

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the March 6, 2006/Phalguna 15, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Agro and Rural Industries; Communications and Information Technology; Development of North Eastern Region; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Minority Affairs; Parliamentary Affairs; Small Scale Industries; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 142

#### Introduction of Five Year Rural Industry Programme

†1329. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Five Year Rural Industry Programme has been introduced by Government recently to check rural migration from certain districts;

(b) if so, the details of this programme; and

(c) the places where the programme started in the first phase and the number of unit to be set up in each district under the programme?

#### Establishment of village industry under REGP in Andhra Pradesh

1330. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any village industry units have been established under the Rural Employment Generation Programme in Andhra Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan by the KVIC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the targets set for generating additional employment opportunities through setting up of village industry units in Andhra Pradesh in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Applications under PMRY**

1331. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received from Andhra Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last two years as on date;
- (b) the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

### **Schemes for the benefits of rural poor**

1332. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes which are in existence for the benefit of rural poor;
- (b) whether Government propose to launch any fresh schemes in order to encourage entrepreneurs to set up rural industries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when these schemes will come into operation?

### **Evaluation of PMRY**

1333. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have evaluated the implementation and success of Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in Andhra Pradesh and other States of the country;
- (b) if so, the important findings thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

### **Closure of cottage industries**

1334. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various cottage industries functioning in different parts of the country are closing down, as their products fail to get their cost price in the market and incur loss; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to save cottage industries as well as provide employment to those rendered jobless due to closure of these industries?

### **Funds under PMRY to Rajasthan**

1335. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds released during the last three years under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana to Rajasthan;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made about the utilization of these funds;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of unemployed youths in Rajasthan who have received funds under the PMRY; and
- (e) whether PMRY has been merged with National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 2005 (NREGS)?

### **Schemes for development of agro-rural industries in Rajasthan**

1336. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes implemented for developing agro-rural industries in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of funds allocated and spent, during the last three years;

(c) the targets set and the achievements made in this regard, during the last three years;

(d) whether at present any proposals regarding agro-rural industries, from the Government of Rajasthan, are pending for consideration with the Centre; and

(e) if so, the details and status thereof?

**Priority list of Infrastructure  
Committee**

†1337. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the priority list of Infrastructure Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, does not cover important areas such as, agriculture and rural industries;

(b) whether it is a fact that Khadi Gramodyog, a leading agency in the field of rural employment, has turned defunct due to Government's apathetic attitude;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor particularly regarding Khadi Gramodyog; and

(e) whether Government are contemplating a proposal to establish small scale industries along with agriculture in the villages on the lines of Japan?

**Schemes for agro and rural industries  
in Andhra Pradesh**

1338. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new schemes and programmes have been implemented for the benefit of agro and rural industries in Andhra Pradesh, where farmers have committed suicides;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to implement new schemes in Andhra Pradesh?

**Use of communication facilities of  
private companies in government  
offices**

†1339. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given permission to all Government Departments to utilise the communication facilities of private sector companies at their will;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government companies will face economic pressure as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, what is the estimated annual loss of these companies?

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**Allocation of additional spectrum**

1340. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of allocation of additional spectrum and its Broadband roll out has been deliberated at length by the TRAI and the issue has now been placed before the Group of Ministers;

(b) whether Government are aware that COAI does not want competition and desires to continue working as a cartel which is not possible with the entry of CDMA operators; and

(c) if so, how Government propose to address the issue?

**Exemption to BSNL on radio frequency**

1341. SHRIMATI KAMLA  
MANHAR:  
SHRI DHARAM PAL  
SABHARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to exempt Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) on radio frequency till the policy on spectrum is finalized;

(b) if so, the reasons for such favouritism to the PSU;

(c) whether Spectrum Policy is likely to be introduced shortly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Entry of NRIs and expatriates in top management of telecom companies**

1342. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that telecom companies are likely to be allowed to have Non-Resident Indians and expatriates for the top job in their respective companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the likely effect of this decision on the Indian Telecom Industry?

**Computerization of post offices in Andhra Pradesh**

1343. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI  
REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) the details of the post offices proposed to be computerized in the Tenth Five Year Plan under Plan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the innovative methods used or proposed to be used by the Department of Posts to generate more revenue and to compete with the private players; and

(c) what is the function of Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and what basic facilities are provided by these Kendras?

### **One India Scheme**

1344. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'One India Scheme' to be introduced by BSNL and MTNL from 1st March, 2006 is not beneficial to a subscriber who makes less than forty local calls a day;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of beneficiaries of One India Scheme, as on date, State-wise, urban and rural area-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether steps will be taken to retain present rent and free calls; and

(d) the step taken so that ordinary subscribers of rural areas are benefited by the above "One India Scheme" and "the death of distance"?

