

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; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

Facilities for marine product exports

2472. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any
steps to help marine product exporters for
use of air freight for their exports;

(b) whether there is any scheme to
subsidise such exports;

(c) whether Government have set up
frozen storage facilities at critical places in
the country to facilitate marine
product exports;

(d) if so, the location of such cold
storages;

(e) whether Government propose to
increase the number of such cold storages
in the country; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decrease in import and export between India and Pakistan

2473. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the strained relations
between India and Pakistan resulted in
decrease in import-export between the two
countries;

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

(c) the platforms which Government
have chosen to discuss and improve im-
port-export between the two countries so
that the economy does not suffer; and

(d) by when, trade between the two
countries would be normalized?

Establishment of industries in the country

2474. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH
SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COM-
MERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to
state:

(a) the details of the targets fixed for the
establishing of various industries in the
country particularly in the State of Assam
during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise;
and

(b) the details of measures being taken by Government to achieve the said targets?

Indian view on multilateral environment agreement

2475. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a submission to the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment, India has pointed out that the term multilateral environment agreement contained in the Doha declaration should only include agreements negotiated under the aegis of the United Nations or specialised agencies like the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) if so, whether India has turned down Japan's definition of Environment Pact;

(c) if so, what were the main reasons for turn down of Japan's definition of Environment Pact; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Restriction on textiles import in America and European countries

†2476. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that import of textiles has been restricted to a particular limit due to prevailing quota system in America and European countries;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no restriction on the import of textiles from said countries to India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Leather goods export park in West Bengal

2477. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a leather goods export park in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details and proposed location of the same;

(c) whether there has been a demand to give a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) status to this proposed park; and

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

Domestic and foreign companies in salt production

†2478. SHRIMATIPREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTI LAL VORA:

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

(a) the number of domestic and foreign companies/individuals involved in the production of salt at present;

(b) the details of per quintal cost of production of ordinary and iodised salt

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alongwith its export rates and domestic sale rates;

(c) the schemes being implemented by concerned factories for the welfare of the employees working in these salt factories;

(d) the extent of financial contribution being provided by Government therefor; and

(e) the number of persons rendered jobless so far?

FDI in the State of Gujarat

2479. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRIBHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB), the direct foreign investment in the State of Gujarat during the last one year attracted Rs. 8,000 crore of investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main sectors in which the FDI has been received during the last one year?

EC proposal on food security to WTO

2480. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

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

(a) whether the European Commission has claimed that its agriculture proposal submitted to the WTO is fair and a win-win with sufficient safeguards to protect food security of developing countries including India;

(b) if so, whether the European Commission has suggested to create within the WTO a food security box which is precisely focused on needs of countries like India;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined this report; and

(d) to what extent they are agreeable to the claim made by the European Commission?

Duty free entry for specified products into the U.S.

2481. SHRI ARJUN SINGH:

DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

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

(a) whether India has pressed Washington to bring 850 additional agricultural, chemical and pharmaceutical items within the purview of the Generalised System of Preferences Scheme which allows duty free entry for specified products into the US market;

(b) if so, whether at present a total 1,500 Indian export products are eligible for concessions under the scheme which is renewed every two years; and

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

Free flow of drugs in developing countries

2482. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether WTO is yet to find ways to offer cheaper drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the failure of the WTO to come to a common agreement which could offer cheaper medicines to developing countries; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure the free flow of drugs without any hindrance?

Exports by MMTC

2483. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC has posted 32 per cent growth in exports;

(b) whether the company has been awarded for this excellent performance;

(c) whether the company has penetrated the Chinese market for ores and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the total export to China and to other countries during the year 2001-2002, mineral-wise?

Import of petroleum products

†2484. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the import of petroleum products including crude oil for the last few years;

(b) if so, the amount and value of the crude oil and other petroleum

products imported during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and first 10 months of 2002-2003 separately; and

(c) the percentage of the said import value in each of the said years in comparison to the total import value of the country, year-wise?

Production of battery operated scooters and cycles

2485. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission for the production and marketing of battery operated scooters and cycles, which are completely pollution free, in the country;

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

(c) by when such battery operated scooters and cycles are likely to be available in the State of Rajasthan?

Project Export Promotion Council

2486. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a Project Export Promotion Council and also create an export development fund to access the global market;

(b) if so, whether this was one of the recommendations of the Task Force on Project Export constituted by the PMO;

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(c) whether any modalities for the Council has been considered;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent this Project Export Council will finalise the funds utilisation?

Benefits of North East Industrial Policy

2487. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's North East Industrial Policy has benefited only two States out of seven;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for investment in North East in last three years and the number of people got employment out of that capital investment?

