

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 5, 2001/Agrahayana 14, 1923 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—145

Budgetary support for the development of North-Eastern States

1665. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has chalked out its own Action Plan for the progress of North-Eastern Region and removal of industrial backwardness there, keeping in view the directive issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission to all the Ministries including Ministry of Coal and Mines for spending 10 per cent of gross budgetary support for development of North-Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken for implementation of the Action Plan and removal of industrial backwardness?

Joint ventures taken up by CIL for the production of coal

1666. SHRI SOLIPETA
RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the
Minister of COAL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Ltd. is taking up new projects through joint venture for production of coal;

(b) if so, how far the production capacity is expected to be expanded; and

(c) the steps taken to invite participants and the details of willing participants?

Production of Aluminium

1667. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the
Minister of COAL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by Government to increase the production of Aluminium and alumina;

(b) the achievement made in this regard in Eighth and Ninth Plans; and

(c) the details of the contribution of NALCO thereto?

Gold and Copper Mines discovered near Ajmer

1668. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the
Minister of COAL AND MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that gold and copper mines have been discovered near Ajmer in Hathipur village of Shrinagar Panchayat Samiti, as reported in the Asian Age dated 2nd September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the specific potential geographical zone and adjoining areas against unlawful excavations?

Sign of land subsidence in the coal mines areas of Dhanbad

1669. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large areas of coal mines, particularly in the district of Dhanbad in Jharkhand have been showing consistent sign of land subsidence;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the approximate number of population in these areas facing threats of land subsidence;

(c) whether Government are implementing any programme for shifting and rehabilitation of the affected people residing in these endangered areas to a safer place and arresting such subsidence in Jharkhand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Aluminium metal production by recycling the scrap

1670. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of primary Aluminium metal production made by recycling the scrap in the year 2000-2001;

(b) how it compares with the World figures; and

(c) the quantity of Aluminium scrap imported during last three years and how the use of imported scrap compares with the domestic scrap in respect of Aluminium metal production through recycling process?

Ash pond disaster of NALCO in Angul, Orissa

1671. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the losses caused by the ash pond disaster of NALCO on 31st December, 2000 in the Angul district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the area-wise/family-wise/village-wise details of the loss caused;

(c) whether compensation has been given to the affected people; and

(d) if so, the area-wise/family-wise/village-wise details thereof?

Corruption in CIL and its subsidiaries

1672. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of widespread corruption in CIL and its subsidiaries, the Government propose to bring major administrative changes in CIL and its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received reports against a large number of officials of CIL and its subsidiaries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government to bring transparency in the functioning of CIL and its subsidiaries?

Financial bunglings in CIL

1673. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Management of Coal India Limited has spent several crores on legal expenses during the last few years and shown these spending as miscellaneous expenses in its account books;

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

(c) whether the financial bunglings in CIL and its subsidiaries have increased and there is no machinery to check it; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to check such financial bungs in CIL?

Supply of coal by CIL and its subsidiaries to non-existent industrial units

1674. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries are supplying coal to large number of non-existent industrial units in the country;

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

(c) whether Government have ordered probe into the functioning of CIL and its subsidiaries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to fix responsibility in such scandals etc.?

Offer given to Jindal Group for open cast mines in Raigarh

1675. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Coal under special provision of amendment to Coal Mines Nationalisation Act has offered two open cast mines to Jindals in Raigarh of M.P. for use as captive mines to a power plant;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the mines were handed over even before the monopoly house had taken any step to build the power plant and that it is mining coal for commercial sale; and

(c) if so, the steps taken against the company for flouting the law of the land?

Mapping loss-making mines viable

1676. SHRI KHAGEN DAS:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Paswan, CM agree on mine-revival strategy" appearing in the 'Statesman' dated 6th November, 2001;

(b) whether Central and State Governments are jointly working out a strategy to make the loss-making mines of ECL viable; and

(c) if so, the outline of the strategy to make the loss-making mines in Eastern Coalfields viable?

Non-granting of mining lease by State Governments

1677. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments are not granting mining lease and prospecting licences and number of applications are pending for approval;

(b) if so, the number of applications pending till date with different States;

(c) the number of applications cleared and permission granted during last two years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to speed up process for disposing application by State Governments?

Setting up of Defence Procurement Board in Ministry of Defence

1678. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Procurement Board has been set up in Defence Ministry to arrange procurement for all the three Services;

(b) if so, the names of members of the Board; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

Forming the Andaman and Nicobar Command

1679. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to form the Andaman and Nicobar Command;

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

(c) by when it would come into existence?

Defence deals which can be investigated for corruption

†1680. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified defence deals wherein investigation can be done under the suspicion of corruption;

(b) whether the deals regarding purchase of 30 Sukhoi fighter aircrafts from Russia, Barak Missiles, T-90 Tanks, Rocket launchers, Kandla-Bhatinda pipeline and Tehalka scam are also included in these deals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Report of the Joshi Committee set up to study the problems of army officers

1681. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received a report of the Committee headed by Lt. General Joshi which was appointed to study the problems of the officers cadre particularly of the superseded Army Officers whose promotional avenues are closed;

(b) if so, when and what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) what action Government have taken on the recommendations of the Committee and if not, by when, it is likely to be taken?

Polluting Ordnance Factory in Medak, A.P.

1682. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a complaint against Ordnance Factory in Medak District, Andhra Pradesh that it is discharging hazardous chemicals causing surface, ground water and air pollution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the effluent and sewage treatment plants of the factory are not in working condition; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to avoid pollution?

