

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions — 132

Dumping of e-waste

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain is dumping e-waste such as broken computer monitors, TVs, discarded mobile phones etc every year in India;

(b) if so, the details of the e-waste dumped during the last five years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop this dumping?

Criteria for export of rice

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

(a) whether any criterion has been laid down to determine the eligibility for subsidy for export of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how it is ensured that only export of

genuine non-Basmati rice to the Middle East is put in a claim?

Trade relation with Libya

303. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Libya has offered multi-sectoral scope for the Indian firms;

(b) if so, the sectors which have been thrown open; and

(c) the areas where the Indian firms have already made a foray and the other areas where they now propose to enter?

Gold Policy

304. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up a panel to study the Gold policy;

(b) whether there are any guidelines for the panel;

(c) by when, the outcome of the study is expected; and

(d) how far it would affect the Gold Industry?

Growth of Cement Industry

305. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of cement industry is very modest during the current year as compared to the previous years;

(b) if so, the details of the growth rate of cement industry during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government have estimated the demand and supply of cement in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the areas which are untapped or neglected; and

(f) the steps Government propose to take to maximise the cement production?

Quality standards for agricultural products

306. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the countries signatory to the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Agriculture have prescribed specific quality and sanitary/photo sanitary standards for different agricultural produce they import;

(b) if so, whether these standards are uniform and identical for all the countries of origin;

(c) what are the standards for the commodities exported by India;

(d) what are the facilities, like testing laboratories, available to farmers in the country;

(e) whether Government propose to extend and improve these testing facilities; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Export of Industrial goods

307. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the growth of exports of industrial goods during the last five years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the impact thereof on the employment opportunities, year-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to help the export-oriented industries to achieve and sustain a higher growth rate?

Rubber production

308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rubber production in the country for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have recently lifted all restrictions for rubber imports;

(c) if so, the details of rubber import during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether Government have felt the need to allocate special funds to help improve production in order to revive the rubber industry;

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

Limestone export

309. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that limestone export from Rajasthan has been on a gradual decline due to Government's decision to reduce import duty and hike rail and ocean freight charges;
- (b) if so, the details of limestone export during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to revive limestone exports in the near future?

Indo-South Korea Trade Agreement

310. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any trade agreement was signed between India and South Korea in October last when President of South Korea visited the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent the trade between the two countries is expected to increase as compared to the present level, indicating the new items proposed to be exported to and imported from that country?

Package for Tea and Coffee Industry

311. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to come out with a package for tea and coffee industry;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government also propose to extend subsidy scheme to this sector; and
- (d) what is the position of these items in export sector?

Setting up of leather desk

312. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a leather desk, primarily to attract Italian investment in leather goods etc;
- (b) if so the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent this would help to increase trade with Italy?

Setting up of leather desk

313. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact a steep increase has been registered in the import of pepper from Sri Lanka since the exemption of Import Duty on pepper from Sri Lanka;
- (b) if so, the details of the import of pepper imported from Sri Lanka during the period 2001-04, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government are aware of the fall in prices of pepper in consecutive years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and
- (e) the steps Government have taken/ propose to take to protect interest of the indigenous producers?

Views of G-20 on WTO agreement

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

(a) whether it is a fact that G-20 consortium led by India, Brazil, China, Argentina and South Africa slammed the latest draft frame work on trade issues circulated by teh WTO

(b) the steps the consortium is taking or propose to take to change the draft text acceptable to all;

(c) whether the Ambassadors from G-20 countries met after the reference of the above draft by WTO to discuss teh future course of action; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Free Trade Agreement with Thailand

315. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed Free Trade Agreeemtn with Thailand;

(b) if so, salient features thereof;

(c) whether the India industries have expressed apprehension about the entire process of this agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

Setting up of leather desk

316. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not a single operational Special Economic Zone in the country, out of 21 notified SEZs;

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

(c) the steps Government are taking to remedy the situation?

Threat by France on WTO Plan

317. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANARAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction on the threat given by France to wreak the WTO's plan to revive talks on global trade pact

(b) The steps India and other countries are taking to pursue France to fall in line; and

(c) How it would affect India's prospects at the WTO?

Review of policy on import of scrap

318. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the policies and procedures to import scrap to ensure that security of the nation is not compromised while encouraging trade;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to step up vigilance to check live shells along-with scrap; and

(c) the measures taken to save human life from threat while handling imported scrap?

