which it has affected the business of BSNL and MTNL?

Digital telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu

4527. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu have been digitalized;

(b) if so, the number of digitalized telephone exchanges in Tamil Nadu, District-wise;

(c) if not, the total number of telephone exchanges yet to be digitalized;

(d) whether Government are taking efforts to install only digitalized telephone exchanges in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Release of Tamil Software

4528. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have released Tamil Software recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how long it took for developing each software together with the name of developer; and

(d) whether the State Government were consulted on the utility and distribution of the software?

Telecommunication facilities in Bihar

4529. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Bihar which are deficient in telecommunication facilities;

(b) the requests received in this regard the last year and the current year so far;

(c) the action taken thereon; and

(d) the proposals for expansion of these activities in Bihar?

Denial of US visa to Gujarat Chief Minister

4530. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that USA has rejected India's request for review of the decision on denying a visa to Gujarat Chief Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the reasons stated by the Government of USA in this regards;

(c) Government's reaction in regard thereto;

(d) whether Government would deny visa to US citizens wishing to visit India on similar grounds; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Discussion about POWs with Pak President

†4531. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

SHRI JANESHWAR

MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have also discussed about Indian Prisoners of War imprisoned in Pakistan during talks held recently with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the Indian Prisoners of War are likely to be get released?

PM's visit to Colombo

4532. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime

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Minister visited Colombo in March 2005 to discuss bilateral issues;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed; and

(c) the out come of his visit?

Security Council Seat

†4533. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused to accept permanent membership of United Nations Security Council without veto power;

(b) if so, the reaction of other Nations of G-4 Group in this regard; and

(c) the names of the countries who have supported India's stand in this regard?

Foreign Minister's Myanmar visit

4534. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of mutual interest discussed with Myanmar when he visited Myanmar recently;

(b) whether Myanmar has agreed to help India in fighting insurgence and terrorists activities on Indo-Myanmar border; and

(c) the reasons for Myanmar's cancelling the Gas pipeline deal just a few days before his visit?

Preferential trade agreement between India and South Africa

4535. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and South Africa have agreed to put on fast track conclusion of a preferential trade for establishing trade agreement on customs and a bilateral investment promotion treaty for establishing closer relations between business communities of both countries;

(b) if so, whether underlining importance of strengthening economic linkages between two countries, Minister of State for External Affairs and South African Minister discussed policy frame work to facilitate interaction between private sector of both countries;

(c) if so, what are main outcome of decision taken and whether any agreement have been reached; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

Security Council seat without Veto-Powers

4536. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fresh proposals for expansion of the UN Security Council by induction of a few permanent and non permanent members of the council, without Veto-Power; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and whether India agreed to accept

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permanent membership of the Security Council without Veto Powers?

Passport office at Visakhapatnam

4537. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the positive steps taken by the passport office at Visakhapatnam to improve the delivery of passports and good public reception;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Visakhapatnam model is not being replicated in other passport centres of the country;

(c) what steps are proposed to study the Visakhapatnam model of public interaction to improve all passport offices in the country; and

(d) steps proposed to improve the functioning of passport offices all over the country?

Amendment in Haj Act, 2002

4538. SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some amendments were proposed in Haj Act, 2002 by the Haj Committee of India;

(b) if so, what are the amendments and Government's reaction thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some bye-laws relating to Haj Act, 2002 were framed and proposed to Government by the Haj Committee of India for approval and acceptance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Setting up of Bangladesh Mission in India

4539. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh Government has proposed to set up a Bangladesh Mission in the North Eastern Region of India to help boost up trade between India and Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made; and

(c) Government's response and reaction to this proposal?

Bus service between Amritsar and Pakistan

4540. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the progress made so far in starting a regular bus service from Amritsar to Nankana Sahib in Pakistan?

India's stand on POK

4541. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made its stand clear to Government of Pakistan about the Indian stand in relation to POK and the Northern areas now that the bus service has started between the two sides of Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of such talks; and

(c) if not, the reasons for which such discussion was not held between the two Governments?