### **Changing of overhead wiring to underground by MTNL**

1345. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL, Delhi has decided to change the over-head wiring to underground to improve quality of its services;

(b) if so, whether the job has been entrusted to private contractors alongwith the details of the areas proposed to be covered and time frame fixed therefor;

(c) whether MTNL is aware that private contractors are unnecessarily delaying the completion of job; and

(d) if so, whether contractors responsible for causing delay have been

identified and the action taken/proposed to be taken against them to ensure timely completion of the job?

### **Mobile phone services in Chhattisgarh**

†1346. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for mobile phone connections in the waiting list in each district of Chhattisgarh as on the 28th February, 2006;

(b) the number of connections provided in each district during each of the last three years up to the 28th February, 2006;

(c) the number of Tehsil Head Quarters of the State connected with mobile services and the names of the Tehsils which are planned to be connected by the 31st March, 2006; and

(d) the details of action being taken to provide new mobile connections in the State?

### **Proposal to ban private couriers from delivering small packets**

1347. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to ban private courier companies from delivering letters up to 500 gram;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) to what extent Government would offer an efficient alternate courier service; and

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(d) the details of the plans and objectives behind this proposed ban?

**Provisions to ensure secrecy in cyber laws**

1348. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether enough provisions have been made to ensure secrecy in cyber laws;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the present laws for protecting and safeguarding secrecy?

**Sharing of optical fibre network of BSNL with other companies**

1349. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that rural teledensity is 1.9 per cent while urban teledensity is 31.1 per cent;
- (b) the reasons for which Government had refused to allow other telecom companies to use BSNL's optical fibre to provide broadband internet as recommended by the TRAI; and
- (c) whether Government will allow other telecom companies to use BSNL's optical fibre to connect rural areas in the country?

**Introduction of 3G policy**

1350. 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 introduce 3G policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that once the 3G policy is implemented it would help promote faster roll out of rural applications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Telecommunication links in border areas**

1351. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish telecommunication links for better border management;

(b) if so, the details of border areas where this link is proposed to be provided;

(c) the total estimated cost of establishing the telecommunication links; and

(d) the time likely to be taken to complete this project?

**One India Plan**

†1352. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much publicized "One India Plan" by public sector telephone companies has been floated keeping in view the elite section of the consumers in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these companies are hardly interested in rural India;

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(c) if so, whether Government propose to introduce an economy rental-plan for the poor and rural folks;

(d) if so, what are the concessions offered under the said scheme for the common and rural consumers, following the increased rentals; and

(e) the amount earmarked for advertising in the said plan?

#### **Provision of computers and internet in rural areas**

1353. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided computer and internet facility in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the details of the schemes launched by Government to implement such programmes in the States; and

(d) how far common man has been benefited?

#### **Setting up of Bio-IT park**

1354. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to set up a world class Bio-IT Park Project in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Hyderabad has been considered as one of the possible locations for setting up the Park;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Setting up of Fab-city**

1355. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up a Fab-city in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering Hyderabad as a possible location for the proposed Fab-city;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Overseas acquisitions by MTNL**

1356. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL propose to acquire a stake in Chinese telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the MTNL is also looking for such a venture in African and other countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **India-Singapore marine cable**

1357. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL/ MTNL are set to invest Rs. 1800 crores in marine cable between India and Singapore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be a profitable venture;

(d) whether certain Tele-ventures have already been providing this service on this route; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**MTNL's focus on value added services for revenue growth**

1358. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MTNL has shifted its focus to value added services in order to double its revenue from these services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the shift has been necessitated by fierce competition among others by call rates dropping to even Rs. 1 per call; and

(d) if so, whether MTNL is contemplating to reduce the call rates or increase the call duration in respect of land line phones and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Interruptions in telephone networks**

1359. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has expressed its

concern on the increase in interruptions in the network between Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. and private telecom operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the extent of rise over the standard fixed for interruptions in the networks of BSNL including private telecom operators in the rural and urban areas during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government have taken or proposed to take steps to keep the level of interruptions in accordance with the fixed standards; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Residential colonies for postal employees**

†1360. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constructed residential colonies for postal employees;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Broadband subscribers in the country**

1361. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is unlikely to cross even one million broadband connection mark against the target of three million connections by the end of December 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) the steps taken to meet the target?

1991 by Government to promote software exports;

**Report of expert group for review of IT Act**

1362. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert group constituted for an indepth review of issues relating to Information Technology Act, 2000 have submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken on the recommendations, so far?

**Cyber Appellate Tribunal**

1363. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed Cyber Appellate Tribunal will consist of only the Presiding Officer; and

(b) how the Cyber Appellate Tribunal will be able to justify its work, considering its technical nature, as no technical qualification has been prescribed for the Presiding Officer?

**Setting up of Software Technology Park in Himachal Pradesh**

†1364. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Software Technology Park of India was set up in

(b) if so, whether Government of Himachal Pradesh have expressed a desire or sent a proposal to set up such a park, if so, when, and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether keeping in view the conducive climate and conditions in Himachal Pradesh, Government would propose to set up a Software Technology Park there?