Opening of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Defence University

†1683. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to open a defence University in the name of Maharaja Ranjit Singh;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a team of officers from the Ministry of Defence has been sent to the US and China to make a study and submit reports; and

(c) if so, whether the report of the team has been received and if so, by when the University is likely to start functioning?

Inferior quality spares causing MIG crashes

1684. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

DR. KARAN SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
BIRLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Russian Deputy General Designer of the MIG Corporation, as reported in Times of India of August 22, 2001 to the effect that the recent frequent air-crashes involving MIG aircraft were attributable to the low quality of spares, Government procured for these planes from Ukraine and East European countries; and

(b) if so, how far Government agree to his observation and its reaction thereto?

IAF Jaguar crash on Up-Haryana border

1685. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an IAF Jaguar fighter aircraft crashed in the sugar fields on UP-Haryana Border on October 25, 2001;

(b) if so, the causes and circumstances leading to the crash; and

(c) the number of Jaguar fighters so far lost in air crashes?

Present stage of ALH project

1686. DR. KARAN SINGH:

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of progress of the Advanced Light Helicopter project and by when it is likely to reach the manufacturing stage;

(b) the major steps taken thereon, so far; and

(c) the expenditure so far incurred as against the original estimated cost?

Book on wars and Conflicts since independence

1687. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out an official version of the various wars and conflicts which the country has fought since independence;

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

(c) whether any team of historians/scholars have been identified for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof together with their qualifications, experience and expertise in the field; and

(e) by when the panel is likely to be appointed?

Supply of defective sleeping bags for troops in Siachen glacier

1688. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Quality Assurance Officer of the concerned procurment wing cleared consignment of defective sleeping bags for our troops in Siachen Glacier post during 1998-99;

(b) whether three consignments of defective bags were cleared without testing the sample bag and the fourth consignment of defective bags was cleared after the inspection of the sample bags; and

(c) whether these sleeping bags were purchased at a cost of Rs. 7.50 crores and were meant to be used at lower altitudes?

Declaring Bhuj as a field station for Army

1689. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that senior officials of the Army have been repeatedly pressing for declaring quake-ravaged district of Bhuj as a field station;

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

(c) the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Fitting of faulty guns in armoured vehicles by Ordnance Factory, Medak, A.P.

1690. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordnance Factory at Medak in Andhra Pradesh had fitted the infantry armoured vehicles sent for possible use in Kargil conflict, with faulty guns;

(b) whether on any other occasion the Pune based Central Armoured Fighting Vehicle Depot also rejected the vehicles for the same reason;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by Government into the matter and the implications in the operational use of such armoured vehicles; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

Non-utilisation of grant by armed forces

1691. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a unspent balance of Rs.109.14 crore in Army service against a sanctioned grant of Rs. 27236.76 crore (approx.) during 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unspent balance in Navy and Air Force services amounted to Rs. 106.46 crore and Rs. 138.60 crore against the sanctioned grant of Rs. 3649.11 crore and Rs. 6388.23 crore respectively; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for non-utilisation of grant by the Army, Navy and Air Force services?

Lack of secure communication system in Cheetah/Chetak helicopters

1692. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of Cheetah/Chetak helicopter fleet was operating without secure communication system;

(b) whether 45 communication system sets were procured at a cost of Rs. 7.15 crore during November, 1997 for fitting in these helicopters, but a lot of them have not been installed even though their warranty period is over and these helicopters are still operating without secure communication system; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

***In situ* promotions to Assistants and UDCs of AFHQ**

1693. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to grant *in situ* promotions to Assistants and UDCs of AFHQ is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the same has been sent to the DoP&T for approval;

(d) if so, the reaction of that Department; and

(e) the specific reasons leading the AFHQ authorities to recommend their cases when almost all other cadres are facing acute stagnation?

Procedure for promotion of Army Officers

1694. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedures and parameters adopted for promotion of Army Officers;

(b) whether it is a fact that several

excellent officers who played admirable role in Kargil have been left out and some officers named in Tehalka have been promoted;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps are being taken to correct this undesirable situation?

Chinese invitation to Indian military officers to attend courses in Beijing

1695. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time China is inviting senior Indian military officers to attend courses at its National Defence University located in Beijing;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this invitation to NDU course for the Indian officers is to be on a reciprocal basis;

(c) whether India has welcomed this move; and

(d) whether any defence officers have been selected to study in China?

Abnormal delay in revision of lease of defence land

1696. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been abnormal delay on the part of Directorate of Defence Estates in the matter of revision of lease of defence land on various locations;

(b) whether there was a delay in revision of lease of land under use by Calcutta Turf Club, measuring over 56 acres even after determining the rent at Rs. 23.00 lakh per acre in 1994 and whether in 1998 the rent was arbitrarily reduced to Rs. 5.83 lakh per acre; and

(c) how much lease rent arrears have accumulated on account of Calcutta Turf Club on date?

Beefing up security at IAF bases

1697. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a militant attack on the air force base at Awantipora in Jammu and Kashmir which was foiled by the alert guards;

(b) whether IAF bases house costly aircrafts and equipments and require special new technology devises to ensure their security; and

(c) if so, what special steps have been taken by Government to beef up their safety?

†1697. SHRI KRIPAL PERMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land acquired for the establishment of a Military Cantonment at Averi in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of the progress made in the direction of establishing the same after the completion of the acquisition work; and

(c) the reasons for the slow progress?