China's claim over Arunachal Pradesh

†4542. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 3141 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 21st April, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that borders of Arunachal, Mizoram and Uttaranchal have become insecure with the announcement made by China regarding disputed boundary of the two countries; and

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

Opening of more road links with Pakistan

†4543. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any talk has been held with Pakistan in respect of opening more road routes apart from starting bus services on the Shrinagar-Muzaffarabad route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

US relations with India and Pakistan

†4544. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US Secretary of State during her recent visit to India, has stated that they intend to adopt a policy of having good relations with India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view this development, America has agreed to lift the sanction imposed on military assistance to Pakistan and India and has also agreed to sell latest arms to both the countries; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

Policy of Non-alignment

4545. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is pursuing the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's policy of 'Non-aligned countries unity' and Smt. Indira Gandhi's policy of economic cooperation of Non-aligned countries, further extended by Shri Rajiv Gandhi's shared vision of 21st century for NAM as official policy; and

(b) if so, whether it would be extended in the matter of multilateral trade talks in WTO lead by India as one of the fast developing nation among the underdeveloped and least developed countries of the world?

Hostage policy

4546. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working out a policy on hostages on the lines of US-Israel policy in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith main features of the policy; and

(c) by when the policy is likely to be finalised and implemented?

Traditional Digital Knowledge Library

4547. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Traditional Digital

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Knowledge Library is part of activity/objective of SAARC Documentation Centre, New Delhi;

(b) if so, date of initiation and reason for initiating this activity;

(c) whether above activity would adversely effect patent right of traditional knowledge of member countries and National Interest, will result in patent piracy;

(d) whether a detailed Committee consisting of legal and other experts would be constituted before further initiating above project;

(e) whether SAARC Documentation Centre, New Delhi has deviated from original objective of Centre; and

(f) whether a detailed inquiry be initiated on activities of above Centre for last five years?

Pak PM's offer to stop missile test

†4548. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister of Pakistan had offered to stop missile tests during his visit to India; and

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

Pak Prime Minister's statement regarding Siachen

†4549. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister of Pakistan has stated that border of both the countries in Siachen glacier has been wrongly depicted in the map; and

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

Membership of enlarged Security Council

4550. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the top U.S. functionaries with whom he had interaction during his recent visit to that country on matters of mutual interest between the two countries; and

(b) the outcome of the discussions, particularly with regard to India's chances to get a permanent membership of the 'to be enlarged Security Council' of the United Nations?

Fixing of maritime boundaries

4551. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether country's maritime boundaries have been finally fixed as required under International laws/conventions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recovery of EPF amount

†4552. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industries which have failed to deposit EPF subscription amount with Government treasury till March, 2005 industrial, unit-wise;

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(b) the action taken so far to recover EPF amount from each of industrial units alongwith the names of units from which the amount in question has been recovered; and

(c) by when the EPF amount would be recovered from remaining units?

Recommendations of Second National Labour Commission

4553. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Second National Labour Commission included the suggestion that contract labour should not be engaged on main production/ service activities;

(b) if so, the names of services which can be assigned to employment agencies as per the above recommendations; and

(c) the salient features of other recommendations made by the Commission?

Exploitation of child labour

4554. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite legal provision, the child labour are being exploited on a large scale throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to this by I.L.O. and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken

against persons responsible for violation of labour laws and save children from harassment?

Employment opportunities through ILO

4555. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has undertaken any project for creating more employment opportunities in the developing countries including India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

Monetary benefits to the industrial institutions

†4556. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the monetary benefits of the industrial institutions in the country are on the rise while the number of persons working under them is continuously shrinking;

(b) if not, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the number of persons employed with the public and private industries separately during the years 2000-01 and 2003-04?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Loss due to increase of rate of E.P.F.

†4557. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that additional losses of Rs. 1,200 crores is assessed to be incurred because of the payment of interest at the rate of 9.5 being made by the Employees Provident Fund Organisations for the year 2005-06;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) the assessment of total losses by March, 2006; and

(d) the details of sources ascertained so far to compensate the losses?

Arrangement for professional training for labour force

†4558. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good deal of deficiency is found in the quality of labour available in the country for want of the trade training arrangement;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that arrangement for professional training is required to be made effective and streamlined with a view to create qualitative labour force; and

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

Outcome of the Labour Ministers Conference

4559. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL
APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day Conference of Labour Ministers was held on October 16-18, 2003;

(b) if so, the main observations and decisions made at the Conference; and

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra made a number of recommendations for promotion and protection of interests of the unorganised sector of labour including the farm labour, if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

Late night shifts for women

4560. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed women to work in late night shifts, especially in the apparel sector to face stiff competition from China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to amend the Factories Act for this purpose;

(c) what occupational safety and protection of their dignity are going to be provided to women;

(d) whether any action plan has been prepared for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Exploitation of child labours by circus companies

‡4561. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken in order to check hard labourious and dangerous types of shows by minor children in various circus companies of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken;

(c) whether it is a fact that minor children are purchased from very poor families and some of them are brought on nominal wages; and

(d) if so, the details of the action being taken by Government to protect them from exploitation?

