

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the August 6, 2003/Sravana 15, 1925 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—126

Production of 'A' grade coal	
1797. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) the production of 'A' grade coal in the country, State-wise, during last five years; (b) whether it is a fact that Public Sector Coal Companies dispatch good quality coal produced in Madhya Pradesh to other States; and (c) if so, the reasons for depriving Madhya Pradesh the legitimate access to their own natural resource?	(c) whether it is a fact that the loss of coal due to underground fires is more than 37 million tons that costs the exchequer more than Rs. 7000 crore?
Loss of coal in Jharia fires	
1798. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that the underground fires occur every year in the town of Jharia in the State of Jharkhand; (b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any plan to prevent the underground fires; and	Effects of Jharia fire on population 1799. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) whether it is a fact that nearly four lakh inhabitants of Jharia in Jharkhand are facing eviction due to underground fire; (b) whether Government have undertaken any action to rehabilitate them; and (c) if so, the details thereof?
Private sector participation in coal mining	
	1800. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) whether Government propose to enact legislation to allow private sector participation in coal mining; and (b) if so, the details in this regard?

<p>Development work undertaken by WCL</p>	<p>(c) what will be the role of C.I.L. thereafter;</p>
<p>1801. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:</p>	<p>(d) whether the C.I.L. proposes to give permission for sale of the mines to the manufacturing sector;</p>
<p>(a) whether the Western Coalfields Ltd. has undertaken any community development and labour welfare work in its coal producing areas;</p>	<p>(e) if so, the details thereof; and (f) if not, the reasons therefor?</p>
<p>(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of the areas where such work have been undertaken;</p>	<p>Implementation of Jharkhand High Court Directives</p>
<p>(c) the name of development work undertaken; and</p>	<p>1804. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:</p>
<p>(d) the amount spent on these development works?</p>	<p>(a) whether the Hon'ble High Court, Jharkhand <i>vide</i> its order dated 16th January, 2003 has issued certain directions to CIL/CCL in I.A. No. 2020/2002 in CWJC No. 2750 (97)-R;</p>
<p>Coal mines and their production</p>	<p>(b) if so, whether the said directions could not be implemented as yet;</p>
<p>†1802. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:</p>	<p>(c) whether Government is maintaining any mechanism to oversee the functioning of the CIL and its subsidiaries; and</p>
<p>(a) the number of mines in the country and the location thereof;</p>	<p>(d) if so, why the High Court directions could not be implemented well in time?</p>
<p>(b) the total quantity of coal in tons extracted in the country every day;</p>	<p>Steps to boost FDI in coal and mining sector</p>
<p>(c) the number of employees engaged directly and indirectly in each mine, the mine-wise details thereof; and</p>	<p>1805. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:</p>
<p>(d) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for the welfare of the employees engaged in the mines?</p>	<p>(a) whether Government have formulated any strategy to boost the Foreign Direct Investment in coal and mining sector;</p>
<p>Delegation of powers by C.I.L.</p>	<p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p>
<p>1803. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:</p>	<p>(c) whether Government are considering to set up a Regulatory Authority for the country's coal sector;</p>
<p>(a) whether the Coal India Limited proposes to delegate its powers to its subsidiaries;</p>	<p>(d) if so, the details thereof; and</p>
<p>(b) if so, the details thereof;</p>	<p>(e) if not, the reasons therefor?</p>

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

CIL agreement with ONGC for commercial exploitation of CBM

1806. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has made any agreement with ONGC for commercial exploitation of Coal Red Methane in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any of the block from WCL has been chosen for development of CBM under this agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to tackle Pak-trained terrorists

1807. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that documents seized from Pak-trained terrorists in J&K showed that they are trained in creating chemical weapons and using poisons for mass destruction; and

(b) if so, the details of the discoveries made and the action-plan of Government to control this ill-conceived plan of Pakistan?

Defence agreements

1808. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agreements signed with various countries for the past two years;

(b) how would the same enhance our defence capabilities;

(c) the amount involved in these agreements; and

(d) the steps taken by the Ministry to monitor such agreements?

Golden Jubilee year of BEL

1809. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees including officers working in Bharat Electronics Limited, Bangalore;

(b) whether the above factory has completed 50 years of its existence;

(c) the details of various programmes being organised during the golden jubilee year;

(d) whether the Management has taken steps to honour those who are responsible for its programme on the occasion of its golden jubilee; and

(e) whether the Government has conferred 'Navaratna' status on its golden jubilee year?