Infrastructural Improvement in U.P.

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

(a) the amount allocated to Uttar Pradesh for the infrastructural improvement in industrial areas during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the amount utilized by the State; and
 (c) the details of the progress made in various projects of the infrastructural improvement in industrial areas?

Setting up of SEZs

320. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received from the States to set up Special Economic Zones (SEZs);
- (b) the number of proposals approved and the number of SEZs set up as on the 31st March, 2004, State-wise;
- (c) the financial assistance given to the States for setting up of SEZs; and
- (d) the volume of the trade, product-wise and value-wise, transacted by these SEZs as on the 31st March, 2004?

Export/Import of honey

†321. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries have imposed restriction on import of Indian honey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether honey is being imported in the country; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of honey imported during the last five years along with the names of the countries from where it was imported?

Anti-dumping probe against Chinese rubber chemicals

322. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any anti-dumping probe against imports of certain rubber chemicals from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the price of rubber chemicals in the domestic market and the prices of Chinese rubber chemicals;

(d) the volume of rubber chemicals imported from China in terms of quantity and cost during the last two years, year-wise; and

(e) the losses incurred by the Indian firms on this account during the said period?

Agencies for inspection and certification of scrap

323. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the details of the authorised agencies earmarked by Government for inspection and certification of scrap coming in from war zone in order to ensure import of clean, non-explosive scrap?

Closed industries

†324. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of industries lying closed for the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the Government propose any policy their revival; and
- (c) if not, the details of the alternative schemes for providing jobs to the workers of such industries closed in national interest?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Custom duties on agricultural products

325. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different countries signatory to the Agreement on Agriculture (AOA) under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) have different levels of custom duties for various agricultural produce they import; and

(b) if so, the average rates of customs duties for each of the signatory countries?

Non-tariff barriers on agricultural exports

326. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the countries signatory to the Agreement on Agriculture under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) have prescribed different kinds of non-tariff barriers with a view to restricting their imports into their territories; and

(b) if so, the details of the non-tariff barriers prescribed by the countries importing agricultural produce from India in respect of these commodities?

Imports under Bangkok Agreement

327. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural produce and products which are imported in huge quantities under the Bangkok Agreement;

(b) whether it is a fact that such imported produce and products are much cheaper than the domestic agricultural produce and products; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect the farmers and domestic manufacturers?

Industrial development of Manpower

328. SHRI MAJON BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Schemes formulated by Government for the industrial development of Manipur during the last five years;

(b) whether adequate resources were earmarked for the development work in the State and if so, the details thereof; yearwise;

(c) the reasons for the development work not gaining momentum in the State; and

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

Electronics Hardware Technology Park

329. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether para 6.17 of Chapter 6 of EXIM Policy 2002-2007 permits private companies under Electronics Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) to carry out reconditioning, repair, remaking, testing, calibration, quality improvement, upgradation of technology and re-engineering activities for export;

(b) whether in Notification No. 52/03 dated 31.03.2003 customs, the words repairing and re-furnishing have not been mentioned, consequently companies wanting to export equipments after repairing and refurbishing cannot be issued licence under Section 58 of the Customs Act, 1962; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry of Finance has been requested to suitably revise the Notification?

(d) the details of the steps Government propose to take to monitor improvement of these industrial areas in the State?

Import of Gambier

330. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to prevalent high prices of catechu and stiff competition in its marketing, a chemical 'Cambier', which can cause several diseases including Caner, is being widely sold throughout the country as substitute of catechu, leading to almost collapse of catechue cottage industry and rendering lakhs of people unemployed;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban import of Gambier in the interests of the catechu growers and to save the people from various dangerous ailments; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation off funds for industrial areas

331. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds as sought by the State Government of Rajasthan and Punjab and the amount allocated for improvement of infrastructure in the industrial areas for the States for the year 2003-04 as compared to 2002-03;

(b) the funds released to the States during the last five years;

(c) the details of the progress made in various projects to improve infrastructure in the industrial areas in Rajasthan; and

Development of Manipur

332. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of problems being faced by Manipur especially pertaining to its security, its industrial development and growth of its infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps in regard thereto during the last three years; and

(c) what measures are being adopted for, an all-round development of the States?