**Setting up of electronic exchanges in Bihar and Maharashtra**

1365. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Bihar and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) the funds earmarked, distributed and utilized, so far for the said purpose during this period; and

(c) the plan formulated for setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges in these States during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Access to cable television for broadband operators**

1366. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow broadband operators access to cable television;

(b) whether any policy has been formulated in this regard;

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

#### **Installation of PCO booths in Punjab**

1367. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of STD/ISD/PCO booths running in various districts of Punjab at present;
- (b) the number of booths proposed to be installed during the current year;
- (c) the amount earmarked for this purpose and the amount released, so far;
- (d) whether the waiting list for PCOs is on the rise; and
- (e) if so, by when the waiting list would be cleared?

#### **Guidelines relating to taping of telephone calls**

1368. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh guidelines have been issued for tightening the rules relating to intercepting of telephone calls; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, especially those aimed at making the security agencies and telephone companies more accountable while tapping the phones?

#### **Guidelines issued to GSM operators**

1369. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI have issued some guidelines to GSM operators who are misleading public with different tariff plans;

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

(c) whether Government are aware that Airtel have recently issued an advertisement providing roaming facility without any security deposit; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not returning the security deposits of regular subscribers, deposited with Airtel?

#### **Developments of Roads under NEC and BRO**

1370. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state whether Government will consider from the point of view of development of internal communication and defence in Assam to recommend the Tihu-Doomni-Subankhata Road, Manaldai-Bhutiachang-Samrang Road and Orang-Kopati-Dalgaon Road connecting international border be taken up under NEC or BRO during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period?

#### **NEC schemes for NER**

1371. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the NEC schemes running in different States of the North-East;

(b) which of them have surpassed the scheduled period of completion;

(c) the names of the NEC schemes which are selected for adoption in the year 2006-07; and

(d) the amount earmarked for these schemes?

#### **NEC projects of Tripura**

1372. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the NEC projects connecting the State of Tripura, in which work is still going on;

(b) whether the scheduled period has elapsed in case of any of these projects;

(c) the names of the NEC projects involving the State of Tripura, sanctioned during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(d) whether any of the projects forwarded by the State of Tripura, have not been accepted by NEC, if so, the names of the projects and the reasons for refusal during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06?

#### **Clearance of the projects by NER**

1373. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in clearing of the projects submitted by the North Eastern States under NLCPR to his Ministry affects the projects at the implementation stage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to remove the bureaucratic red tapism to ensure speedy clearance of the schemes submitted by the North Eastern States?

#### **Projects for NER**

1374. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects relating to North-Eastern States excluding Assam, which have been lying pending for last two years;

(b) the time by which the amount for these projects would be released;

(c) the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether it is fact that Government fail to attain desired achievement and development of North Eastern Region even after creation of new Ministry; and

(e) if not, the comparative study thereof?

#### **Special area game complex in NER**

1375. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Special Area Game Complex in the North Eastern Region, funded by his Ministry, State-wise;

(b) the list of already completed and incomplete SAG Complex, State-wise; and

(c) the targeted year of completion of incomplete projects?

#### **Children out of school**

†1376. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6.94 per cent children of the age group of 6 to 13 years in the country are not going to schools;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

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(c) whether Government have collected State-wise facts related to the children of above said age group of the country who are not going to schools; and

(d) if so, the percentage of those children who are not going to schools State-wise and whether Government have made any scheme for making special arrangements for education in those States where the percentage of children not going to school is more than the national level?

**India's share in illiterates of the world**

†1377. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 872 million adult illiterates in the world;

(b) if not, the details thereof and whether it is a fact that India accounts for 34 per cent of illiterates of the world population; and

(c) if not, Government's estimates thereof and the annual target set to make them literate?

**Additional amount for education**

†1378. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that additional amount would be required to spend on education in the academic year 2006-07;

(b) if so, the estimate of the additional amount; and

(c) the areas of education on which this additional amount is targeted to be spent alongwith the amount thereof, area-wise?

**Resource crunch in universities and colleges**

1379. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend Rs. 1,000 crore to address the resource crunch in the universities and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of universities and colleges in Orissa that would be funded by the Centre under the above project?

**Right to education as a fundamental right**

1380. SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRIMATI HEMA  
MALINI:  
SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recognised the right to education as a Fundamental Right of the citizen by inserting Article 21 A in Part III of the Constitution;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether necessary legislative measures have been enacted in this regard;

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

(e) by when the necessary legislation in this regard could be expected;

(f) whether Government are facing fiscal snag; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Parameters for according classical language status**

1381. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters prescribed for according classical language status;

(b) the languages so far that have fulfilled all the conditions and have been accorded classical language status;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested to accord classical language status to Kannada language; and

(d) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

#### **CBI investigation in Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†1382. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has carried out any investigation with regard to the staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, by when and the details of officers against whom investigation was done; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the persons found guilty after investigation?