Landmine casualties in Rajasthan

1810. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the landmines have claimed 113 victims in Sriganganagar district of Rajasthan during the 15 months of the military mobilisation since December, 2001;

(b) whether there were even agricultural losses and villagers returning home were not sure that their fields and grazing pastures have been entirely demined; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to make demining a cent per cent success?

MiG-23 accidents

1811. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that MiG-23s have higher accident rate than MiG-21s;

(b) if so, whether the accident rate of MiG-23s per 10,000 hours of flying is the highest in the IAF fleet;

(c) the reasons for not phasing out of the ageing MiG-23s by Government; and

(d) whether Government have made any investigation to find out why MiG-23s are prone to accident?

Recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

1812. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has recommended formulating a pre-audited five years defence budget in order to prevent delays in acquisition of weapons; and

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

Launching of LCA

1813. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has launched LCA in the first week of May, 2003;

(b) whether the technology demonstration of LCA has also been done;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target set by the Ministry to produce LCA on large scale in the next five years;

(e) whether the Ministry is thinking of exporting LCA to other countries of the world; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

One-rank one-pension scheme

†1814. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the 'one-rank one-pension' scheme for the retired jawans/officers to the army;

(b) if so, since when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of Bofors Gun

1815. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the upgradation of the Bofors Gun; and

(b) if so, the details of the upgradation and total amount earmarked therefor?

Acquisition of wheeled S.P. Gun

1816. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status in respect of the acquisition of wheeled S.P. Gun;

(b) whether it is a fact that the General Service Qualification Requirement was changed after the opening of tender; if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(c) whether Government propose to invite fresh tenders for the same?

Help to 1971 war hero

1817. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a 71-War Hero Col.(Retd.) Suresh Y. Rege, who had received the Sena Medal for gallantry in 1971 war, is yet to receive, after 33 years, the promised four hectares of unirrigated land and 300 sq. metres of residential land, after infructuous correspondence for the last 30 years with officials of Maharashtra Government; and

(b) if so, will the Defence Ministry lend its helping hand to get the matter sorted out for this 70-year old war hero?

Establishment of Thermal Imager Detector Unit in A.P.

1818. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry for establishing Bharat Electronics Limited's Thermal Imager Detector Unit at either Machilipatnam or Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal sent by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) when such request was received in the Ministry;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh agreed to extend all support for the establishment of the above Unit in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, what action the Ministry has contemplated on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

Indo-Russian naval exercise

1819. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy carried out an operational exercise with the Russian Navy in the Indian Ocean for the first time;

(b) if so, whether the new thrust was on Anti-Submarine Warfare and Air Defence; and

(c) if so, the significance of this exercise and the extent of cooperation between the two Navies?

Funds for Ranikhet Cantonment Board

†1820. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount provided as grant for various items to Ranikhet Cantonment Board during last few years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to the paucity of funds, roads of the Board are not being maintained and improved;

(c) if so, whether the Board have demanded funds for this item; and

(d) if so, whether this amount would be given to them?

Setting up of a Naval Academy

1821. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Naval Academy;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the location; and

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(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Welfare measures for Defence Personnel

1822. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army is contemplating to set up Medical and Dental Colleges and other professional institutes for Army Personnel and their families;

(b) if so, the details of their locations; and

(c) the other welfare measures taken for Defence Personnel and their families?

Defence Planning Board

1823. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up Defence Planning Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the main functions of the Board and by when it is likely to be set up?

Outstanding bills against Andhra Pradesh Government for use of IAF aircraft

1824. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Headquarters had sent airlift bills to the tune of Rs. 3 crores to the Government of

Andhra Pradesh for aircraft used during floods in the State in August, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for waiver of above bills in view of drought conditions prevailing in the State; and

(c) if so, the details of the action by the Ministry in this regard?

Illegal Bangladeshis in voters lists

1825. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of illegal Bangladeshi migrants in Delhi are figuring the voters lists;

(b) whether Government propose to move the Election Commission to get their names deleted; if so, when this exercise would be over; and

(c) whether illegal migrants so detected would be deported to their own country?

Involvement of policemen in bungling of money recovered from robbers

1826. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few police officers of Anand Vihar Police Station, Delhi have been suspended by the Delhi Police Commissioner for allegedly bungling Rs. 1 crore recovered by them from the robbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not awarding deterrent punishment to those officials who pocketed the entire loot instead of depositing that amount with the Department?