Danger to heritage sites

333. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the heritate sites in the country which have been recognised by the UNESCO as World Heritage Sites, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that these sites have been endangered due to putting of hoardings and advertisements including painting of rocks;

(c) if so, the details of such sites, Statewise; and

(d) the restrictions imposed by Government in order to preserve these sites?

Monuments in Delhi

334. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Archaeological Survey of India has identified the monuments in Delhi which would be brought under the 'umbrella' of two existing world heritage monuments- Hamayun's Tomb and Qutab Minar-as per the guidelines indicated by the UNESCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time bound plan drawn up to spruce up and conserve these buildings/places and the details of the special assistance received from UNESCO for developing these heritage complexes?

Protection of Lal Gumbad

335. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the protected ancient monument "Lal Gumbad" in New Delhi, is being used as a dumping ground;

(b) whether it is also a fact that polythene bags are dotting the stone, floor and one of the seven graves in the tomb has been converted into a makeshift bed and the gateway to the monument is used by the Jhuggi clusters as a shed for animals at night etc.; and

(c) if so, whether Government would look into this to protect the heritage character of this ancient monument?

Funds to Kerala for various projects

336. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal? projects received from the Kerala Government under various schemes of his Ministry and funds allocated/sanctioned during the last two years, year-wise?

Safety of Taj Mahal

337. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the Security matters taken by Government for the Safety of Rajmahal;

(b) whether there was a fire near Raj followed by another fire; and

(c) what were the reasons for which these fire could not be prevented?

Promotion of diverse culture of the country

338. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote and preserve the diverse culture of the country;

(b) whether Government would set up 'culture Parks' in the Metropolitan cities of the country in order to promote the culture; and

(c) what measures are being undertaken to spread the richness of our culture abroad?

Historical documents

339. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that historic documents lying in official custody of the National Archives are not properly preserved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are taking for preservation of these documents?

World heritage sites

340. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.N.E.S.C.O. has proposed to classify some of the world heritage sites in India, including Hampi in Karnataka, in the "endangered" category; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific messages/warnings conveyed by the U.N. agency and the steps being taken to preserve the integrity, of the archaeological sites by saving them from any physical harm or compromising their unique ambience and scenic surroundings?

Funds for Bodo Tribal Area Development

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

(a) the details of the fund released for the infrastructural development-in BTAD area of Assam out of 500 crores special financial package as committed in the Bodo Accord 2003;

(b) the number of projects already started and completed; and

(c) the number of project obtained necessary approval?

Hindustan Photo Films manufacturing company

342. SHRI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted recommendations of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction to wind up the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing company;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the banks were willing to write off the interest on loans if Government come forward to make a one time settlement of the principal; and

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

Dividends of heavy industries

†343. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual dividends of the heavy industries under public sector have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the quantum of profit earned by each profit making industry during 2001-2002 and 2003-2004;

(c) whether these industries have also increased their production during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details of the production of each industry during the above period?

Revival of sick public sector units

†344. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to constitute 'Industrial Reconstruction Board' for the revival of sick and defunct industrial units in the public sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

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Package for loss making PSUs

345. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bailout package has been worked out for the revival of some of the loss making Public Sector Undertakings which were earlier approved for closure and/or disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the companies identified, the criteria evolved for choice of the PSUs and the strategy worked out for their revival; and

(c) the list of other PSUs which have been lined up for final closure and the action plan drawn up therefor?

Development and Expansion of technical education

†346. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for the development and expansion of technical education in view of the increasing unemployment in the country;

(b) the amount allocated for expansion of technical education during 2003-04 and 2004-05, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the number of unemployed youths benefited thereby?

Rehabilitation of poor and helpless widows

†347. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any package for rehabilitation of poor and helpless widows in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the State-wise amount likely to be spent thereon?

Setting up of New IITs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a high powered committee for setting up of new IITs by upgrading some academic institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there have been long pending demands from some southern States to set up or establish Indian Institute of Technologies in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government response in this regard?

Achievement of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†349. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, which was started with the aim of educating all Children of 6 to 14 years of age by the year 2010, has been a failure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount spent so far on the said programme?

Opening of Kendriya/Navodaya Vidyalayas

350. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas

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and Navodaya Schools in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more such schools in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Affairs of ICHR

351. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) is accused of financial bungling involving its present or former officials;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ICHR Chairman is accused of spending funds reserved for the Indo-European language project;

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations in this regard; and

(d) the details of the action proposed in this regard?