Suggestions made by CII National Committee on Defence

1699. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the security becoming a growing national concern, CII has urged the Centre to reduce

dependence on import of strategic defence equipment;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the CII National Committee on Defence has suggested that Government should immediately inform its overseas suppliers of equipment that it would look towards indigenous sources from now on; and

(c) what are the other suggestions made by the CII National Committee on Defence?

Indo-U.S. joint efforts on missile defence

1700. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US are working together on missile defence;

(b) if so, whether in the recent press conference by the Under Secretary, Arms Control and International Security in the State Department has pointed out that US and India are exploring the possibilities of having a joint missile defence programme;

(c) if so, to what extent US missile defence programme would help India's defence capabilities;

(d) whether any agreement in this regard was signed between India and US; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of Russian aircrafts for defence purpose

1701. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India propose to acquire Russian aircrafts for defence purposes; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Amount paid for purchase of 10
Mirage 2000-H/TH aircrafts**

1702. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money paid for purchase of 10 Mirage 2000-H/TH aircrafts by India;

(b) whether extra money was paid for spares, while this purchase was negotiated;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Panamanian registered firm had failed a suit in Commercial Tribunal of Paris seeking payment from Dassault Aviation on this deal for the services rendered by it in clinching the deal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

IAF helicopter/MIG Plane Crashes

1703. SHRI RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAF helicopters crashed during the last three years;

(b) the number of MIG aircraft crashed during the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for such crashes?

**Indian Naval and Airfield faults for
operations in Afganestan**

1704. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US has sought use of naval and airfields facilities in India for its military campaign in Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the response and reaction of Government in these regard?

Global arms deal signed by India

1705. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India signed a \$ 4.8 billion global arms deal last year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that it was second only to United Arab Emirates;

(c) how much more arms India has purchased in comparison to other countries;

(d) whether India has become self-sufficient in defence armaments; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

Getting AJTs for IAF from British

1706. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when Government are going to get AJTs for the Indian Air Force from the British;

(b) whether the talks between the Government of India and the British Government are over?

Indo-US defence treaty

†1707. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for defence treaty between India and U.S.A.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

CBI investigation into supply of spares for thips

1708. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.B.I. has since completed the investigation into criminal conspiracy hatched by the Senior Officials of the Navy with the blacklisted ship chandlers for supply of spare parts for ships and submarine worth Rs. 4.92 crore;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be concluded; and

(c) what are the names of such blacklisted companies involved in this case and whether officials of Navy have since been suspended and if not, the reasons therefor?

Safeguarding Indian nuclear and Atomic sites

†1709. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news-item published in "Hindustan" dated the 13th September, 2001 Under the captioned "Bharatiya Parmanoo Thikane Nishane par"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and what precautionary measures have been taken to safeguard the key buildings including atomic installations as well as sensitive and strategic establishments?

Soldiers Killed/Wounded in post independence wars

1710. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the exact number of soldiers killed and wounded in the post independence wars;

(b) what is the number of soldiers killed and wounded in the First and Second World War;

(c) whether Indian Government is doing enough for the upkeep and maintenance of the Indian soldiers buried abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Officials of AIR and MOD facing court of inquiry

1711. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI H.K. JAVAREGOWDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 serving officials of IAF and Ministry of Defence are facing a court of inquiry on charges like leaking sensitive documents taking bribes from arms dealers etc. as appeared in Indian Express of 21st October;

(b) if so, when the enquires/court-martial proceedings are likely to be completed;

(c) whether Government have prima-facie found any procedural deficiency which facilitated commission of such crimes by Defence officials;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to safeguard against recurrence of such incidents?

Meeting between US Ambassador and Indian Chief of Naval Staff

1712. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether a week after September 11 events the US Ambassador in India Mr. Robert Blackwill had meeting with the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sushil Kumar to discuss how the Indian Armed Forces could be involved in the proposed American military operation;

(b) if so, whether the US envoy can directly meet the Chief of Indian Armed Forces to discuss military plan; and

(c) if not, why Government are compromising the sovereign jurisdictional authority of Indian State?

Law to safeguard the Police Personnel engaged in Combating Cross Border Terrorism

1713. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of introducing law to safeguard the Police Personnel engaged in Combating Cross Border Terrorism, naxalism, etc.;

(b) if so, the salient features of such a proposed legislation;

(c) whether it would not amount to granting amnesty to policemen who are violating human rights and acting with mala fide intention; and

(d) if so, how Government are going to deal with the situation?

Refugees/illegal migrants from Bangladesh in Orissa

1714. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that refugees/illegal migrants from Bangladesh area major concern for law and order situation in some districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, which are the major pockets where the refugees have settled and for how long?

(c) how many of them have been given citizenship rights in the State of Orissa?

Complaints regarding encroachments on Government land in DIZ Area, New Delhi

1715. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some unscrupulous elements have made encroachments on Government land by putting their cattle near Block No. 6 of DIZ Area, Sector -IV, New Delhi causing thereby a great deal of difficulties to the allottees of Government accommodation of that area and also danger/health hazard to the children;

(b) whether NDMC have received complaints in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not removing those cattle and encroachments and by when Government propose to take action in the matter?

Compensatory Leave Salary to CISF personnel

†1716. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CISF personnel are paid one month's salary as compensatory leave annually;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the personnel of 8th reserve battalion of CISF Kistavar, Doda, Jammu and Kashmir have not been paid their compensatory leave due for year 2000 till today;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) by when the 8th reserve battalion personnel will be paid their compensatory leave and pay?