#### **Property taxes owed to Central Universities and colleges in Delhi**

1383. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.G.C. has taken note of the fact that Central Universities and colleges in Delhi which have been receiving grants from U.G.C. have failed to make payment of property tax to the M.C.D. for a number of years;

(b) if so, the names of the Central Universities and colleges in Delhi which did not make payment of property tax to the M.C.D.;

(c) the action taken by the U.G.C. against the defaulting institutions; and

(d) if no such action has been taken in the matter, the reasons therefor?

#### **Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas**

†1384. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 18 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas decided to be opened by Government alongwith their locations;

(b) the action taken so far to obtain the approval of Planning Commission and for the assessment of funds required for new Kendriya Vidyalayas and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government during the last six months for the development and improvement in the quality of Kendriya Vidyalayas alongwith the improvement in their infrastructural structure and the outcome thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Financial assistance for computer education in Kerala**

1385. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala to extend financial assistance towards the computer education plan as a part of IT at School projects;

(b) whether Government have discontinued the scheme "Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools" intending to extend computer education in schools and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would consider to extend financial assistance to the Government of Kerala for IT at schools?

**Cooking cost for mid-day meal**

†1386. SHRI LAXMI-NARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only one rupee per student is being paid for preparing the mid-day meal being served to students in schools;

(b) whether this results in low quality; and

(c) the measures being taken to improve the quality of mid-day meal?

**UGC grant to universities and colleges in Punjab**

1387. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant has been received by the universities and colleges in Punjab State from the UGC;

(b) the details of the criteria for receiving such grants; and

(c) the number of degree colleges which are not in receipt of UGC grants?

**Computer education in Uttaranchal**

1388. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance to the State of Uttaranchal for speeding computer education in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof with amounts of financial assistance released during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the schools in Uttaranchal which have been earmarked for this purpose?

**Funds for computer literacy**

1389. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted for computer literacy in rural areas during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated with a specific purpose are not being utilized by the concerned departments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the present level of computer literacy programme being implemented in each State as on date?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Conference of Vice Chancellors on  
University curriculum**

1390. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Vice  
Chancellors of Central Universities was  
held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues which  
were discussed therein;

(c) whether the Vice Chancellors have  
suggested certain amendments in curriculum  
of universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Permanent employment to KV  
teachers**

†1391. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
PANY:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused  
to offer permanent appointment to the  
candidates selected through competitive  
examinations organised by Kendriya  
Vidyalaya Sangathan for the post of  
teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would  
appoint them on permanent basis  
compulsorily?

**Jan Shikshan Sansthan**

†1392. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of  
huge official assistance, "Jan Shikshan  
Sansthan" (J.S.S.) failed to produce  
expected results;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to  
lack of fixed criteria for granting sanction  
for Jan Shikshan Sansthan, (with regard to  
place and N.G.O.) its selection process is  
also not transparent;

(c) if not, the details of financial  
assistance and achievements, institution-  
wise and the selection criteria for  
sanctioning the said institutes place and  
N.G.O.-wise; and

(d) if so, whether Government would  
propose to set up institutes in backward  
areas by stopping the assistance being  
provided to the said institutes?

**Foreign collaboration in higher  
education**

1393. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:  
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held talks  
with Russian educational institutions and  
universities to collaborate in the matters  
pertaining to higher education;

(b) whether Government are aware that  
various Government bodies do not  
recognise degrees from Russia and put  
students to difficulties;

(c) whether it is a fact that joint  
educational fair was organized by  
Government with diverse Russian  
institutions;

(d) the steps Government would take  
to ensure that Indian students studying in  
foreign universities are not harassed about  
their qualifications and degrees when they  
return to India; and

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(e) the steps proposed to rectify the existing weaknesses in the accreditation system of Government in such matter?

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to achieve the object of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, State-wise?

#### **Expenditure on Navodaya Vidyalayas**

1394. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS  
BAL APTE:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount provided for each of the students of Navodaya Vidyalayas on food, clothing and other items per month;

(b) whether the food provided in these model schools is substandard in many respects;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering increase in the expenditure on these counts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Punjab and Maharashtra**

1395. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the object of starting Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and whether the same has been achieved in the States of Punjab and Maharashtra;

(b) whether the funds allocated/sanctioned for this purpose for these States have been fully utilized during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) whether it is a fact that the population of non-school going children is higher in each State mentioned above; and

#### **National Textbook Council**

1396. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education Committee on regulatory mechanism for textbooks and parallel textbooks taught in schools outside the system of education has been recommended for setting up of a National Textbook Council to monitor the material produced in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(c) whether the proposed Council is going to be under the control of the Ministry or is going to be an autonomous body?