New Category of languages

352. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: SMT. S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to create a new category of languages as classical languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to declare Tamil as the first language under the category;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any proposal to declare any other Indian language as classical language; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Bill regarding admissions and fees in private professional colleges

353. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY SIRIGIREDDY: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are bringing a Bill before the parliament to put an end to haphazard admissions and continuous fee hikes in Private professional colleges;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with the State Governments, particularly the States with maximum private professional institutions; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Vocational Education in Chattisgarh

354. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions providing vocational education in Chattisgarh; and

(b) the approximate number of students given training during 2002-03 and 2003-04, separately?

Drop outs

355. SMT. KAMLA MANHAR:
SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether the Department related standing Committee on Human resource Development has deplored the increasing percentage of drop outs and the dismal 3.5 percent lowering of drop out percentage over the last decade;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the percentage of drop outs in various States, particularly in Karnataka along with reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to check and reduce the percentage of drop outs?

School Curricularm prescribed by religious organisations

356. SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYA-
RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) whether Government are committed to uphold the secular ethos in the schools curriculum;

(b) whether it is a fact that many schools run by the religious organizations continued to self prescribed the curriculum for the students in their respective schools;

(c) if so, whether any such curriculum has been found violating the secular values; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to check this phenomenon?

Disparity in School syllabus

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

(a) whether the students of the schools run by certain institutions are taught some specific books and syllabus besides those prescribed by NCERT; and

(b) if so, the details of such institutions as well as the reasons for disparity of syllabus on school level and the steps being taken to do away with such disparity?

Fate of Kendirya Vidyalaya Teachers

358. SMT. S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reinstate the Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who had to resign or were dismissed owing to their inability to Join the places of posting following the transfer guidelines issued earlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to set up a committee to take a fresh look at the above; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Common entrance test for Medical and Engineering

359. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANARAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Medical and Engineering Colleges Association to permit them to hold a National Level Common Entrance Test for admission to various courses under the management quota for 2005; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

Mid day meal scheme in Maharashtra

360. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of hunger and malnutrition 640 children died in Akkalkuva and Dadgaon in Maharashtra between march to August, 2004;

(b) whether mid day meal scheme is not operating in the schools of the said areas; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure that no one dies of hunger in the country?

Grants for Servashiksha Abhiyan in Kerala

361. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants sanctioned to Kerala for implementation of SA for the year 2004-05;

(b) the amount spent so far, by the State Government and whether any amount stands pending as unspent and if so the details thereof; and

(c) the progress achieved by the State Government in implementation of the scheme?

Alternative System of entrance Examination

362. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently many all-India entrance examinations to prestigious course in IIMs and IITs had to be cancelled due to leakage of question papers;

(b) if so, how many such cases occurred during 2003 and 2004 and what preventive measures have been taken to eliminate recurrence of such cases;

(c) whether Government are thinking of some alternative system of entrance in IIMs, IITs etc on centralized or decentralized basis; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

Reivew of NCERT History Books

363. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terms of reference of Three-Member Committee of Historians appointed to review NCERT history books, do not have precise interpretation;

(b) whether they have to assess the saffronised books of NDA period or any deviation from the historical facts; and

(c) if so, as discrepancies always existed in the interpretation of history and the process being time-consuming, what the students would be taught in the intervening period?

Opening of New Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala

364. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is heavy rush of students seeking admission in the central schools (KVs) in Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas in various parts of the state in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Re-evaluation of results of CBSE Examinations

365. SHRI BHAGWATISINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBSE has not introduced the system of re-evaluation of results of examination so far while the same has been introduced in the other Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in the interest of the students on the pattern of other Boards;

(c) whether a large number of students of 10th and 12th Classes have applied for re-checking of their results (2003-04) but no intimation has been sent to them so far; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and when they would be informed?

Committee to review National Curriculum Framework

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

(a) whether Government have constituted a National Committee headed by Prof. Yashpal to review the National Curriculum Framework for School Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Legislation on admissions in private colleges

367. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have brought

a Legislation on admissions in private colleges; and

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

Mid day meal scheme

368. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon. Supreme Court of India has directed the Centre to implement "Mid day" meal scheme on its own since States have not been able to implement these schemes properly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress registered so far in this regard?