'Hafta Wasooli' by Delhi Police

1827. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
footpath market opposite Red Fort is an
evergreen area for the officials of Delhi
Police and traffic constables on duty who
collect a large amount from the vendors as
'Hafta Wasooli';

(b) whether it is also a fact that such
collection is shared by the high officials of
Delhi Police; and

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

ISI agents in districts of Rajasthan

1828. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been infiltration
of ISI agents on the Indo-Pak border in
Rajasthan recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested
in 2002-03 especially in Jaisalmer and
Barmer sector; and

(c) the steps taken to stop infiltration?

**Powers to arrest and deport illegal
Bangladeshi immigrants**

1829. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of
Maharashtra has asked the Centre to vest
officers of the State with powers to arrest
and deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants;

(b) whether the Centre is also seized of
the problem of illegal migrants gaining clout,
armed with voting rights and claims of Indian
citizenship; and

(c) if so, the steps being contemplated
to check the influx?

Militancy in North-Eastern States

1830. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) how many attacks by the militants
have taken place in the North Eastern States
during the last six months ending 30th June,
2003, State-wise;

(b) the number of casualties in these
attacks, State-wise;

(c) the number of persons kidnapped
during this period, State-wise;

(d) the number of militants killed/
arrested/surrendered during this period,
State-wise; and

(e) the measures taken by the Central
Government to demolish their hide-outs
whether inland or abroad?

Teaching of crimes by mafia gangs

† 1831. SHRI JANESHWAR
MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various anti-
social gangs in the country are not only
running their offices but are also running
school-colleges in which methods of
pickpocketing, dacoity, riots, kidnapping
and murder are being taught;

(b) if so, the details of such
organisations;

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(c) the steps taken by Government to impose ban and take action against all these organisations; and

(d) the details thereof?

Sale of lotteries

1832. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several State Governments and some TV channels are engaged in the sale of lottery which attracts the Gambling Act;

(b) if so, the names of the State Governments/UTs and TV channels who are promoting lottery; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to ban the lottery in India through an Act of Parliament and if not, the reasons therefor?

Mortal remains of Netaji

1833. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry investigating into disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, has decided to get the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept at the Rankoji Temple in Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Commission has received any response in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Government have taken in giving active help to the Commission in this regard?

Prevention of sexual harassment at workplace

1834. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has issued guidelines to prevent sexual harassment at workplace;

(b) whether a survey commissioned by National Human Rights Commission has revealed that a majority of Government departments in different States are not aware of these guidelines and no redressal cell has been set up; and

(c) the action taken by Government to ensure that these guidelines are followed by all concerned to control harassment at the workplace?

Construction of ultra modern market at INA, New Delhi

1835. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INA Market has turned into a slum market in which there is no proper arrangement for shopping and parking;

(b) whether Government/NDMC propose to construct an ultra modern double storeyed market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA Market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants, fruits, vegetables and non-vegetarian items; and

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

Kidnapping of newborn kids

1836. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of newborn kids were kidnapped recently from Delhi hospitals;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered with the Police and the number of kids recovered and handed over to the respective parents; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to stop recurrence of such incidents?

Deaths in police custody in Delhi

1837. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of custodial deaths in various police stations of Delhi during the last two years;

(b) the reasons attributed to the custodial deaths in police stations;

(c) whether any action against the guilty for inhuman treatment and illegal custody has been taken by Delhi Police and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any compensation has been provided to the family members of deceased persons and if not, the reasons therefor?

Security personnel killed during operation in N.E. States

1838. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of para military personnel (CRPF, BSF and Assam Rifles) wounded and killed in operation against insurgents in the N.E. States during 2001-03; and

(b) the relief, benefits and amenities extended to the victims and their families?

Matrimonial disputes in Capital

1839. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of matrimonial disputes registered in the Capital during this year and as on date;

(b) whether the cases of harassment and deaths due to dowry demands are on the rise in the city;

(c) the comparative figures of such cases during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to eliminate such cases?

Persons challaned for giving alms at traffic intersections

1840. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been challaned for giving alms to the beggars and other persons at the traffic intersections of the Capital during the last six months, month-wise figures; and

(b) the action contemplated by Government to remove beggars and other alms seekers from the streets of the Capital?

Remarks of Amnesty International on minorities

1841. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Amnesty International alleged that the right of minorities in the country to live as equals, was being increasingly undermined;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons behind such a remark; and

(c) what was the response of the Ministry in this regard?

Links of NGOs with separatists in NE

1842. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have blacklisted more than 800 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the North-East region for alleged link with separatists groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have any solid evidence of close links between the NGOs and rebels; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken against such NGOs with the help of State Government?