Providing employment to youth

4562. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets enumerated in the Government's Common Minimum Programme in relation to providing employment of the unemployed youth in the country;

(b) the specific steps taken by Government so far for the achievement of this target; and

(c) the plan of action, if drawn, in this behalf?

Creation of posts in States

4563. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra

and Gujarat accommodate for 31 per cent jobs created since 1991; and

(b) whether Government are drawing plan for creation of posts in all States under new Industrial and Textiles Policy?

Abolition of child labour

‡4564. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national programme for the abolition of child labour in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of child labourers in the country as on 31st March, 2005; State-wise and district-wise?

Construction of AHI building in Bangalore

4565. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Apex High Tech. Institute to provide high-tech training and a resource centre for computer aided and integrated technologies to serve national and international markets is functioning from a rented building in Bangalore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to take up construction of a building to house the AHI in Bangalore;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has rejected the proposal to approve funds for the above purpose; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to convince the Planning Commission in this regard?

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Funds allocated to control poverty and unemployment

‡4566. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to control poverty and unemployment in the country;

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

(c) the funds allocated by Government for this scheme; and

(d) the number of persons likely to be benefited through this scheme every year?

Unemployment Benefit Scheme

4567. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNSAUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched an Unemployment Benefit Scheme;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) the estimated number of unemployed eligible for benefit under this scheme; and

(d) whether officers and the other ranks, relieved from Armed Forces are covered under this scheme?

Welfare legislation for tailoring workers

4568. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers engaged in tailoring profession throughout the country;

(b) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration for the

enactment of welfare legislation for tailoring workers; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and the details thereof?

Women self-employment programme

4569. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes of vocational training imparted by Government and different State Governments jointly or separately to women in order to provide them self-employment;

(b) the number of women employed under self-employment schemes in different States during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) whether Government propose to take up any comprehensive plan for women empowerment in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exploitation of child labour

4570. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the organized racket operating in Delhi which is involved in exploiting child labour especially in garment embroidery industry, where 43 children have been rescued by the police;

(b) if so, whether Government in co-ordination with the Delhi Police, is thinking of launching a full-fledged operation to check this state of affairs where over 20,000 children are suspected to be working in such units;

(c) whether any NGO or such voluntary

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organization brought this matter to the notice of Government; and

(d) whether Government are devising ways and means to eradicate illegal child exploitation by small industrial units?

Facilities to tea plantation workers

†4571. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that labourers working in tea plantations in Assam are not getting fixed minimum wages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that said labourers are deprived of all facilities to be made available under the labour law;

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating efforts to provide all prescribed facilities to them; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

Child Labour

4572. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to eliminate the Child Labour which is around 1.25 crores children in the age group of 5 to 14 years;

(b) if so, whether Government have any action oriented programmes for the rehabilitation of the effected child labour; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of jobs through employment exchanges

†4573. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employment exchanges in the country at present;

(b) the number of unemployed persons registered in these exchanges; and

(c) the number of unemployed persons provided with the jobs during the last three years?

Scheme for welfare of handloom weavers

4574. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the EPF and PF Act, 1952 with reference to the handloom sector;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to exempt Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation from the purview of EPF and PF Act, 1952, as the State has evolved a near identical scheme for the welfare of the handloom weavers; and

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

Special industries for women

4575. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision that women workers are provided opportunities to work at night has been debated widely or examined by Indian Labour Conference;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether steps would be taken for the same;
- (d) whether any decision is taken regarding the "Special Industries" in which women would be demanded to work night shifts;
- (e) if so, the details of such industries;
- (f) whether any rules are formulated for additional safeguards relating to physical security, transport, health and occupational safety before allowing women to work at night;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployment allowance

‡4576. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme for giving unemployment allowance to the unemployed persons is under consideration of Government;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) the annual percentage of the growth rate in the number of the unemployed people in the country along with the initiative being taken by Government to put a check on this growth rate; and
- (d) the likely number of unemployed persons at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan in the country and the initiative being taken by Government to bring it down?