Allocation for Karnataka under Sarva-Shiksha Abhiyan

369. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocations made to Kanataka for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme during the last three years;

(b) the impact of the programme on literacy rate;

(c) to what extent school drop outs reduced after its implementation; and

(d) whether there are any plan for extension of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme to secondary schools, and if so, by when?

Bill on sexual harassment of women at workplace

370. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the

Supreme Court's directives, the National Commission for Women had submitted a draft of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Redressal and Prevention) Bill, 2004;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has since obtained suggestions and comments from the interested public/NGOs and whether the volume of response was overwhelming; and

(c) by when Government are likely to introduce the final bill in Parliament?

Guidelines for Nursery Schools

371. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines if any, for establishing a nursery school;

(b) whether there is a large scale mushrooming of nursery schools in various cities and towns;

(c) whether for want of a monitoring agency, these collect heavy fees from the parents; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to set up a mechanism to monitor establishment and activities of such nursery schools in various parts of the country?

Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas

372. SHRIMOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDA Government had opened 95 Kendriya Vidyalayas by flouting the rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's viewpoint regarding these schools;

(d) whether Government would provide basic amenities in these schools, if so by when; and

(e) what steps Government would take for protecting the future of the students studying in the above schools in case of closure of these schools?

Free test books under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

373. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, under the scheme of "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" free text books are supplied to all girls and SC/ST students of 1st to 8th standard in all schools;

(b) if so, whether free books are not supplied to the students belonging to OBC, VJ and BPL categories;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government of Maharashtra and other States have requested the union Government to consider the modification in the scheme so as to provide benefit to the deserving section;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) Government's reaction thereto?

Inhuman ragging in Universities

374. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ragging is still rampant in various colleges under different universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that an inhuman form of ragging took place in the school of Architecture and Planning this year in Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof whether the culprits have been punished; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to stop such inhuman ragging in the universities?

Transfer of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas

375. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have found clear cut evidence that irregular procedure was adopted in the past to effect transfer of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to rectify the situation?

Casualties in practical classes of chemistry

376. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases of accidents and deaths have been reported involving the students/laboratory Assistants engaged in practical classes in chemistry in Delhi University and various colleges thereunder during the past few years and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

Funding gap for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and mid day meal scheme

377. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Government are facing a huge funding gap of Rs. 12,000 crores in implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the mid day meal schemes over the next five years, even though it would mop up an estimated Rs. 28,000 crores through the additional impost of the 2 percent cess on all central taxes for the purpose; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to bridge the gap and to ensure that SSA programme is implemented with full vigour?

Opening of new Central Universities

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

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to open two new central universities in Manipur and the other at Allahabad by converting the existing state Universities; and

(b) if so, by when the exercise in this regard is likely to be completed and legislations on the subject to be introduced in Parliament?

Opening of Navodaya/Kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan and Punjab

379. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open more Navodaya and kendriya Vidyalayas in Rajasthan and Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how Government intend to raise the standard of education of the children living in villages and small towns all over the country?

Primary Education programme

380. SHRIRAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts especially in Chattisgarh where Government have introduced the district primary education programme;

(b) whether Government propose to expand this programme in other poor and educationally backward district's; and

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

Review of sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

381. SHRIRAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any review of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the period during which this review was done; and

(c) te outcome of the review?

State commission for women in Manipur

382. SHRIBALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur has set up a State Commission for Women;

(b) whether the National Commission for Women has made any recommendation in this regard; and

(c) whether the State has any alternative mechanism for evaluating the socio-economic status of women in the State and addressing the problems of women?

Policy on DTH projects

383. SMT. N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) wheter his Ministry is thinking of having a long-term policy to regulate broadcasters on DTH ventures;

(b) whether his Ministry has also discussed this issued with TRAI.

(c) the details of the proposals from the private players pending before his Ministry for DTH projects;

(d) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has started its own DTH service in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Reconstitutiona of Press Council of India

384. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconstitute the Press Council of India and the Central Press Accreditation Committee and also amending the working Journalists Act to include the electronic media; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New Channel of DD

385. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is going to launch a new channel that would cater exclusively to the Asian community in England;

(b) whether all the formalities in this regard have since been completed; and

(c) by when if it is likely to be commissioned?