Rehabilitation of victims of Naga-Kuki clashes

1843. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the victims of Kuki-Naga clashes are yet to be rehabilitated;

(b) whether the State Government has submitted the claims for their rehabilitation; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Strength of Delhi Police

1844. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength of Delhi Police as on 1st April, 2003, cadre-wise;

(b) the number of vacancies on the same date, cadre-wise and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to fill the vacancies; and

(c) the ratio of policemen in Delhi to its population and how does that compare with that of major capitals in the World—London, Washington, Beijing, Moscow, Paris, Bonn and Canberra?

Posting of Metropolitan Magistrates in Tihar Jail

1845. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the recent posting of two Metropolitan Magistrates in Tihar Jail to extend remand and carry out Test Identification Parades (TIP) of inmates, Delhi Armed Police (DAP) would save nearly Rs. 1.5 crore annually besides avoiding risk on their transportation;

(b) if so, since when these orders have been implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that according to DAP, in case the remand extension cases do take place like-wise within the jail, then there would be another saving of rupees five crore annually; and

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

Responsibility to deal with naxalite menace

† 1846. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given the responsibility to deal with naxalite violence in Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand to C.R.P.F.;

(b) if so, whether Government would also give freedom in work in addition to modern weapons and means of communication to C.R.P.F. for dealing with it; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Bureau of Criminal Information System

1847. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as part of the National Crime Criminal Information System, a bureau was proposed to be created exclusively for the Kolkata Police Commissionerate;

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

(c) by when the bureau is expected to start functioning?

Homeguards personnel in Delhi

† 1848. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homeguard personnel in Delhi and names of the departments where homeguard security personnel have been provided;

(b) the details of outstanding dues pending against departments from homeguards as on date and since when these dues are pending;

(c) the action taken to recover dues from all the departments;

(d) whether the homeguards personnel get their salaries every month in time; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by Government to pay them salary in time?

Demand for CBI inquiry in Nadimarg massacre

1849. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kashmiri pandits living in the Kashmir Valley had demanded CBI inquiry into the Nadimarg massacre of 24 Hindus in March, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the demand has been met; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Kidnappings for ransom

1850. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidnappings for ransom have become a booming business in many parts of the country taking an ugly and dangerous situation;

(b) if so, the details of such cases during the last one year, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to take initiative and give direction to the States to curb this menace; and

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

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Amendment in IPC to check violence against women	Evacuee properties in Andhra Pradesh
<p>† 1851. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether in the Seminar of National Commission for Women and Social Science Institute organised in Delhi in June, 2003, the Chairman of Criminal Justice Reforms Committee has highlighted the issue of crimes against women and suggested for amending Indian Penal Code with a view to provide justice to the women victims of violence and to deal with their multifacet problems;</p> <p>(b) if so, whether keeping in view increasing incidents of atrocities against women, Government are contemplating to make necessary amendments in this regard; and</p> <p>(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?</p>	<p>1853. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) the details of evacuee properties under Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad districts of Andhra Pradesh, which are still under the exclusive control of Union Ministry of Home Affairs;</p> <p>(b) the detailed guidelines, rules and regulations under which these evacuee properties are allotted to others by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs;</p> <p>(c) whether any such evacuee property exists in uppal under Ranga Reddy district of Andhra Pradesh;</p> <p>(d) if so, the details thereof with regard to its title status;</p> <p>(e) whether this property is under litigation;</p> <p>(f) if so, whether Government are taking serious legal steps to solve litigation; and</p> <p>(g) if not, the reasons therefor?</p>
Effect of Indo-Pak road-rail link on drug smuggling	Encroachment on roads in Delhi
<p>1852. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether Indo-Pak road-rail links will help in checking the drug smuggling;</p> <p>(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to strengthen the Customs and Border Security Force and Narcotics Control Bureau to check this drug smuggling; and</p> <p>(c) if so, to what extent the Indo-Pak road and rail links have helped in achieving this aim?</p>	<p>1854. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether MCD have decided to issue new adhoc trade licenses to commercial establishment operating from residential colonies;</p> <p>(b) if so, what are the salient features of the policy formulated by the MCD;</p> <p>(c) whether Government is aware of choked foot paths, roads and service lanes encroached for operating illegal shops in various localities particularly, in Malviya Nagar, South Delhi; and</p>

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(d) if so, what action has been taken by the MCD and Delhi Police to evacuate these encroachers from roads and other places?