Jobs to youths in foreign countries

‡4577. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered against persons involved in cheating by way of giving allurements of jobs to youths in foreign countries during the last three years alongwith State-wise details thereof;

(b) the number of persons against whom action was taken in the cases so registered and the steps taken by Government to provide assistance to the affected persons; and

(c) the effective steps taken so far by Government to check forgery and cheating with youths?

Views expressed by CJI against bringing judiciary under Lokpal

4578. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Justice of India, expressed his opinion stating that he is against bringing judiciary under Lokpal;

(b) if so, the details of the opinion expressed by the Chief Justice of Supreme Court;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to bring Lokpal before Parliament; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enhancement of upper age limit for recruitment by UPSC

4579. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UPSC fixed the eligibility age as 18-27 for certain posts such as Section Officer (Audit) for which graduation is prescribed as an essential qualifications;

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(b) if so, whether any university in the country is awarding graduation at the age of 18 years;

(c) if not, so, why the UPSC fixed an unrealistic age limit for those posts;

(d) whether Government would consider to enhance the upper age limit to 29 years as against the existing age limit of 27 and revise the eligibility age for such posts as 20-29; and

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

Re-orientation of Indian bureaucracy

4580. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken for the re-orientation of Indian bureaucracy especially the IAS and IPS officers;

(b) whether there have been many reports of higher officers not showing a secular and unbiased outlook on many occasions especially during communal riots; and

(c) what steps are being taken to give more secular outlook to the central services officers and to make the more sensitive towards various social and religious groups?

Check on Government hiring

4581. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that successive Governments have promised to keep a check on Government hiring by various Ministries and departments;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite any such assurances, the number of people

working for Government has increased by another one lakh in this fiscal year alone;

(c) if so, whether Government plan to put in place a stricter check on departmental hiring; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Prosecution of senior bureaucrats

4582. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sought Central Government approval for prosecuting number of senior bureaucrats of the rank of joint secretaries and above involved in corruption and other cases;

(b) if so, the reasons for not granting approval to the CBI for their prosecution; and

(c) the details of all such bureaucrats against whom CBI has sought approval for prosecution?

Pensioners grievances in Uttaranchal

4583. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has conducted any enquiry into the functioning of the Accountant Generals office in Uttaranchal wherein a large number of cases pertaining to pensions/statutory dues of Government employees are pending due to rampant corruption;

(b) whether Government are aware that despite Allahabad High Court orders with reference to writ petition no: 2757 of 1995 pensionary benefits have been denied to the petitioners; and

(c) if so, the action being taken against the officials responsible for this delay?

Concept of poverty line

4584. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while incidence of poverty from 1977-78 to 1999-2000 declined from 51.3 per cent to 25.1 per cent, the decline in number of persons below poverty line in absolute terms was not so marked, having come down from 328.9 million to 260.3 million;

(b) if so, in what way the concept of poverty line has undergone a change and the growth of population has come down during that period; and

(c) the targets fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan with regard to the incidence of poverty and the number of people below poverty line and how far the same have been achieved by the end of 2004-05?

Food and Nutrition Security Watch

4585. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Food and Nutrition Security Watch (FNSW) has been constituted in the Planning Commission for monitoring food availability and access situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of major food economy programmes which are likely to come under the scanner of FNSW?

Reducing BPL people

†4586. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a target has been set to bring 50 per cent reduction in

number of the people living below poverty line by 2015 in the country;

(b) if so, the total number and the percentage of the people living below poverty line in the country at present; and

(c) the action taken to reduce this number?

Assessment of Tenth Five Year Plan

†4587. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission have suggested measures to fulfil the gap in resources while making assessment of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether Government have made efforts to find out sources of internal and external capital to meet the dearth of items of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the percentage of internal and external capital separately that would be utilised;

(d) whether any annual assessment of Tenth Five Year Plan is done by Government; and

(e) if so, the percentage of works completed during the lapsed period of the plan along with the assessment for the rest of the period, year-wise?

Increase in unemployment rate

4588. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has estimated that the unemployment rate for the economy as a whole has shot up significantly in the last two years;

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(b) if so, whether it is up from 8.87 per cent in 2001-02 to 9.11 per cent in 2004-05;

(c) whether even more disturbing picture that has emerged is that employment in the organized sector has declined between 2001 and 2003 in both the public and the private sectors;

(d) whether any concrete programme of action has been considered by Government to provide more jobs in the country during 2005-06; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Annual plan outlay for States

4589. PROF. M.M AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the annual plans outlay allocated by Government for the various States during the last three years; and

(b) the effective measures being taken by Government to release the funds to the States?