Telecast of programmes for adults

†386. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mumbai High Court has recently directed Government to take necessary action to ensure that satellite T.V. channels telecast only such programmes for adults that have got approval of the Censor Board; and

(b) if so, the necessary steps taken by Government to implement the directions indicating the progress made so far in this regard?

Telecast of Olympic events

†387. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the legitimate right to telecast olympic events was exclusively given to Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some private news channels had exceeded the time limit of agreement for the telecast of olympic events;

(c) if so, whether Government would recover the amount for the excess time from these private news channels; and

(d) if so, to what extent and by when?

DTH service

388. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has finalized the rules and regulations for Doordarshan's DTH Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the objectives thereof; and

(c) by when Doordarshan is likely to start satellite transmission in Ku Band to enable the viewers to receive 30 TV Channels free to air, with the help of dish antenna and a Set Top Box?

Vulgarity on cable TV and print media

389. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have devised any action plan or code of conduct for checking vulgarity on cable TV network and print media; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Film on Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narayan

†390. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that film on Jayprakash Narayan by Shri Prakash Jha was deliberately withheld for screening on Doordarshan on October 11 which happens to be the birthday of Jayaprakash Narayan ji;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the status of this film and whether Government have finally decided its screening after making certain cuts therefrom and if so, the precise reasons for making such cuts?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

FM Radio stations

391. SMT. KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has drawn up an ambitious road map to set up 400 FM radio stations in the private sector throughout the country;

(b) if so, the locations thereof, particularly in Karnataka and the objective of setting up FM Station through out the country;

(c) the terms and conditions of the agreement signed between the private parties and the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) the estimated revenue likely to be earned from these FM radio stations?

Advertisement on the Gandhi's birth anniversary

392. SMT. N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is his Ministry reaction to the advertisement issued by it on the Gandhi's Birth Anniversary quoting him as saying, "I would rather have india resort to arms in order to defend her honour than remain a helpless to her own dishonour"; and

(b) what message does his Ministry intends to convey through this advertisement?

Upgrading AIR stations in Uttaranchal

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

(a) whether a few A.I.R. stations are proposed to be upgraded during the ongoing Five Year Plan itself;

(b) whether Uttaranchal based Almora and Shrinagar stations of A.I.R. are also proposed to be upgraded during the plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of the allotnatie steps being taken to make the broadcast effective in this boardering State?

Media Commission

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up a media commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are planning to establish a media council in placed of the Press Council of India;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government are also considering to make changes in the Working Journalist Act; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Auction for time slots of DD National channel

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

(a) whether 'Doordarshan' is considering to auction some time slots of its national channel to private parties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the subject matter of various programmes presented by the private parties is regulated?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Dealing of cable operators

†396. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are expirining some hurelles in implementations of Conditional Access System (CAS) and as a result there of the consumers are being exploited due to arbitrary dealing by the cable operators;

(b) if so, whether Government are making an arrangement where by the viewers would be able to view most of the channels through "Doordarshan"; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

DTH telecast regime

397. SHRIS.S. AHULWALIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that directo to home (DTH) telecast regime is presently under implementation throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits envisaged for the viewers under DTH regime;

(c) whether it is a fact that television viewers residing in remote areas, including the Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep and Minicoi Islands would be able to access DTH;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecast of Adult movies

†398. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received

any representation from major T.V. cfhannels wherein it has been requested to grant permission to telecast adult movies on their network from 9.00 p.m. to 6 a.m;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Live telecast of cricket series

399. SHIRAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was some controversy over the BCCI's deal on live live telecast of cricket series with Australia commenced on 6th October 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how the issue was resolved over the telecast rights; and

(d) whether Government would frame a long term policy in this regard?

Downlinking policy

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

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is giving final touches to the downlinking policy;

(b) whether the proposed policy is going to be mandatory for the television companies; and

(c) whether the proposed policy is going to be mandatory for the television companies; and

(c) how the new proposed policy controls the pornographic channels aired through DTH?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Community radio project

401. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the community radio project launched with much fanfare last year has failed to take off;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 50 institutions had applied for licences and his Ministry after processing the applications, had recommended cases to the Department of Telecommunications for frequencies but till date, only one institute Anna University of Chennai has a low range radio station installed on its campus;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in installation of frequency stations; and

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

DTH services of AIR

402. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Direct to Home (DTH) service of All India Radio is likely to be launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of channels on which the programme would be broadcast;

(d) whether it is also fact that several services of All India Radio are being closed down; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Radio stations in Dharmapuri of Tamil Nadu