Compensation to civilian victims of terrorism

1855. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government gives compensation to the widows and dependents of civilians victims of terrorism in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal for online State lotteries

1856. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments are running lotteries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of income tax earned by Government and profit earned by State Governments during 2002-03; and

(d) the new proposals for online State lotteries received by Government and proposed to be cleared during 2003-04?

Raids on NDMC officials

1857. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently raided offices and residential premises of Ex-president of NDMC and other officials;

(b) if so, the details of officials of NDMC on whom CBI had conducted raids;

(c) whether the NDMC officials have been found to be most corrupt and in connivance with the mafia's unearthed;

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

(e) further action Government propose to take against them?

Condition of women detainees in jails

1858. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been improvements in the condition of women detainees in jails/prisons, remand homes and lock-ups as suggested by justice Krishna Iyer in his report;

(b) whether the Centre is closely monitoring the implementation of justice Krishna Iyer's guidelines by the States; and

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has also taken up with the Centre the issue of providing dignified treatment to women detainees in jails/prisons, lock-ups and remand homes?

Mukherjee Commission

1859. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has received report of the DNA Test on the teeth of 'Gumnamu Baba' believed by many to be Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Mukherjee Commission is likely to submit its report to Government?

Steps taken to send Chakma refugees from Tripura

1860. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi Chakma refugees in Tripura whom Bangladesh Government have not taken back as yet;

(b) the steps from the side of Government of India to send them back to Bangladesh; and

(c) how these people are pulling on in the State of Tripura?

Additional battalions of CRPF to fight terrorism

1861. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to raise additional battalions of CRPF and adequately equipping them to combat terrorism and armed insurgencies in Kashmir and the North East; and

(b) if so, whether the training content has been so structured to enable these forces to competently handle the fast changing profile of terrorist outfits and insurgent groups which are operating in inhospitable terrain of Kashmir and North East, thus having strategic advantage?

Deletion of Article 370 from the Constitution

† 1862. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to delete Article 370 regarding Jammu and Kashmir from the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Recession in lime stone industry of Rajasthan

1863. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lime stone industries of Nimbaheda of Rajasthan are passing through a period of severe recession;

(b) whether large number of mines of lime stone are on the verge of closure resulting into severe losses and unemployment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

Effect of drought on Kota stones industries

1864. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of industries dealing in famous Kota stones are lying closed due to severe drought condition prevailing in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the estimated losses suffered by these industries and the extent of unemployment caused as a consequences thereof; and

(c) the details of relief Government is contemplating in this regard?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bio-fuel policy

1865. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

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

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a comprehensive Bio-fuel policy; and

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

Providing assistance for solar energy to villages

1866. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing Central assistance for providing solar energy to villages;

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

(c) the criteria adopted for providing Central assistance to States?

Installation of wind power stations

1867. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified potential (Windy) sites for development and installation of wind power station;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the list of sites identified;

(c) whether it is a fact that third party sales of power is disallowed in some States;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to frame unified rules and regulations for sale and distribution of wind power to all over the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Potential of tidal energy

1868. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any technology has been tested for obtaining ocean energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ocean energy potential in the country has been identified; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of solar water heating system in hospitals and hotels

1869. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has requested all the States and Union Territory Governments to issue directives for installation of Solar Water heating systems in Government hospitals, hotels etc. where need for hot water exists; and

(b) if so, the response of States and Union Territories with regard thereto?

Representation of visually impaired in Civil Services

1870. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving sufficient representation to the visually impaired persons in Higher Civil Services as per section 33 of "Persons with Disability Act, 1995", and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Retirement from service of mentally challenged persons

1871. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that persons who have been declared as mentally challenged during the service have to retire compulsorily from the service;
- (b) if so, the extent to which such declaration fits with retirement;
- (c) whether such cases have come up for consideration before the Ministry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether any provision for compensation in such cases exists; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Services for visually handicapped

1872. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have identified/earmarked any particular service for the visually impaired persons for giving them sufficient representation in Civil Services as per Section 33 of "Persons with Disability Act, 1995";
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Supply of power by DVC through PTC

1873. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 4910 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7.5.2003 and state:

- (a) whether in 2002-2003, DVC has started exporting power through Power Trading Corporation to the Northern, Western and Southern regions of the country;
- (b) if so, to what extent DVC has agreed to supply power to these States during 2003-2004; and
- (c) what are the main DVC's projects at present for implementation and their status?

T&D losses

†1874. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Transmission and Distribution losses of electricity are very high in the country;
- (b) if so, the estimated loss in 2003;
- (c) whether this loss may be reduced by eliminating technical faults; and
- (d) if so, the percentage of loss that can be reduced through it and the total amount that will be needed for this purpose?