Steps to reduce poverty

4590. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to reduce poverty in the country since the inception of the present Government so far;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ratio of people below poverty line

†4591. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national ratio of people living below poverty line has declined to 22 per cent;

(b) if so, the criterion fixed for ascertaining people living below poverty line and its position and assessment State-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for bringing down the number of people living below the poverty line to Zero?

Population living in poverty

†4592. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the all out efforts made by Government, a large number of the population is living in acute poverty;

(b) the details of the problems Government are facing in changing this situation;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain as to how much money common man requires to run the family per month; and

(d) the number of such persons who happen to be even devoid of the minimum income?

Invention of self heating can

4593. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an engineer

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at Allahabad has invented a self heating can or stove which can be used in the absence of cooking gas;

(b) whether Government have approved the newly invented stove and allowed its sale in the open market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Talent pool of scientists and technicians

4594. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a talent pool of scientists and technicians; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

PA system at coastal villages

4595. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Public Address system established by the M.S. Swami Nathan Research Foundation at coastal villages of Pondicherry saved thousands of human life from the Tsunami waves; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Brain drain of scientists and Technologists

4596. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a brain drain of scientists and technologists in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps that have been taken to check brain drain of scientists and technologists?

Ocean research after Tsunami

4597. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Oceanography has conducted any ocean research after Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the funds of above Institute for research work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Creation of green coastal shelter belts

4598. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that soil scientists have suggested creation of green coastal shelter belts to minimize the impact of natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details of their suggestions;

(c) whether such coastal shelter belts already exist in some parts of Orissa coastline and these belts had helped to control the impact of the disasters; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to promote such shelters with mangroves and such other plants on our coastline?

Science and technology in NER

4599. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a provision to provide budgetary allocation during the Tenth Plan for the development of Science and Technology in the NER particularly in the State of Nagaland;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Control of loss due to national disaster

4600. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Union of Geological Sciences, has made certain recommendations to Government to control loss of life and property in the aftermath of a natural disaster;

(b) if so, the details of their recommendations;

(c) whether Government have studied these recommendations for appropriate action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Increasing the cost of road projects

4601. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NHAI has sought permission from the Uttar Pradesh Government to increase project costs for an Expressway on NH-8;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI frequently submits project cost overruns to various State Governments;

(c) whether it is a fact that NHAI has not been able to complete projects without cost overruns;

(d) to what extent is NHAI able to properly assess the costs of any new project realistically; and

(e) the steps proposed to get all project costs assessed by an outside expert agency by Government?

Bridges under construction

4602. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of bridges presently under construction by his Ministry, State-wise;

(b) the time-frame by when the construction would be completed; and

(c) the costs involved in these projects?

Setting up of international size shipyards

4603. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plan has been drawn up to set up two new international size shipyards along the two coasts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific areas identified for setting up these projects, investments proposed and time-frame therefor?

Oil spillage after collision of vessels

4604. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent oil spillage in Goa following a collision between two vessels has highlighted the inadequacy of the existing anchorage loading and pilferage

operations especially involving carriers of crude oil, iron ore and coal; and

(b) the steps that are being taken by Government to ensure safe loading and unloading operations at the anchorage ports?

Fire at Chennai port

4605. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major fire occurred in the Chennai port, recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount of loss estimated by Government due to this fire; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to prevent such fire in the ports across the country?

Development of roads in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†4606. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent annually on widening, new construction and improvement (PR) during the last three years under National Highways and Corridor construction scheme in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of achievements thereof;

(c) the details of work undertaken, amount spent and achievements made with respect to Highways No. 78 and 200 during the said period; and

(d) the details of works and amount sanctioned for these two highways for the year 2004-05?

Trans-shipment container terminal at Kochi port

4607. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the setting up of International Trans-shipment container terminal at Kochi port;

(b) whether this project has been given to some foreign agency;

(c) if so, the terms of agreement with this agency;

(d) to what extent it would be more economical and fast in handling the additional traffic;

(e) whether such a port is also proposed to be set up somewhere on the East Coast to upgrade haulage capacity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of Super Highway

4608. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of Super Highway constructed so far in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Super Highway which was to be completed by December, 2004, has not yet been completed and is running way behind the schedule;

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

(d) the details of States in which the land acquisition has not yet been completed; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to complete this ambitious project?