#### **Modernisation of CBSE**

1397. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which Government have reviewed the role of the CBSE and its modernization programme for general development;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently there have been a number of newspaper items and public relations releases highlighting the new activities of the CBSE;

(c) the purpose of such public relations;

(d) the manner through which the CBSE is improving its own administration and efficiency; and



(e) the steps proposed in this regard to improve the usual functions of the CBSE?

**Use of research students as teachers in colleges**

1398. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC proposes to use research students for teaching in the colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such research students are proposed to be absorbed against the existing vacancies after award of their degrees in their respective disciplines?

**Financial assistance to engineering colleges**

1399. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide financial assistance to some States including Tamil Nadu for the modernization of their Engineering Colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and College-wise?

**Modernisation of Madarsas**

1400. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments of Maharashtra and Bihar have sent proposals to the Union Government for providing funds for the modernisation and improvement of Madarsa Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated/provided during the last three years for this purpose?

**Mid-day meal in Bihar**

1401. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mid-day meal scheme has not been effectively implemented in various parts/districts of the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to revamp the working of the mid-day meal scheme in those districts of Bihar?

**Continuing Education Programme in A.P.**

1402. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less grants were released to Andhra Pradesh under Continuing Education Programme under the National Literacy Mission during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the grants released for 2004-05 are even less than the grants released in 2003-04; and

(c) if so, the reasons for drastic reduction in releasing the grants to Andhra Pradesh under Continuing Education Programme under the National Literacy Mission?

**Educational institutes in Bodoland areas**

1403. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Government's achievements in establishing various educational institutes including technical ones in Bodoland areas of Assam as committed in the Bodo Accord, 2003;

(b) whether Government would set up another Central University in Assam for the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) to fulfil long standing demand of the Bodo people;

(c) whether Government would set up technical institutes in Karbi-Anglong and N.C. Hills districts of Assam with a view to provide job oriented education; and

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

**Attachment of DU bank accounts by MCD**

1404. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether MCD has recently attached the bank accounts of Delhi University for non-payment of property tax for a number of years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry has been held in the matter to fix responsibility for this state of affairs;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) if no inquiry has been held into this mess, the reasons therefor?

**Focus Group on Art and Culture**

1405. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has set up a Focus Group on Art and Culture;

(b) if so, the objectives of this Focus Group in its curriculum for schools, etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the extent to which Government would fund schools to have music and other facilities for their students; and

(e) the details of such funding which would be made available?

**Implementation of free education to single girl child**

†1406. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States in the country where the scheme of providing free education to single girl child has been implemented;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when this scheme would be implemented?

**Decline in science education**

1407. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree with the findings of the report by NCAER on decline in science education in the higher academic levels; if so, the details thereof;

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(b) the steps taken to improve the situation in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made an appraisal of the existing schemes to promote science at the higher academic levels; if so, the reasons for the shortcomings as indicated in the aforesaid report; and

(d) the steps being taken to credibly improve the situation?

#### **Special school for tribal children**

1408. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the functioning of special schools for tribal children on the model of public schools in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to open such special schools for the benefits of tribal children in other States also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Government polytechnics in Bihar**

1409. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government Polytechnics functioning in the country especially in Bihar;

(b) the financial assistance provided by Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal has been

received from the State Government for new polytechnics in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the names of the districts?

#### **Diversion of rice meant for mid-day meal**

1410. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight rice-laden trucks belonging to some N.G.O. were seized in the Capital's Samaipur Badli area in December, 2005;

(b) whether these trucks were carrying F.C.I. stock, officially bound for distribution in school in Bulandshahr, U.P. under mid-day meal scheme but ended up in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government have taken against the person for selling wheat meant for mid-day meal scheme in the black market?

#### **Security and tension free atmosphere for women employees**

1411. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken so far to ensure security and tension-free work atmosphere for women employees in the KV and NV schools, as directed by the Supreme Court in the Vishaka case; and

(b) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

**TV Channels of Prasar Bharati**

†1412. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision to start four T.V. channels abroad has been taken by Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, the number of channels to be started in each country;

(c) whether viability of these channels has been ascertained before starting them; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and estimate of annual earnings from the operation of these channels?

**Ku-band signals by private cable operators**

1413. SHRI RAMA MUNI  
REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

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

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for permitting private cable operators to receive Ku-band signals and distribute the same through their own network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ku-band network is a non-commercial educational project for knowledge distribution; and

(d) the objections that Government have on receiving of Ku-band signals by private cable operators?

**Production of programmes by Prasar Bharati**

1414. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of programmes produced by the Prasar Bharati and telecast on its various channels since last one year;

(b) the amount spent by the Prasar Bharati on the production of each programme, programme-wise;

(c) the number of such programmes telecast on various Prasar Bharati channels after their production by other entertainment companies; and

(d) the details of the amount spent towards other entertainment industry since last one year?