US rule for containers entering that country

2488. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent rule introduced by the US Government for containers entering that country through its ports requiring the shipping lines to inform the U.S. customs authority one day in advance about the goods being loaded on ships for the U.S. ports;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said order is discriminatory for cargo from the Indian sub-continent and also involves delays and extra cost to exporters; and

(c) the steps being taken to take suitable remedial measures to protect the interests of the Indian exporters?

Decision taken on the recommendations of N.K. Singh Committee

2489. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have since been taken on the recommendations of N.K. Singh Committee to boost foreign direct investment;

(b) what steps have so far been taken in pursuance thereof; and

(c) the foreign direct investment secured in different sectors of economy during the first three quarters of the current financial year?

Revival of Industrial Sector in Jammu and Kashmir

2490. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to revive the ailing Industrial Sector of Jammu and Kashmir especially Jammu during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount to be allotted during this period?

Impact of FDI on industrial output

2491. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of FDI on the growth of industrial output;

(b) how far the FDI has been able to increase productivity in the industrial sector; and

(c) the details of measures taken by Government to make FDI more effective to strengthen industrial sector in India?

Quality Council of India

2492 SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selecting members of the Quality Council of India (QCI);

(b) whether the Secretary General, QCI was ever informed through a detailed questionnaire that malpractices have become rampant in granting of ISO Certificates;

(c) if so, his response to that questionnaire;

(d) whether QCI is not the policing body to monitor the ISO Certification and Accreditation process;

(e) if so, the policing body for such monitoring; and

(f) whether Government are aware that without such an independent policing body, the entire process and Indian ISO Certificates will lose their credibility in World Trade?

Financial assistance to exporters by APEDA

2493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) have provided financial assistance to exporters in Andhra Pradesh for export promotion of fruits and vegetables from the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom during the last two years, year-wise?

ISO 9000 and 14001 certificates

2494. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Indian/foreign agencies granting ISO 9000 and 14001 certificates operating in India, are being monitored by any Government agency;

(b) if so, whether there is a process for official registration of such ISO certifying agencies;

(c) the criteria (pre-qualification) for the above registration;

(d) the number of ISO certifying agencies (Government and Private) existed in 1993 and in 2003;

(e) whether certifying agencies in India are being audited directly by their respective Accreditation Council for their Indian operations; and

(f) if not, the authenticity of the accreditation?

SEZs in the country

2495. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) set up in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the Special Economic Zone set up at Paradeep in Orissa has not been made operational; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Export order of potato from foreign countries

†2496. SHRI JAYANTI LAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received order from any country for the export of potato;

(b) if so, the names of the countries from which Government have received export order together with the quantum to be exported, year-wise; and

(c) the names of the States wherefrom Government are considering to export potato to meet the export order?

Patenting of Indian goods/items by European countries

†2497. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the cases brought to the Government's notice wherein the European countries have got the patent of Indian goods/items and they continue to get the same;

(b) the details of the goods/items in respect of which the patent had been taken back from the European countries by India;

(c) whether it is a fact that the patent of jute from the London based firm, the Geo Hess had been taken back by the Jute Production Development Council constituted recently for the ailing jute industries of the country; and

(d) if so, the assistance which Government provide to the entrepreneurs of the country in such matters?

WTO meetings on anti-dumping

†2498. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Trade Organisation (W.T.O.) has held meetings during October and November, 2002 on issues related to anti-dumping and subsidy;

(b) if so, whether Government have participated in the said meetings;

(c) if so, whether Government have raised these issues in the said meetings; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

US proposal in WTO for reduction of import duties by Member countries

2499. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that American representatives have recently brought a proposal in World Trade Organisation to the effect that Member countries should reduce import duties in their respective countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a huge difference in rates of import duties in Member countries; and

(d) if so, what are the minimum and maximum rates, alongwith the names of such countries?

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**Appointment of foreigners and NRIs
in Indian Companies in SEZs**

2500. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions governing appointment of foreigners and NRIs as consultants or employees in Indian companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have waived the condition of residence for NRIs appointed as Managing Directors of Indian companies located in SEZs with leave to draw pay up to Rs. 20,00,000 per month;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the profile of SEZ companies, including PSUs, if any, their average annual turn over, the total outgo of foreign exchange on account of pay and perks of foreign/NRI employees during the last three years?

Export of blood serum

2501. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blood serum is being exported from India;

(b) if so, the names of companies which have been permitted;

(c) whether the export is for the purpose of research; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken to ensure that the benefits of the research done on our own species is not lost out?

**Consumption of low-alcohol
beverages by younger generation**

2502. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of low-alcohol beverages by the younger generation is on the increase;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey on the effect of this trend on their health; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

**Life Insurance Scheme for poor
families**

†2503. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend life insurance of Rupees five thousand for those poor families who have two children and want to adopt family planning programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a similar scheme was also introduced by the Andhra Pradesh Government but it failed due to non-cooperation of the insurance companies;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any specific precaution for making this scheme successful; and

(e) the amount required for this scheme, year-wise?