Development of National Highways and Expressways

4609. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked adequate funds for the development of National Highways and Expressways in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with funds utilized during the last two years; and

(c) Government's plans for the next five years for the development of roads, bridges and National Highways and Expressways in the country?

Amount for highway projects

4610. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PM's panel on infrastructure has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1,70,000 crores for highway projects over the next seven years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of projects that would be taken up during the above period in the State of Orissa?

Panel for existing contractual framework

4611. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on Infrastructure, headed by Prime Minister, has constituted a panel to revamp and review the existing contractual framework finalised under public private partnership;

(b) whether the panel has been created due to delay in progress of construction of Golden Quadrilateral and North-South East-West corridors; and

(c) by when the panel is going to submit its recommendations to the Infrastructure Committee?

Trauma Centres along NH-5

4612. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA
RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING,
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government and the NHAI have received specific representations or letters from institutions and organisations citing their intention to set up Trauma Centres along the NH-5;

(b) the details of such letters or representations received in the last month presently;

(c) the reaction of Government and NHAI to such efforts;

(d) the support that the NHAI would give to such efforts to establish Trauma Centres along NH-5; and

(e) the details thereof?

NHDP Phases V to VII

4613. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to take up the National Highway Development Project Phases V to VII;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the said Project Phases 5,000 kms. would be converted into six lane roads from four lane roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NHD Project

4614. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to take up National Highway Development Project Phases V to VII on a BOT basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had set up an Empowered Committee to tackle the problems of delay in the acquisition of land, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Meeting of National Shipping Board

4615. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 105th meeting of the National Shipping Board was held recently;

(b) the recommendations made by the Board on the coastal shipping, regulation of shipping lines, off shore and marine logistic support services;

(c) the other major recommendations made by the Board; and

(d) in what manner the recommendations are going to boost maritime operations in the country?

Conversion of highways into six lanes

4616. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made plans to convert some highway sectors to six lane highways;

(b) if so, whether all such conversion to six lane highways would be clubbed under NHDP-V to cover 5,000 kms.;

(c) the States where the NHDP-V would be implemented;

(d) the extent of lengths which would be converted into six lanes; and

(e) whether cost-benefit studies have been done for conversion to six lane highways from four lane highways?

Road projects under BOT system

4617. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided that all future projects of NHAI under NHDP-III, NHDP-IV and NHDP-V would be taken up totally under BOT system;

(b) if so, the reasons for restricting such highway projects only to one system of Build, Operate and Transfer;

(c) whether other options have also been explored;

(d) whether it is a fact that under the BOT system contractors or project owners are over-charging users indiscriminately; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that road users are not exploited under the BOT system?

Vehicles running in the country

4618. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vehicles operating in the country as on 31st October, 2004;

(b) whether the road space available to accommodate the vehicles in the country is inadequate and is unlikely to go up in the near future; and

(c) if so, the steps that are being taken by Government to increase the road space during the next five years?

National Highways in States

4619. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of guidelines fixed for construction of National Highways by Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have recently approved the various proposals for construction of National Highways in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of amount sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh for construction of NHs;

(e) whether Government have received any proposal from the above States for construction of National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Vizhinjam port in Thiruvananthapuram

4620. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project of the Government of Kerala for the development of Vizhinjam port in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala State is pending for sanction;

(b) whether Government have already undertaken or propose to undertake any project to develop Vizhinjam port; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Amount spent on Golden
Quadrilateral**

4621. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the works under Golden Quadrilateral Schemes of construction of highways;

(b) the amount of money spent up to 31st March, 2005 and the sources of money; and

(c) in what way this quadrilateral would cover the major cities of the North-Eastern States including Agartala?

By-Pass on Kota-Zhalawad Road

†4622. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire traffic passes through the main roads of the city in Kota in absence of by-pass;

(b) whether a proposal was sent to the Ministry in 1996-97 to construct a by-pass on Kota-Zhalawad Road on National Highway No. 12 and the action taken so far on this proposal;

(c) whether due to the negligence and indecisiveness of the Ministry, the city of Kota has to face the tragedy of accidents and the costs involved in its constructions has gone up manifold; and

(d) by when this by-pass would be sanctioned?

Telephone booth on highways

†4623. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install special telephone booths on the roadside of highways to help the victims of accidents on National Highways so that passengers can solve their different problems by contacting Control Room and in case of any accident, ambulance may reach the place of accident within twenty minutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the National Highways where such telephone booths are initially proposed to be installed?