ISI conspiracy to use newspapers for its refarions activities

†1717. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani intelligence agency ISI has now conspired to use newspapers to spread its roots in India;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact as reported by IB, the intelligence agency of Government of India, that ISI is now trying to invest money in a clandestine manner in a clandestine manner in some big vernacular newspapers of northern India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Action against those favouring Osama Bin Laden

1718. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Muslim organizations and clerics in India have raised their voice in favour of Osama Bin Laden after US attack on Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to counter them; and what political and social steps have been taken to bring them in line with the Government stand to support American efforts to root out terrorism from the globe?

Computers Misuse of installed in Delhi Police Head Quarters

†1719. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of computers installed in the the Delhi Police Head Quarters and the amount of expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether movies and sports are being telecast on the computers installed in the headquarters; and

(c) whether Government have taken by action against the employees involved therein after identifying them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if out the reasons therefor?

Fake currency notes supplied to militants

†1720. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake currency notes are supplied by the kashmiris to the terrorists hiding in Delhi and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to curb such activities, so far; and

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

Gangs engaged fake currency notes in Delhi

†1721. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gangs apprehended engaged in printing and circulation of fake currency notes in Delhi during the current year;

(b) whether any evidences has been found with regard to connection of these gangs with the terrorists and underworld criminals; and

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(c) whether the crime-branch of Delhi Police is conducting a special drive against the criminals indulges in the circulations fake currency notes?

Suspension of funds to be released to NGOs in Manipur

1722. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs had issued instructions for suspending funds to be released to the NGOs in Manipur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of NGOs which are receiving complaints against them; and

(d) position of the Ministry in respect of those NGOs which are working properly and which are aided for the first time under the central programme?

Recruiting local youths of J&K in Central police organisation

1723. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jammu and Kashmir local youths are available and eager to get themselves recruited under special drive in BSF and thus Police Departments and as SPO's to combat cross border terrorism; and

(b) whether Government proposes to provide maximum posts for such recruitments in Jammu and Kashmir as a special case for combating terrorism and eradicating unemployment, if so, the details thereof?

Persons killed in Badgam mosque

1724. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of persons killed in Badgam Mosque in Kashmir in last week of October, 2001 due to militants hiding there; and

(b) the action taken to smash ultras' camps in Pakistan as demanded by Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Shir Farooq Abdullah?

Replacement of TADA with POTO

1725. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are of the view that replacing TADA with the recently proclaimed Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) will tackle the militancy and terrorist problems to great extent;

(b) whether a large number of TADA detainees were released without conviction due to inadequate evidence and incompetent prosecution machinery;

(c) whether Government had got wetted the draft ordinance by the National Human Rights Commission before its enactment;

(d) whether POTO will also address the terrorist related problems like communal violence, ethnic riots, mob fury, preaching of secession etc.?

Reservation expressed by various Forums on POTO

1726. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious reservation expressed by the

various political parties, some state Governments, several intellectual fona and guild journalists and lawyers on the provisions of Prevention Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) promulgated recently;

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

(c) whether Government propose to discuss the provisions of POTO across the table and be willing to tone down some of the provisions objected to; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Terrorist camps in Pok

†1727. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is running training camps for the terrorists in Pak occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, the necessary action taken by Government to destroy the said camps; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Comparative Study of POTO with similar laws existing in states

1728. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some states have got POTO like laws with same nature and character and have not received any complaint of misuse of the same so far since their inception;

(b) whether Government have done any comparative study of the POTO with similar Laws exisiting in some States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Ration maney allowance provided to Delhi Police Personnels

1729. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police provides ration money/allowance to its personnels;

(b) if so, since when and at what rates to each rank, separately;

(c) whether payments of ration money/allowance has been made;

(d) if no; the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to expedite the payment and by when it is likup to be made to retired Delhi Police personnel?

Action taken to tackle terrorism in the country

1730. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after October 1 terrorist attack on Jammu and Kashmir Assembly and inspite of PM's letter, USA did not issue any formal statement indicating that the Kashmir terrorists would also be targeted; and

(b) if so, the action taken to tackleterrorism by India on its own?

Creation of Indian Reserve Force

1731. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a new Indian Reserve Force;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith its objectives; and

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(c) by when the recruitment exercise for the new force is likely to begin?

Institutions receive aid from foreign countries

†1732. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the institutions that receive financial aid from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of such institutions working in the country at present;

(c) the details of foreign financial aid given to them during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(d) whether source of these institutions are reported to have used this foreign aid against the interest of the country at present;

(c) the details of foreign financial aid given to them during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(d) whether source to these institutions are reported to have used this foreign aid against the interest of the country; and

(e) if so, the names of such institutions?

Sumuggling of video CDS containing inflammatory speeches of Osama Bin Laden

1733. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the report in The Asian Age of

4th November, 2001, that Video CDs containing inflammatory speeches of Ossama Bin Laden, including the one titled "Path to Paradise" and other Islamic fundamentalist material have been smuggled through Siliguri into Assam and other parts of the country to excite fundamentalist Islamic elements to rise in Jihad against perpetrators of crimes against Islam;

(b) if so, whether such smuggled propaganda materila has also been seized in other parts of the country, especially the border areas; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

Traffic management by Delhi Police during festive seasons

1734. SHRI BHAGAT RAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during festival times there is lack of space for pedestrians and parking aggravated by the usual flow of traffic on Delhi roads;

(b) whether the efforts of Delhi Police in this regard have failed miserably and are not with strong protest from hawkers, shop-keepers and others; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Delhi Police in this regard?