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a 10 KW capacity radio station with a range of about 65 km was set up in Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu with a cost of Rs. 4 crore but till date it has not started functioning due to shortage of essential staff;

(b) if so, the time likely to be taken in manning this radio station and commissioning it;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce FM Channel in this radio station in the interest of the local people;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Layers with fake degrees

†404. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an investigation team of the Bar Council of India (Punjab & Haryana) identified 40 lawyers practising on the basis of fake degrees and expressed the possibility of many persons holding the posts of judges etc;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to identify and penalise all these fake degrees holders; and

(c) by when this task would be accomplished?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pending court cases

405. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of court cases pending where both petitioner and defendant are Government or its departments;

(b) the percentage of such cases out of the total pending cases;

(c) whether Government are planning any steps for a speedy disposal of such cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Vacations in courts

406. SHRIRAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has suggested to judiciary to cut down vacations to help clear pending cases while addressing the meeting of Chief Justices and CM's on the 18th September, 2004;

(b) if so, the judiciary's reaction thereto;

(c) the number of cases pending in various High Courts as on the 13th September, 2004; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Judiciary to expedite disposal of these cases?

Pending cases

407. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases that are more than three years old pending in various High Courts and District Courts year-wise, category-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to set up a committee to deliberate and suggest ways and means for speedy disposal of Court cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that the suggestions made by the senior judges for speedy disposal of cases all pending Government consideration; and

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

High Court for Haryana

†408. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Haryana with regard to establish a separate High Court for the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the States smaller than Haryana have their separate High Courts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to establish a separate High Court for the State;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Circuit bench of Kolkata High Court at Jalpaiguri

409. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of setting up of a circuit bench of the Kolkata High Court at Jalpaiguri; and

(b) the steps initiated by Government to expedite the process?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bringing Widow homes under National Trust for welfare of Persons with Autisurese

410. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Trust for welfare of Persons with Autires is only providing their care services for the persons with autism, cerebral palry mental retardation and multiple disabilities;

(b) whether Government are aware about the prevailing pathetic conditions of widows of widow-homes at Brindaban in U.P;

(c) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to bring the widow-homes under the purview of the Trust in order to provide help to the widows to lead a meaningful life; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Job reservations in privati sector

411. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to provide job reservation for SC/ST/OBCs in private corporate sector as a part of its common minimum programme;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the constitutional validity of such enactments in this regard;

(c) whether Government have also initiated any dialogue with the corporate sector for a consensual approach to the issue; and

(d) if so, the response of the corporate sectorthereto?

Grants to Voluntary Jrganirations

†412. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that voluntary organisations are provided with grants under the Artificial Limbs Equipment Supply Scheme for providing artifical limbs and equipments to the disabled persons at free of cost and if so the amount of grant during the last three years 2001-2002 and 2003-04;

(b) the number of proposals alongwith the amount sought therein received by Government, so far from Chhatisgarh and the proposals sanctioned rofer;

(c) by when the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared; and

(d) the reasons of delay?

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

†413. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted to various States for the implementation of the National Programme for the Rehabilitation of Physically Disabled persons (N.P.R.P.D) during the last three years, state wise; and

(b) the steps taken for rehabilitation of disable of persons durning the about pried?

Utilizaties of funds meant for STs and weaker Seections

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

(a) the amount provided to various States during the last three years for

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different schemes formulated for scheduled castes, Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections of the society and the amount actually utilised out of such allocation; and

(b) the reasons for not utilising the amount allocated?

Elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes

415. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Safai Karmacharis (NCSK) has submitted any special report on the status of implementation of the constitutional directive on elimination of manual scavenging of human wastes;

(b) the States where this directive is currently enforced;

(c) the States where this directive is yet to be implemented; and

(d) whether the Centre has set any deadline in this regard?

Welfare of destitute people

†416. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government to NGOs for the welfare of destitute people during the last three years;

(b) whether government are aware of the fact that out of these NGOs many of them never existed in past nor do exist even at present;

(c) if so, the details of such organisations and the quantum of financial assistance provided to them along with the dates when such assistance was provided; and

(d) the details of the destitute people in the country Statewise and number of people benefitted by these schemes?

National policy on tribals

417. SMT. S. G. INDIRA:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring a National Policy on tribals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had sought the suggestions and views of NGOs and other working organisations in the field of tribal welfare;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to hold four regional level seminars prior to finalisation of the policy?