**Listeners of programmes of AIR, Bangalore**

1415. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of listeners of various programmes of All India Radio, Bangalore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to launch Carnatic music channel *i.e.*, 24 hour music channel, from All India Radio, Bangalore; and

(c) if so, by when it will be launched?

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**Kannada news on DD channel**

1416. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested to air Kannada news on DD-1 channel; and

(b) if so, the status of the above request?

**Policy on FM radio stations**

1417. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new policy relating to starting of FM radio stations envisages setting up 336 such stations in 90 cities, if so, the reasons for which rural areas have been left out especially where radio is the primary source of entertainment and information;

(b) whether the All India Radio network covers the entire rural areas, hilly terrain and far-flung areas in North-East and Ladakh; and

(c) if not, what percentage of the inhabited areas still remain to be covered and what steps Government propose to give 100 per cent coverage by AIR and later on by TV network?

**Showing the film 'Rang De Basanti'**

1418. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the film 'Rang De Basanti' had to be shown to Defence Minister and Chiefs of Armed Forces before screening it in public;

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

(c) whether it was mandatory to show the film after having been cleared by Censor Board; and

(d) if so, whether there is any precedent of this type?

**Regulations for private domain of the citizens**

1419. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to bring in certain regulations in the manner in which the media is encroaching on the private domain of the citizens of this country especially the politicians and prominent film personalities etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial condition of  
Prasar Bharati**

1420. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to make the Prasar Bharati financially viable; and

(b) if no steps are being taken, the reasons therefor?

**Marketing and production of violent video games**

1421. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the marketing and production of violent video games in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has also been drawn to its harmful psychological effect on the young children; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to stop the marketing of such type of video games and the action taken against the culprits?

**Censor Board for advertisements**

†1422. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards several advertisements being shown on T.V. and brought out by newspapers and other mediums;

(b) if so, whether any Censor Board has been constituted by Government to check these advertisements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the scope of this Board?

**Second phase of FM Stations**

1423. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the auction of nearly 330 FM Stations in 91 cities in the ongoing second phase has received an overwhelming response, fetching one time entry fee of about Rs. 1,100 crore and opening a source of revenue for Government by way of annual fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had any plans to liberalise the licensing rules and by when Government propose to come up with IIIrd phase auctions?

**Superstition in TV serials**

1424. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government believe in superstition in all respects;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that on every Tuesday at 10.00 P.M. and on every Wednesday at 10.00 P.M. serials "AAP BEETI" and "YEH HAVAYEN" are broadcast on Doordarshan's National Channel (DD1);

(c) if so, how far such serials have an adverse effect on the young ones in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to prohibit such superstitious serials?

**FM Channels operating in Bihar**

†1425. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FM Channels being operated in Bihar;

(b) the total area covered by them;

(c) whether Government will start some more FM Channels in Bihar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Charges by cable operators**

1426. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central

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Government to fix uniform rate that has to be charged from the customers by cable operators in the Metros, District Head Quarters and Rural areas and also to fix the entertainment tax to be charged on cable operators and also to decide on the competent authority for the collection of Entertainment Tax;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of taking early favourable action in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Guidelines on print media**

1427. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have changed the guidelines on print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines have been issued due to entry of facsimile editions of foreign newspapers and periodicals into the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Objection on Hindi movie "Rang De Basanti"**

1428. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi movie "Rang De Basanti" was objected to by the Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the nature of the objection;

(c) whether his Ministry had a preview to verify the content of the movie;

(d) whether any changes/cuts were suggested by his Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **DD coverage target**

†1429. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to bring hundred per cent population of the country under Doordarshan's coverage on a particular date or in this year;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider fixing the targets?

#### **Setting up of FM radio channels in Karnataka**

1430. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the steps taken by Government to set up FM radio channels in all districts in Karnataka?

#### **Functioning of AIR/DD Kendras in Andhra Pradesh**

1431. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIR/DD Kendras functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any proposal for digitalization of these kendras is under consideration of Government;

(c) if so, the steps taken and by when it is likely to be completed; and

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(d) the amount sanctioned by Government for this purpose?

**Fund collected from foreign and domestic broadcasters**

1432. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign broadcasters are paying very low tax to Government as compared to the domestic broadcasters;

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

(c) the funds collected from the foreign and domestic broadcasters during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to collect the tax from foreign broadcasters at par with the domestic broadcasters?

**Advertisements through DAVP**

1433. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Undertakings have not reacted positively to the recent decision of asking public sector companies to release their advertisements only through Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity;

(b) whether public sector companies feel that DAVP has centralized operation in Delhi whereas public sector companies have decentralized their publicity initiatives;

(c) if so, whether is it proposed to review the order suitably;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pending cases in courts and recruitment of judges**

1434. SHRI DARA SINGH:  
DR. ALLADI P.  
RAJKUMAR:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of cases are pilling up in various High Courts of the country;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor indicating the number of pending cases during the last three years, till date, State-wise;

(c) whether Chief Justice of India has urged Government to introduce a new system of recruitment of Judges by holding an entrance test to fill up the large number of such vacancies, on the model of the civil services examination; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

**Registration of marriages**

1435. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
DR. M.A.M.  
RAMASWAMY:

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

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to introduce legislation for registration of marriages in the country;

(b) if so, whether the issue of divorce will also be included in the legislation;

(c) when this legislation is expected to be introduced; and

(d) how it shall be beneficial to common man in both the cases?