CBI raid at the residences of Delhi Police Officials

1735. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has raided the officials of Delhi Police during the last one year for allegedly possessing assets dis-proportionate to their source of income;

(b) if so, what are the complete details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently the office and residence of officer of the rank of DCP was also raided who had shown favours to some private suppliers in the matter of purchase of communication/wireless equipments; and

(d) if so, what are the names of private suppliers who were involved in the racket?

Problem of Parking in residence areas in Delhi

1736. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGAT RAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parking in the residence areas of National capital Territory of Delhi have become of problem for the residents due to commveration of residential buidlings;

(b) whether a large number of residents are going to the Courts in order to solve theri problems of parking;

(c) whether the High Court of Delhi have recently directed that parking in front of residences is meant for bonafide residents only and not for outsiders; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to issue any directives to help the citizens on their Parking problems in their respective areas?

Merger of Kasargod with Karnataka

1737. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Mahajan Commission has recommended that Kasargod be merged with Karnataka State;

(b) what is the population of Kasargod as per the latest census report;

(d) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Mahajan Commission has recommended that Kasargod be merged with Karnataka State;

(b) what is the population of Kasargod as per the latest census report;

(c) how many Kannada speaking people are living in Kasargod;

(d) whether Karnataka Government has made any proposal to kerge Kasargod with Karnataka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Robbery in train

1738. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dacoits robbed the passengers in a speeding train No. 5314 down Agra Fort on the 6th September, 2001 and killed some persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to apprehend the culprits?

Security measures regarding railway station and airport in Jammu

1739. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-implementation of security steps led to bomb attack on Jammu Railway Station during the month of August 2001;

(b) whether the situation could have been averted, if the authorities had implemented the security measures suggested by an expert panel over a year ago;

(c) whether Jammu Airport is most vulnerable because of its close location with the border of Pakistan;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not implementing the security measures; and

(e) by when the security measures of over a large area of Jammu including railway station and airport would be expeditiously implemented?

Road accidents in Delhi

1740. SHRI ANIL SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delhi mein Sarak Durghatnayen" appeared in Dainik Jagaran on 7th November, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this behalf;

(c) the steps taken by Government to control the serious situation prevailing in the capital;

(d) whether Government have received some suggestions in this behalf; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

Restoration of democratic structure in Manipur

1741. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken up for restoring the democratic structures in the State of Manipur;

(b) whether Government have calculated the cost of properties of the State as well as of individuals lost/damage in the incident of 18th June, 2001 in Manipur; and

(c) when and how till the losses be compensated?

Demolition of places of worship

1742. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of demolition of places of worship have been reported from various states during last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported along with nature of place of worship and action taken in detail on such incidents during last three years, State-wise, year-wise?

Arrest of terrorists in Maharashtra

1743. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent arrests of some Members of Lashkare Toyba (LCT) by Maharashtra Police in Mumbai and its surrounding areas;

(b) if so, the details of terrorists arrested;

(c) whether these arrested terrorists have been handed over to Jammu and Kashmir Police; and

(d) if so, the reason therefor?

**Renaming Connaught Place and
Connaught Circus**

1744. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Connaught Place and Connaught Circus have recently been renamed as Rajiv Chowk and Indira Chowk respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision has been challenged in the Delhi High Court as being violatinc of the Home Ministry Regulations dt. 26th September, 1976 in this regard;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court has called upon the Union Government to clarify its stand in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the affidavit filed by them in reply to the High Court's directive?

Terrorist activities in Kharkhand

1745. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Jharkhand has been in the grip of terror let loose by several illegal groups of anti-social ultras;

(b) if so, the details of the terrorist activities committed by these groups in Jharkhand since its cretation;

(c) the details of the supports provided to the State Government to tackle the menace; and

(d) whether concrete action by the neighbouring States to detect the hide-outs of these ultra groups in their respective territories and apprehend these are being adequately coordinated and implemented especially with a view to bring the members of these terrorist groups to book?

**High level enquiry on the attack on
Poonch Police Station**

1746. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level enquiry was instituted into the attack on the main police station in the town of Poonch (Jammu and Kashmir State), which resulted in the loss of precious lives, for finding out security lapses;

(B) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

**Communal riots in Malegaon in
Maharashtra**

1747. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal riots took place in Malegaon in Maharashtra and in other States, in October last week this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the casualties therein and the causes therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the culprits to book?

**Illegal activities of Bangladeshis
living in India**

†1748. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladeshis living in India are being found involved in thefts and other misdeeds;

(b) if so, whether any investigation has been carried out by the Government in this regard; and

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

PSUs due to CISF

1749. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Central Public Sector Undertakings owe crores of rupees to CISF for deployment of forces;

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

(c) whether CISF have taken any concrete steps to recover the arrears from CPSUs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some of the CPSUs have closed down without paying any arrears to CISF and if so, the details thereof and how the CISF will recover dues from them?

Tackling extremist forces in North East

1750. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what latest strategies Government have adopted to fight the menace perpetrated by extremist forces of North East Region like ULFA, BLT, NDF (B), NSCN(IM), NSCN(K), TNV etc.;

(b) whether Government are planning to have peace talks with these organisations;

(c) if not, whether Government are mapping plans to strike at the terrorist organisations with some harsh laws and to use structures like unified command?