Resettlement of Tribals

418. SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYA-
RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for approval of diversion of forest land for resettlement of tribal families;

(b) if so, the area of land required for this purpose;

(c) the area identified and specified in the request;

(d) the number of families to be given land; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) the action taken by government in this regard?

Rehabilitation of landless tribals

419. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any plan to rehabilitate landless tribal families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether land has been identified and acquired for distribution; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, state wise with particular reference to Kerala?

Allotment of land for petrol, diesel pumps

420. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA undertakes the task of allotting land (on lease) to the holder of the letter of intents for Petrol Diesel Pumps issued by the various oil companies;

(b) if so, whether land has been allotted to all the applicants holding the letter of intent since 1992; and

(c) if not, by when the land would be allotted to the remaining applicants?

basic infrastructural facilities in Dwarka

421. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flat-holders in various sectors in Dwarka sub-city feel completely let down because of the failure of the DDA in providing uninterrupted power, adequate water supply, well-laid approach roads and connectivities from different directions etc;

(b) if so, the reasons for there even after 15 years of the inauguration of the subject; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to provide expeditiously these amenities so as to improve the rate of occupancy?

Losses to DDA on auction of plots in Rohini

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

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 38 plots in sector 25(7) of Rohini, Delhi which were to be sold through auction, had been allotted to people under the normal process;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that as a result of the above allotments the Delhi Development Authority had to suffer a loss worth Rs. 30 crore on the plots measuring 400 sq. yards; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the persons responsible for the loss?

Kolkata Mega City Project

423. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: the action taken so far on Kolkata Megacity Project received from the West Bengal Government?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Unallotted Minto Road Press Pool Quarters

424. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Minto Road Press pool quarters of different types remained unallotted during February, 2003 to March, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the loss suffered by Government as a result thereof; and

(c) the names and designation of the officer of the said press who has been notified to act as the Estate Officer under Section 3 of the Public Premises (Eviction of unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 in the official Gazette?

Model Municipal Laws

425. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drafted a 'Model Municipal Law' for adoption by the States/UTs;

(b) if so, the salient provisions of the proposed model law; and

(c) whether Government have circulated the draft law amongst the States/UTs to elicit their views and comments thereon?

Pathetic conditions of Jamuna Ghats

426. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the prevailing pathetic conditions of Jamuna ghats in Delhi which are not even suitable for burning the dead-bodies besides religious functions/rituals;

(b) whether Government have any action plan to save the Ghats;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Metro Rail Project in Jaipur

‡427. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to run Metro Rail various cities including Jaipur on the line of Delhi;

(b) if so, the time frame to implement this plan;

(c) whether some States have expressed their inability to implement this plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme in Maharashtra

428. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme is a Centrally sponsored programme for towns having population of less than 20,000 (twenty thousand) based on 1991 census;

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

(c) whether, as per 2001 census, there were very few towns with a population less than 20,000;

(d) whether the Government of Maharashtra and other States have requested the Union Government to increase the population norms of 20,000 to one lakh population for 'b' and 'c' class municipalities to include more towns under the programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) Government's reaction thereto?

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Population Explosion

429. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether half of the entire population of the world would turn urban within the forthcoming three years;

(b) if so, the ratio of Indian population therein;

(c) what would be the enhanced percentage of India's urban population in the population of the world by 2010;

(d) the measures being taken Government to check this increasing pressure of urban population; and

(e) the measures being taken to provide housing, water, health sanitation and other necessities in urban areas for the abovesaid population?

Slum Sanitation Programme state-II in Mumbai

430. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for grant/credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme-Stage-II in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of its receipt; and

(c) the present status thereof?

Environmental projects in Urban Slums

‡431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being run at present with the help of foreign assistance in the country for environmental improvement in urban slums specially in Himachal Pradesh and since when;

(b) the projects where actual work is yet to start; and

(c) the steps taken Government for equal distribution of foreign assistance received for the said purpose?

Schemes/Programmes for satellite towns of NCR

432. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes/programmes for urban employment and poverty alleviation for the satellite towns of National Capital like gurgaon, Faridabad, Panipat, Bahadurgarh, Gaziabad, NOIDA etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last six months;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to make such schemes in future; and

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

NEW DELHI;
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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