**Corruption cases pending in courts**

1436. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases related to corruption are pending in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of pending cases in the Supreme Court and various High Courts at present;

(c) the number of such cases which are pending in the courts for the last five or more years; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for reducing the corruption cases?

**Cases relating to smuggling of wildlife items**

1437. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases related to smuggling of wildlife items lying pending in the Tis Hazari court till date;

(b) whether Government have appointed a public prosecutor to expedite cases registered under the Wildlife (Protection) Act; and

(c) the present status of such cases and Government's plans to deal with them?

**Establishment of High Court bench**

1438. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set

up a High Court Bench in Vishakhapatnam or Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**National Legal Service Authority Scheme**

1439. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) the number of persons benefited through The National Legal Service Authority Scheme (NLSA) during each of the last two years till date, State-wise;

(b) the amount allocated during each of the last two years and the current year for implementation of the NLSA Programme, State-wise; and

(c) the major legal aid programmes undertaken during the last two years under this Authority?

**Recommendations of Law Commission**

1440. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Law Commission has *inter-alia* suggested the setting up of a National Judicial Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the major recommendations made by the Law Commission recently and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

### **Expansion of registry in Supreme Court**

1441. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases filed in the Supreme Court is increasing every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) what is the disposal rate in these years;

(d) whether there is any expansion of the registry in the SC to deal with the increase in the number of cases; and

(e) when did the last expansion took place?

### **Collapse of mines at Makrana**

1442. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than fifty mines collapsed at marble quarries in Makrana, Rajasthan, during the year 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of deaths and injury due to work related accidents in the above mines during the last three years, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether any action has been initiated based on the above complaints;

(d) if so, whether the Mines Act, 1952 has been implemented in the above mines;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the total number of mines at Makrana and the number of women, men and child workers in the above Mines as on date, category-wise?

### **Mining projects in Andhra Pradesh**

1443. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the minor and major on-going projects in the mining sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount invested/to be invested in each project;

(c) whether Government have privatised any mining activities in the State during the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof, District wise;

(e) the reasons and objectives for privatization of mining activities in the State; and

(f) whether Government have held talks at the Ministerial level and if so, the details thereof?

### **utilisation of mineral resources by State Governments**

1444. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments can utilise the available mineral resources according to their priority under the Mines and Minerals Act, 1957;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government intend to deprive the State Governments of their rights;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are prepared to pay 75 per cent Production Link Payment (PLP) in case the bidding process is implemented;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Products of SSI

†1445. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the products of small scale industries in the country remain way behind in comparison to the imported products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that efforts made for the development of small scale industries in the past years have proved futile; and

(d) if so, the reasons for decrease in the number of products of small scale industries in the reserved list continuously during the recent years?

### Package for SSIs

†1446. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to introduce incentive packages for Small Scale Industries;

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

(c) whether Government are considering to set any criterion for quality production in Small Scale Industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Suggestion of ASSOCHAM on investment ceiling in SSIs

†1447. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ASSOCHAM has advised to increase the investment ceiling in small scale industries from one crore to five crore;

(b) if so, Government's response thereon; and

(c) by when a final decision would be taken on the above suggestion of the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry in India (ASSOCHAM)?

### Status of SSI in Andhra Pradesh

1448. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of SSI in Andhra Pradesh in the present context of globalisation and entry of global players in the domestic market;

(b) whether his Ministry has evolved any policy to safeguard small Scale Industry in the country as they have to face stiff competition from global players; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Funds for Projects run by Harijan Sevak Sangh

1449. SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have stopped the funding for projects run by Harijan Sevak Sangh (HSS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such projects which are run by Harijan Sewak Sangh and being denied funds;

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(d) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to close down the school project run by H.S.S. in Barchana, while a decision is yet to be taken on Nachuni;

(e) whether it is a fact that normally Government black-lists the NGOs since it is recognized as a Central Body and not the individual projects; and

(f) the reason behind Government's decision to close down HSS school projects?

#### **Changes in Central list of OBCs**

1450. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved inclusion and modification of certain castes and communities in the Central list of Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details of present castes and communities included in OBC list, State-wise; and

(c) the parameters Government had adopted in preparing this list?

#### **Welfare schemes for widows**

1451. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement any welfare scheme by involving State Governments for survival of helpless poor widows;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Projects implemented for welfare of SC/ST/OBC and weaker sections**

1452. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects running in Uttar Pradesh for the welfare of people belonging to SC/ST/OBC and weaker section for the societies;

(b) the number of projects undertaken in the State during the last three years and the details of amount spent thereon; and

(c) the details of achievements made in this regard?