Expert group to look into bio-terrorism threats

1751. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have formed any expert group of scientists and officials of investigating agencies to look into bio-terrorism threats as the FBI had been doing in the USA;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) what corrective measures Union Government have taken or proposed to take for protecting the people against bio-terrorism threats, including public awareness campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Income Tax persons caught red handed by Delhi Police

1752. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vigilance Wing of Delhi Police have caught some Income tax officials demanding and taking bribe from some persons during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action have been taken or propose to take in the matter?

Journalists links with underworld

1753. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the alleged underworld links with journalists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation was underway, if so, the details thereof?

Action against LTTE and Al-Qued Alliance

†1754. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the September 11, incident in US Government are aware of the fact that LTTE_Laden alliance may cause devastation in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that alliance between LTTE and Al-queda may have its reflection on South East Asia as per the intelligence sources; and

(c) if the answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the full details of the strict action taken by Government against such terrorist organisation?

BSF report on terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir

†1755. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the report submitted by the intelligence wing of BSF to the Ministry, in the wake of the situation developed following the intel of activities of eight terrorist organisation in the valley, after the attack on J&K Legislative Assembly;

(b) if so, the action Government would like to take on the basis of said report?

Liberhan Commission

1756. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Liberhan Commission has held no sittings in Ayodhya and Faizabad since its inception in December, 1992;

(b) whether many of the victims and eye witnesses of the riots and demolition at Ayodhya are daily wage workers; and

(c) if so, how does Government intend to facilitate the Commission's identification and interrogation of these witnesses?

Audio tapes with Liberhan Commission

1757. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Liberhan Commission of Inquiry on the demolition of the Babri Masjid has several audio tapes of speeches made the site on 5th and 6th December, 1992; and

(b) if so, whether those who were present at the site have been asked by the Commission to confirm the genuineness of these tapes?

Premature release/remission of women prisoners

1758. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments have been approached to consider premature release or remission of sentence of women prisoners who are suffering from serious ailments and also release such women prisoners who are above 60 years of age and have served a major part of their sentence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the year 2001 has been earmarked as the year of Empowerment for Women; and

(c) if so, what is reaction of the Central Government so that the State Governments could follow-up?

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Harassment of tourists by immigration officials

1759. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report published in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated 2nd November, 2001 under the caption "Off loaded for 'not looking like a tourist' ";

(b) if so, facts of the incident; and

(c) the steps taken to check corrupt practices and incidents of harassment of genuine tourists/passengers by the immigration officials?

Posters supporting Jihad by Laden in Kanpur

1760. SHRI C.

RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI SOLIPETA
RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether unrest spread out in certain parts of the connt like Kanpur after posters supporting Jihad by Bin Laden, come up; and

(b) if so, the action taken against those in noticed?

Restoration of Original rate of subsidy for wind energy

1761. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the subsidy given for wind energy has been reduced substantially;

(b) if so, the rate of subsidy provided during the last five years;

(c) whether any demand for restoration of original rate of subsidy; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

Approval of Non-Conventional Energy sources projects

1762. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects of Non-Conventional Energy Sources submitted or approved during 2000-2001, till date;

(b) the total amount spent in this Sector during the last three years, year-wise till date;

(c) the details of future plans for tapping of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, State-wise, and budgetary allocations likely to be made during 2001-2002;

(d) whether Government have so far formulated any "Removable Energy Policy' ifso, the salient features thereof?

Installation of Solar Geizers in the State Governments buildings

†1763. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested to all the State Governments for installation of solar geizers on their buildings;

(b) the name of States which have shown their interest in implementing these schemes and the States which have not shown their interest in the same; and

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(c) the reasons therefor?

Assessment of places for generation of wind energy

1764. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the places where generation of wind energy is possible in Country;

(b) if so, the details of spots identified, state-wise;

(c) the total number of wind energy projects done in the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that the coastal Orissa is an ideal place for generation of power from wind energy; and

(e) if so, the measures taken so far in this direction?

Heading please

†1765. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details of the production and consumption of power in UP and Delhi during the last three years?

Percentage of power surplus in Orissa

1766. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has a surplus in power but lowest in consumption as far as household sector is concerned in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the other power surplus states in the country and what percentage of power

is surplus in Orissa and the total surplus in the country; and

(d) the consumption details of power sector wise in different states of the country?

Accelerated Power Development programme

1767. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new programme called-Accelerated Power Development Programme was started during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the progress made so far thereon?

Proposal of private entrepreneurs for setting up power projects in Madhya Pradesh

1768. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals have been received from private entrepreneurs for setting up power projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of power expected to be generated therefrom;

(d) by when the plants be commissioned; and how much Megawatt power will be produced?

Vast potential of hydro power in Uttaranchal

1769. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a power fund at the earliest to

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

enhance the development of Hydro power in States including Uttaranchal;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have decided every possible help to State of Uttaranchal in view of the vast potentials of the hydro-power in Uttaranchal;

(c) if so, whether any concrete plan has been formulated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ranking study report for the development of Hydro-electric potential

1770. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has submitted its ranking study report for the development of hydro-electric potential in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected power to be produced; and

(d) the steps taken for the development of potential sites so far?

Proposal of waiving a percentage of interest surcharge owed by S.E.B.'s

1771. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to waive a percentage of interest surcharge owed by different State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the names of three top beneficiary State Electricity Boards, who stand to benefit by Centre's above gesture; and

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board will get benefit from this;

if so, the details thereof?