Measures to meet Power crises in Madhya Pradesh

†1875. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the creation of Chhattisgarh State, Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board is facing a period of crisis due to the difference in demand and supply; and
- (b) the steps being taken to increase power generation from the undertakings of the Central Government to ensure maximum power generation from the power generation houses of Madhya Pradesh ?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Privatisation of SEB's

1876. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that some State Governments propose to privatise their Electricity Boards;
- (b) if so, whether Central Government's clearance is required in this respect; and
- (c) how many State Governments have so far approached the Government for this purpose?

Orissa dues to NTPC

1877. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State owes huge amount to NTPC in the power sector;
- (b) whether the State Government has made a request to the Centre to solve the crisis; and
- (c) if so, the help rendered by the Centre to tide over the existing crisis?

Setting up of power grid station in district of Bihar

1878. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Bihar Government has not yet signed the Memorandum of Understanding nor allotted land for setting up of power grid station in Saran District;
- (b) if so, how the foundation stone was laid in June, 2003; and

- (c) by when the project will start?

Ronganadi Hydro Electric Dam

1879. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether discharge of water from Ronganadi Hydro Electric Dam through Dikrong River of Assam has taken place; and
- (b) if so the details thereof and the action contemplated to take up flood protection measures of Dikrong River as part of the total project?

Investment in power projects in J&K

1880. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any direct investment in power projects located in J&K State; and
- (b) if so, the broad features thereof and the amount of investment made during the last three years, project-wise?

Power projects by REC

1881. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has undertaken a number of projects covering power generation, and power conservation, transmission and distribution in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of the projects undertaken in J&K State?

More power to U.P. from Central pool

†1882. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Uttar Pradesh have sought more share of power from Central pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal/request to set up a new power project in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strike by resettled persons in Gram Pathari in district Haridwar

†1883. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that persons displaced due to construction of Tehri dam and rehabilitated at Gram Pathari district Haridwar are on strike as they are facing several basic problems;

(b) if so, whether the persons rehabilitated in this village have not been given the ownership right of the land allotted to them; and

(c) if so, by when the ownership rights would be given to the rehabilitated persons and the details of the steps taken to solve the main problems of these persons?

Clearance of pending power projects of Tamil Nadu

1884. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any projects in Tamil Nadu which are pending for consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the status of such project and the reasons for the delay in the clearance?

Clearance from R.E.C. for rural electrification in Uttaranchal

†1885. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for rural electrification received by R.E.C. from Uttaranchal and the number of proposals cleared alongwith the amount allocated, out of these proposals;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that most of the villages of the State are still deprived of electrification; and

(c) if so, by when all villages including Tonkon (a village) of the State are proposed to be electrified?

Extending income tax holiday to KSEB

1886. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the declining trend of interest rate, Government propose to swap the high interest rate loan availed for Kayamkulam Thermal Project and pass over the benefits to Kerala State Electricity Board;

(b) whether Government propose to limit the return on equity to 12 per cent against 16 per cent in power purchase agreement of NTPC Kayamkulam with KSEB;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NTPC is not extending the income tax holiday to KSEB; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend the benefit of tax holiday, if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of water treatment plants

†1887. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to promote the setting up of water treatment plants so as to improve the quality of potable water in the country;
- (b) if so, what are the outlines of that scheme;
- (c) which are the States of the country where this scheme has been implemented so far; and
- (d) the total number of water treatment plants in the country as on date?

Rural infrastructure Development Fund

†1888. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rural Infrastructure Development Fund was established in 1995-96 to provide funds for the construction of projects for providing basic facilities in the rural areas;
- (b) the total amount deposited in the fund upto March, 2003; and
- (c) the amount of loan approved from this fund from 2000-2001 to 2002-2003 and the amount actually given?

National Housing Policy

1889. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the objective of the national housing policy to end shelterlessness by the Ninth Plan has been achieved; if so the details thereof;
- (b) the number of housing units built up so far against the target fixed for the purpose;
- (c) what are the hurdles experienced in achieving the targets; and
- (d) what steps are being contemplated for successful implementation of National Housing Corporation?

Mode of implementation of SGRY

1890. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has directed State Government not to undertake any machinery intensive works under the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana and in state, work should be labour oriented that leads to creation of additional wage employment, durable assets and infrastructure and an increase in the number of mandays generated with the available resources;
- (b) if so, whether for the current year, allocation under the Scheme is Rs. 4.125 crores and 50 lakh tonnes of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, how much has been released up-till now for States; and
- (d) by when remaining amount and foodgrains are to be released to States?