#### **Reconstitution of Governing council of NIOH**

1453. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-constituted governing council of the National Institute for the Orthopadically Handicapped (NIOH);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government would carefully re-constitute the body so as to ensure that the work of the NIOH does not hamper;

(d) the steps proposed to strengthen NIOH; and

(e) the steps proposed to increase activities of institutions doing work for physically disabled people?

#### **Funds for social sector schemes**

1454. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering a new system of allocating funds for key social sector programmes; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

#### **Agreement with railways for barrier-free-railway stations**

1455. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any agreement with the Railways to help and advise in creating barrier-free-railways stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent Government have encouraged the NIOH, Kolkata to stress for creating a barrier-free atmosphere in the Railways;

(d) the details of the steps taken by NIOH, Kolkata in this regard; and

(e) the steps proposed to encourage NIOH, Kolkata to widen its work base on the creation of barrier-free-zones in the country for physically disabled people?

#### **Enlisting tribes in ST list**

1456. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any requests are pending with Government from Andhra Pradesh to enlist some tribes in the ST list;

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

(c) the decision taken so far?

#### **Status of Banjara tribe in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal**

†1457. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of Banjara (a nomadic tribe) inhabit Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Banjaras hold the status of tribes in some States of the country; and

(c) if so, by when the Banjaras inhabiting Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal will be accorded the status of tribe?

#### **Amount for post-matric scholarships for ST students**

1458. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the amount for post-matric scholarships for ST students from Rs. 65.49 crores in 2004-05 to Rs. 230.65 crores during 2005-06 to provide benefits to 7,80,000 students;

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

(c) the amount utilized by each State for each student in comparative years?

#### **Insurance cover for primitive tribal groups**

1459. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided insurance cover to one lakh heads of

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families of Primitive Tribal groups in 16 States under the Janshree scheme of the LIC of India;

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

(c) whether the funds to the tune of Rs. 5 crore have been released during 2004-05; and

(d) if so, the amount utilized by each State so far?

#### **Funds to Himachal Pradesh under various schemes**

†1460. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds given to Himachal Pradesh under various schemes of his Ministry during the last three years, year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the State Government utilized this amount for the purpose it was given; and

(c) if so, the quantum of money utilized and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Eklavya Model Residential School for ST students**

1461. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned 100 Eklavya Model Residential Schools in different parts of the country for providing quality education to ST students;

(b) if so, the details of the children in each school from class 6 to 12;

(c) whether Government have also provided Rs. 250 lakhs for construction of

the school building and associated infrastructure and Rs. 30 lakhs to meet the recurring expenses to each school; and

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

#### **Anganwadis as focal point for health care activity**

1462. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Anganwadis the focal point of all mother and child-related health care activity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to integrate different services to control high maternal and child mortality in the country, especially with reference to Orissa State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Commission for children**

†1463. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Commission for children;

(b) if so, by when it would be constituted;

(c) the purview of National Commission for children;

(d) whether Government would empower the Commission with the right of taking action against those States/parents who do not provide for primary education for all the children; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Regular training programme for Anganwadi workers in Karnataka**

1464. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any regular training programme for Anganwadi workers particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Non-Compliance of SC order regarding sexual harassment**

1465. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recently published report of National Commission on Women which covered 799 organizations including Government Departments has revealed that there is poor compliance of Supreme Court order with regard to sexual harassment of women at work place;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take against the persons for violating the Supreme Court order?

**Malnutrition among children**

1466. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of Government initiative and various measures such as National Nutrition Policy, National Plan of Action for Nutrition, etc., one in every three malnourished children in the world, according to the UNICEF publication entitled, 'Mapping India's

Children: UNICEF in action' lives in India; and

(b) if so, the reasons for which the malnourishment in the Indian Children has not been reduced?

**Balika Samridhi Yojana in Kerala**

1467. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries existing in Kerala for educational scholarship towards the Balika Samridhi Yojana Scheme and the amount annually required for meeting the scholarship amount;

(b) the amount granted by Government during the current year for the above purpose and whether it is sufficient to meet the requirement; and

(c) whether Government of Kerala sought further allotment for clearing the arrears and if so, the details thereof and whether Government would consider to allot the same to the State of Kerala?

**Share of women in total workforce**

1468. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of women in total workforce; and

(b) the steps being taken to augment their share?

**Creches for children of working women**

†1469. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open "Shishu Palan Kendras" to look after the children of poor working women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of Palan Ghar (Creches) being run as on date alongwith the location thereof?

**Integrated Children Development Schemes**

1470. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets set and achieved under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there has been shortfall in operationalization of sanctioned projects under ICDS;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to operationalize all the projects of ICDS including Anganwadi Centres in the Country?

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