Spectrum Power Project in Andhra Pradesh

1772. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investigation into the Spectrum Power Project in Andhra Pradesh shows the extent of corruption, institutional rot and administrative collapse that has corroded the system and highlights the bizarre risks of doing business in India;

(b) several public sector banks led by SBI and seven institutions led by IDBI are under threat of ending up with large bad debts on their books; and

(c) if so, what action Government is taking on this issue?

Power projects in Jammu and Kashmir

1773. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many Power Projects in Jammu and Kashmir are under execution for construction with what amount and by which agencies;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) by when these will be completed?

Setting up a thermal power station at Barh in Bihar by NTPC

1774. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation is setting up a Thermal Power Station at Barh in Bihar;

(b) if so, when its foundation stone was laid and by when it is likely to be commissioned; and

(c) the total cost of the projects?

Demand of Power in the country

1775. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of power in the country as on date, state-wise;

(b) the details of works untaken by the Central Sector / Private Companies for setting up of power projects during 1999, 2000, till date alongwith capacity thereof, State-wise;

(c) the present status of power project; and

(d) the details of new power projects proposed to be set up and renovated during 2001-2002?

Capacity addition made in Paneer Sector

1776. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of capacity addition made in power sector during the last three years, yearwise; and

(b) the details of how much of it have been added in the state of Andhra Pradesh year wise?

Pending gas based thermal power plant project of Gujarat with CEA

1777. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as nine detailed projects reports for gas based thermal power plants are pending clearance with CEA received from the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of each of these projects; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared and work to start on them?

Providing employment to people by NHPC

†1778. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment is provided by NHPC to the people of the concerned States in the on-going or the completed hydro power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the projects and number of persons under different categories who have been provided with employment in Himachal Pradesh, so far?

Centrally sponsored schemes in Jammu and Kashmir

1779. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of centrally sponsored schemes being extended to Jammu and Kashmir including Rural Road Connectivity schemes; and

(b) whether Government would extend the non-lapsable funds scheme in Jammu and Kashmir on the analogy of North-Eastern States as Jammu and Kashmir is also in the category of Border-State?

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Streamlining of rural employment generation programme under DRDA

1780. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken effective steps to strengthen delivery, monitoring, vigilance and accountability system in the implementation of Rural Employment Generation Programme run under the DRDA;

(b) whether the reckoning of employment generation in compliance reports of DRDA is done by dividing the wage component of stated expenditure with minimum wages or by actual count on the muster rolls, the details thereof;

(c) whether a beneficiary survey conducted by ORG Central for Social Research has found poor quality of programme implementation, misuse of funds, use of contractors, etc; and

(d) if so, measures being taken to revamp the programme

CAG report on underutilization/ diversion of EAs funds

1781. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it a fact that CAG has reported many instance of underutilization and diversion of EAs funds in the last five years;

(b) if so, state-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the monitoring and Vigilance Committees constituted for effective utilization of funds have become ineffective; and

(d) if so, the steps being contemplated by Government to see that the funds under

EAS are spent to achieve the set goal?

Implementation of food for work programme in drought affected areas of Gujarat

1782. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food for Work Programme has been implemented in the drought affected areas of Gujarat during the current calendar year;

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

(c) the persons covered under the programme, so far; and

(d) other measures taken to provide assistance to the drought affected people of the State by the Central and State Governments?

Districts/Blocks in Jharkhand under DPAP

1783. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the drought prone districts and blocks in Jharkhand where Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is under implementation with details thereof;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the DPAP in Jharkhand;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the details of remedial measures being taken?

Blocks where EAS have not been launched

1782. SHRIMATI VANGA GETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks where Employment Assurance Scheme has not been launched till date;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the main features of EAS; and

(d) the details of wage hours created under this scheme?

Representation of SCs, STs OBCs in services vis-a-vis prescribed quota

1785. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in Group A and Group B categories of Services has not reached 49.5 percent quota prescribed for in his ministry.

(b) if so, total number of Class I and Class II category of posts under all PSUs/ autonomous organizations under Ministry of Rural Development; and

(c) The number of persons belonging to (i) General, (ii) SC, (iii) ST and (iv) OBCs working against them and their percentage as ascertained under para 5 of DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt (Res) dated 2nd July 1997?

Quantum of food released under food for work programme

1786. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of food released under the Food for Work Programme during this financial year; the state-wise figures thereof;

(b) the tribal blocks/districts covered by the Food for Work Programme; and

(c) whether the Food for Work Programme covers only people under poverty line and if so, the number of families below poverty line benefitted by this programme in this financial year?

Mandays created under EAS in Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh and Mau districts

†1787. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays created in Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh and Mau districts (UP) under Employment Assurance Scheme together with the village-wise number of persons who were provided with wages for supplementary income?

Houses constructed under IAY in Orissa

1788. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed in the Orissa till 31st October, 2001 under Indira Aas Yojana (IAY); and

(b) the details of funds allocated by the Centre for this purpose?

Mismanagement of DRDA funds in Orissa

1789. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of misutilisation of funds from District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) in Orissa;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the district-wise position during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the steps taken to present mismanagement of DRDA fund in the state?

Construction of Badiyara-Nalanda Road, Shimla under PMGSY

†1790. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has given approval to the Badiyara-nalanda Road, which falls under Shimla Districts under the Prime Minister Gramin Sarak Yojana during the financial year 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the amount approved in this regard and by when the said work is likely to be started?