**Four laning of NHs in Andhra
Pradesh**

4624. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of fifteen National Highways in Andhra Pradesh NH-5, NH-7 and a part of NH-9 had been handed over to NHAI for four laning under National Highway Development project;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made on each of the above three highways;

(c) the details of the allocation of funds and expenditure incurred on these three National Highways during the last three years and till date; and

(d) the time by when four laning of these National Highways is likely to be completed?

Roads in Jammu and Kashmir

4625. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided

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to accord higher priority to road development in Jammu and Kashmir with the upgradation of several historic links such as Mughal Road; and

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

Steps to reduce road accidents

4626. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has predicted that road accidents would be the third largest killer worldwide by 2020 and that most of the deaths would be in developing countries like India;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to speed and visibility; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce incidence of road accidents in coming years?

Loss due to poor roads

4627. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate capacity and poor quality of highways the country losses about Rs. 10,000 crore a year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that average productivity of trucks is 250-300 kilometres per day in India whereas it is 600-800 kilometres per day globally;

(c) whether it is further a fact that 50 per cent of our National Highways are in poor condition and 30 per cent highways are single-lane; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to construct National Highways of international standards?

Raw material for SSI from PSUs

4628. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of units have been in the business of manufacturing various intermediaries out of raw-materials supplied by PSUs, like Coal India, Indian Oil Refineries etc., over the last several decades;

(b) the total number of such SSI units on 1st April of 1980, 1991, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004, State-wise;

(c) whether there was any policy framework envisaging preferential supply of raw-materials by PSUs to SSI Units;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the instances of closing down of SSI units due to changes in policies resulting in stoppage of raw-materials by PSUs?

All India census for SSI sector

4629. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third All India census of small-scale sector are out;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the census has thrown light on the structure and characteristics of the SSI;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the main findings of the census; and

(e) in what way his Ministry is thinking of using the findings in policy formulation?

Effect of WTO and VAT on SSIs

‡4630. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consequent upon Government's membership in WTO and implementation of patent and present VAT system, Small and Cottage industries including many tiny units of production in the country would be adversely effected and endanger their existence; and

(b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by Government to save small scale industries and maintain their profitability?

SSIs in Tamil Nadu

4631. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special package for Tamil Nadu has been provided in the Tenth Five Year Plan to strengthen Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey of NSSO

4632. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the recently released survey of the National Sample Survey Organization on "Household Consumer Expenditure and Employment—Unemployment Situation"

highlighting *inter-alia* that three out of every 1000 rural households and one urban household per thousand do not get enough to eat in any month of the year; and

(b) if so, the details of major conclusions/ observations contained in the survey and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Assistance from other countries for Commonwealth Games

‡4633. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 446 given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2005 and to state:

(a) whether the assistance of some other country is also likely to be taken for the Commonwealth Games; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for training of athletes

4634. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has demanded Government for enhanced and separate funds for training of athletes recently; and

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

Commonwealth Games in Bangalore

4635. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country is

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proposing to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games at New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to conduct some of the events outside Delhi;

(c) if so, the places that have been identified and events proposed;

(d) whether there is any possibility of Bangalore hosting an event in the 2010 Games; and

(e) if so, the name of the event?

Outcome of the conference of Sports Ministers

†4636. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subjects which were discussed in the conference of Sports Ministers of the States held in Delhi in February, 2005;

(b) whether Government are considering to increase the assistance being provided as sports incentive to the extent of 75 per cent as proposed by the States; and

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

Promotion of sports in Nagaland

4637. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to promote Youth Affairs and Sports in NER particularly in the State of Nagaland during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal for the State Governments to promote sports in the region; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this respect?

Sports facilities in Tamil Nadu

4638. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals regarding sports facilities in Tamil Nadu received during the last two years;

(b) the number out of them lying pending; and

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

Setting up of village sports academies

4639. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for sporting events of Indian Origin (Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, etc.) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether traditional sports of Indian origin are vanishing gradually as they are not given priority and encouragement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide opportunities to rural sports persons at national and international level by setting up village sports academy and providing them training and other facilities?

Funds allocated for development of sports

†4640. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received

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any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra seeking financial assistance for the infrastructure of sports;

(b) if so, the status of this proposal; and

(c) the details of funds allocated for the development of sports infrastructure in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

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