National policy on voluntary sector

1891. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are formulating a national policy on the voluntary sector to provide an enabling environment to strengthen voluntary action especially in areas of rural development;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps to be proposed by Government to strengthen the relationship between Institutions of local self-Governance and voluntary organisations?

Credit Assistance for self-employment in Tamil Nadu

1892. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the credit assistance provided by the nationalised banks for self-employment Programmes in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government have detected any shortcomings in the implementation of these programmes;
- (c) whether Government have received any complaint from the State Government in this connection; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or are being taken by Government to rectify the same?

Proposals received from States under Swajaldhara Scheme

† 1893. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes/proposals and their cost under 'Swajaldhara' programme from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh forwarded for approval of Central Government;
- (b) the reasons for delay in approving these schemes; and
- (c) the amount sanctioned for these schemes alongwith the amount provided by the Central Government togetherwith the State-wise details thereof?

Poverty alleviation schemes for Uttar Pradesh

1894. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of poverty alleviation schemes formulated by Government for rural and backward districts of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the funds allocated to the State Government during the last three years, and the percentage utilisation of funds; and
- (c) the reasons of non-utilisation of funds?

W.B. funds for poverty alleviation

1895. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any amount has been received from the World Bank and other international financial institutions under the Poverty Eradication Programmes during the Ninth Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the entire amount has been utilised for the purpose, if not, the reasons therefor?

Review of projects in Maharashtra

1896. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have recently reviewed performance of ongoing projects in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof project-wise in terms of physical and financial targets set and achieved for the past three years;

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(c) the details of outlays provided, project-wise for the current year in Maharashtra; and

(d) the details of new proposals received from the State Government of Maharashtra and action taken thereon?

State-wise ranking of implementation of schemes

†1897. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Rural Development has made a State-wise ranking of its schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basis of this ranking; and

(c) the names of the States which have least utilized the funds received from the Central Government for providing the houses to homeless and creating employment opportunities in the villages?

Guidelines for SGSY

1898. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines for Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) stipulate that 50 per cent of the beneficiary groups formed each block will be in exclusively by women;

(b) if so, how many such Groups have been in operation during the year 2002-03 and whether 50 per cent of these groups are run by women; and

(c) what mechanism is in place to ensure that funds allotted to each group is not misused/under-utilised?

PMGSY roads in villages of Uttaranchal

†1899. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on Vyas-chatti-dev-prayag road, patti-manyarsun of Uttaranchal is in progress under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Vyas-chatti-dev-prayag road was proposed to be connected with silsu kota, silsu etc. villages but now the same work is not being done;

(c) whether Government are aware that it will be very much advantageous to connect many villages like silsu kota with the Vyas-chatti-dev-prayag road; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Schemes for water conservation

†1900. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch any scheme to encourage water conservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States in which this scheme has been launched; and

(d) the budgetary provision made for this purpose?

Schemes for women

1901. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes/programmes sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development

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which have women as targeted beneficiaries;

(b) whether there has been any campaign to create awareness of such schemes/ programmes among the rural women; and

(c) the details of roles assigned to Panchayats/NGOs to identify such groups/ individuals qualifying for assistance?

Supreme Court’s directives with regard to SGRY

1902. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Union Government to double the allocation to States during summer under the Pradhan Mantri Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the details of allocations made to States under the scheme to each State;

(c) whether the directions of the Supreme Court have been followed by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment to educated unemployed Youths of Maharashtra

†1903. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to educated unemployed youths in rural areas in Maharashtra and measures taken for their employment during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial allocation made for this purpose during the said period;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated by Government for this purpose during Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the schemes and achievements of Government in this regard?

Misutilisation of SGSY funds

1904. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale diversions, misutilisation and retention of funds in deposits have been reported under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY proposals approved for Maharashtra

1905. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and proposals approved for Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the details of the construction of roads for the year 2002-03;

(c) whether the cases of diversion of funds earmarked for PMGSY have come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

Roads to be constructed in Uttaranchal under PMGSY

†1906. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the roads to be constructed in Uttaranchal under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the amount provided for these roads;

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(b) whether he has received any proposal from Uttaranchal regarding proposed roads under this scheme during 2003-2004; and

(c) if so, by when the State Government would receive its sanction and the total length of roads proposed to be constructed during 2003-04?