National Summit on Public - Private partnership for rural development

1791. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Summit on Public-Private partnership for rural prosperity and development was held in New Delhi on 16th October, 2001, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister and addressed by Union Minister of Rural Development;

(b) if so, what were the details of discussion held/outcome of "Summit" particularly towards building rural infrastructure, connectivity programme which is the key to rural marketing as well as for innovative rural financing and insurance;

(c) what amount has been sanctioned till date for the above schemes, item-wise, state-wise during 2001-2002 to ensure that rural India may not be by-passed?

Steps taken to identify people below poverty line

1792. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken in each State and Union Territory to identify the People Below Poverty Line;

(b) the number of people found living below poverty line in each State and U.T.; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the benefits of the schemes aimed at helping the BPL people, including providing of employment opportunities reach them?

Indian Rural Development Report

1793. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the first Indian Rural Development Report indicating poverty was released;

(b) when the next report will be released;

(c) whether the first report indicates decline in poverty;

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

(e) the efforts being made to reduce poverty?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

National programme for rejuvenating traditional water resources

1794. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rural Development Ministry decided to begin a National Programme to rejuvenate traditional water resources;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to revive water resources;

(d) whether Union Government is seriously considering to bring any legislation to regulate the use of ground water in view of over-exploitation in the country; and

(e) if so, details thereof and when it will be implemented?

Two-tier Panchayati Raj

1795. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the Tamil Nadu Government to have a two-tier Panchayati Raj System and to have provision for direct election to the post of Chairman of Block Panchayats;

(b) whether Government will amend Articles 243B and 243C of the Constitution to give effect to this demand; and

(c) if so, when the amendment is likely to be brought?

Revival of woollen mills under BIC, Kanpur

1796. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES Will be pleased to refer to the answer given

to Starred Question number 256 in Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 regarding revival of Textile Mills under BIC, Kanpur and state:

(a) what decision was taken by the BIFR on the submission made by the Government before it expressing Government's intension to revive the Woollen Mills under BIC Ltd.; and

(b) the steps Government have taken to revive Woollen Mills under BIC Ltd.?

Revival of 114 sick HTC mills

1797. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revive 114 sick NTC Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount to be spent therefor?

Fabric imported from China

1798. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Textile industry is facing stiff competition from the fabric

imported from China;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by Government to provide level playing ground to the domestic industry; and

(c) the import of textiles from China and other countries in the last three years country-wise?

**Effect of the US concession to
Pakistani textiles**

1799. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH
'SURYA':
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether some concessions have been
provided to Pakistani textile exports by
the US market;

(b) if so, would such concessions have
adverse impact on Indian textile exports to
the US;

(c) if so, the measures proposed to be
taken in the interest of our textile exports;
and

(d) whether the Prime Minister of Indian
discussed this problem with the US
President during his recent visit to USA?

**Establishment of Apparel Parks in
Potential cities**

1800. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether government propose to
establish Apparel Parks in Potential cities
of the country;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka
have requested to establish such apparel
parks at Bellary

and Bangalore in karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Closures of textiles mills in Gujarat

1801. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) how many textile mills have been
closed in Gujarat during last five years from
1996-2001;

(b) how many workers and
administrative staff have been rendered
jobless due to the closure of these mills;

(c) the total amount of compensation
to be paid to the employees of these mills,
year-wise from 1996-2001; and

(d) the actual compensation paid in each
year from 1996 to 2001 and the arrears
remaining to be paid as on 30.9.2001?

Textile Exports

1802. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) the amount of textile exports during
the last three years, year-wise, details
thereof;

(b) the target envisaged during the year
2001-2002; and

(c) the future of textile industry in export
market?

Revival package for NTC textile Mills

1803. SHRI K RAHMAN KHAN: Will
the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to
state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government
have decided to give a package of Rs. 340
crore to uplift

ailing NTC textile Mills;

(b) if so, how many textile mills of
Karnataka likely to be benefited under this
package;

(c) whether any package will be
announced to uplift private textile mills
also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export and import of Textiles

1804. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile exports have gone down in the first three quarters of the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the imports have gone up considerably during the same period; and

(c) if so, the reasons for slowdown apart from the attacks in the USA on 11th September, 2001?

Assistance for setting up handicraft complexes in Andhra Pradesh

1805. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance for setting up handicraft complexes in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the places where these complexes have been set up;

(c) the other places in the State where more such complexes are proposed to be set up?

Closure of cotton textile mills

1806. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 50 cotton textile mills across the country have been closed in the last 18 months on account of sharp decline in international cotton prices and decline in exports;

(b) if so, the details of the rehabilitation package being worked, if any, for the mills and the workers; and

(c) the specific measures contemplated for giving boost to cotton textile exports?

Disastrous situation of handloom weaving industry

1807. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that handloom weaving industry is facing a disastrous situation in the country;

(b) the schemes for rehabilitation of these industries, state-wise; and

(c) the number of people involved in this industry, state-wise?

Curtailling the textiles quota of Indian exporters by the US

1808. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. is contemplating to curtail textiles quota of Indian exporters; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to restore the quota of the Indian exporters?

Competitions in textile exports

1809. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and China are the main competitors in textile exports;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to help Indian textile exporters and make them competitive with their neighbours; and

(c) the steps taken and the measures proposed to be taken by Government?

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