Roads in Uttar Pradesh under PMGSY

1907. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of rural roads constructed so far under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" in Uttar Pradesh along with the funds utilized thereon; and

(b) the length of roads proposed to be constructed during the remaining part of the Tenth Five Year Plan period in the State and the funds required therefor?

Payment of *ex-gratia* to sunstroke victims

1908. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has requested for immediate release of more than Rs. 5 crore for payment of *ex-gratia* to the families of persons who died of sunstroke from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

Water scarcity in Southern districts of Orissa

1909. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern

districts of Orissa are facing acute water scarcity where a number of tubewells and sanitary wells have gone defunct; and

(b) if so, the help rendered by the Centre to the cash-strapped State to overcome this specially in the low level far-flung inaccessible areas of the State?

T.S.C. projects in Andhra Pradesh

1910. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Total Sanitation Campaign to improve the quality of life and promote sanitation in rural areas was launched in the country;

(b) the number of total sanitation campaign projects sanctioned to the State of Andhra Pradesh since its inception; and

(c) the amount that has been allocated to the above projects since its inception, year-wise?

Non-utilisation of funds under IAY and ARWSP in Andhra Pradesh

1911. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central funds released under Indira Awaas Yojana and Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme to Andhra Pradesh were not fully utilised during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of total allocations made, total releases made and unspent balance under each of these heads during the said period, year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures Government have taken in this regard?

Benefits of Rural Development Schemes

1912. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of fool proof arrangements Government have made to ensure that the benefits of the Rural Development Schemes reach the targeted persons in Andhra Pradesh and rest of the country?

Offer from Pakistani textile industry

1913. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a goodwill gesture, the Pakistani textile industry has offered Indian exporters a share in their unused quota for exporting garments to the European Union and the United States;

(b) if so, whether the arrangement is expected to benefit the Indian textile industry, which has a high level of demand for certain product categories but is unable to meet that demand due to quota restrictions;

(c) if so, whether any agreement in this regard was signed recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Brand Equity Fund for textiles and apparel products

1914. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to operate the Brand Equity Fund, exclusively for textiles and apparel products to intensify market promotional measures to consolidate the existing

markets and to develop new potential markets in Latin America and Africa;

(b) whether the Textile Ministry has taken up the issue with the Ministry of External Affairs to issue preferential trading blocks;

(c) if so, whether textile experts have suggested that the textile imports be minutely monitored; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government has considered these suggestions?

Export of textile products

†1915. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textiles industry being the labour intensive industry of the country is also a value-added industry;

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

(c) whether Government have formulated any proposal regarding action plan for encouragement for increasing the export of the textile products for development of textiles industry, if so, the outline thereof?

Strengthen the National Cotton Corporation office in Karnataka

1916. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent to strengthen the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. office at Raichur in Karnataka during 2002-03;

(b) whether there is any proposal to shift the above office to some other place; and

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(c) the amount earmarked during 2003-04 to take up new activities by the above Corporation?

Procurement of cotton by CCI

1917. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of cotton procured by cotton corporation of India and State agencies from various cotton producing States during the last financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether the cotton grower have been paid for their produce;

(c) if not, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the payment will be made?

Jute mills in the country

1918. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many jute-mills were there in the country upto December, 1997;

(b) how many of these jute-mills are in existence till 31st March, 2003;

(c) whether any new jute-mill has been set up during this period;

(d) the reason why these mills are getting sick year to year; and

(e) the steps towards modernisation of this category of mills?

Silk smuggling from China

1919. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large amount of silk is smuggled into the country from China, if so, the volume and value of the same;

(b) the steps taken to stop this illegal import of silk into the country;

(c) whether illegal import of silk hurt the interest of Sericulturists in the country; and

(d) the amount earmarked for Sericulture development in the country for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Implementation of scheme under DHPY in Uttaranchal

†1920. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various works and schemes being implemented in the State of Uttaranchal under Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Scheme (Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana); and

(b) the details of aid provided/to be provided to State Government during the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 under the said scheme?

Insurance cover to powerloom workers

†1921. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether two insurance schemes have been launched to provide insurance cover to powerloom workers;

(b) the amount Government propose to give to powerloom workers as premium;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to launch similar insurance scheme for the people living below poverty line in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Effect of import of Chinese Yarn

† 1922. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the fact that Indian Sericulture farmers are
facing difficulties because of import of
Chinese yarn;

- (b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to
be taken for improvement of quality of
Indian silk yarn;

(c) whether there is any proposal to
expand Sericulture and to make it quality
oriented during the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Secretary-General.

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