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**New strategy for polio
eradication**

†2504 SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government have approved
a new strategy for eradication of polio for
the year 2002-2003 as suggested by the
experts;

(b) if so, the details of the new
strategy;

(c) the number of cases of polio
brought to the notice of Government
during the last three years from the
States where polio eradication
programme had been completed
successfully, State-wise; and

(d) the States where Government
plan to implement the new strategy?

**Gene therapy approach for preventing
AIDS**

2505. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the
University of California and the California
Institute of Technology researchers have
developed a new gene therapy approach
which helps in preventing AIDS; and

(b) if so, the details of the research?

Cervical Cancer

2506. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
media reports that curable cervical cancer
is a big killer in India;

(b) whether as per hospital reports more
and more women patients are dying of this
curable infection; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Govern-
ment to control unabated deaths of women
by this dreaded disease?

**Violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics
Act**

2507. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DCGI has
directed the withdrawal of products from
the market and stoppage of production
where the permissions were granted by the
State Drugs Controller Authorities in vio-
lation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that State
Drugs Controller of Maharashtra had al-
lowed the manufacture of Levonorgestrel
0.75 contraceptive for women for the
new indication Emergency Contraception,
which is a violation of Rule 122-E of the
Drugs and Cosmetics Act; and

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(c) the name of the company involved and the action taken against the erring authorities and the company?

New drugs permission

2508. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER
KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DCGI working is being interfered by the DG to favour certain companies:

(b) whether it is also a fact that in certain cases the new drugs permission has been granted within a short period of one month time whereas in most of the cases the time taken is much more:

(c) the details of the applications received for the new drug permissions alongwith the date of receipt and the date of approval by DCGI during the year 2002; and

(d) the details of pending applications alongwith the names of companies and drugs?

Guidelines for certifying a product as product

2509. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the product Revital has been classified as a food product;

(b) if so, the criteria and guidelines for certifying a product as food product;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NPPA had issued notice for not taking the price approval for Revital;

(d) the estimated overcharged amount;

(e) whether the company is trying to circumvent the Drugs Price Control Order by classifying this product as a food item; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Pneumonia disease

2510. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WHO has recently issued a global warning about spread of pneumonia which has claimed many lives;

(b) if so, whether Government on the warning of WHO have taken any steps in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the plans formulated to check spread of this particular disease in the country?

Two child norm

2511. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and various other States have adopted 'the' two child norm;

(b) if so, the States which have, so far, adopted this norm;

(c) to what extent, it has been successful;

(d) whether the two States, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, have been able to achieve the population control;

(e) if so, the steps being considered by Government to urge the States to check the population growth;

(f) how many States have agreed;

(g) whether any norm has been set up for this; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

AIDS epidemic in Asia

2512. SHRI GHULAM NABI

AZAD:

SHRI ABANI ROY:

SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report that AIDS is spreading faster in Asia;

(b) if so, whether the experts have warned about spread of AIDS epidemic in Asia;

(c) whether the WHO has issued instructions to the countries in Asia to deal with the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Study conducted by GG Indraprastha University on groundwater

2513. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted by GG Indraprastha University of about 50 samples of groundwater lifted from random spots, which has revealed that concentrates of arsenic, mercury nitrates, sulphates and dissolved salts in the Capital's groundwater exceeds permissible limits; and

(b) if so, the steps taken so that this health hazard could be gradually eliminated?

ICMR study report on Union Carbide gas leak

2514. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that ICMR study team set-up to study the effects of the Union Carbide gas leak in 1984, has not yet submitted its final report and the abrupt stoppage of its functioning inspite of deaths continuing even now due to the effect of this mishap, points to existence of nexus between the multinationals Government and bureaucrats; and

(b) if so, the reasons why the findings of the study team are not being made public?

Ban on sale of fast food and cold drinks in canteens

†2515. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government on the basis of the research study report of AIIMS, propose total ban to be imposed upon the sale of fast food and cold drinks in the canteens of all the Central Universities, as well as in all the colleges and educational institutions being run by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction to the research report of the AIIMS and the action likely to be taken by Government?

Amendments to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act

2516. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Drugs and Cosmetics Act is ineffective to deal with the various crimes relating to manufacture and sale of spurious drugs;

(b) if so, whether the NCT Government of Delhi has urged Government to bring suitable amendments in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act to check such crimes; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Asthma patients in Mumbai

2517. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Asthma patients is increasing in Mumbai city;

(b) if so, the reasons for spread of the disease; and

(c) whether Government have chalked out any plan to check this menace?

China's share in world herbal medicine market

2518. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will The Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has secured a share of \$ 16 billion in world herbal medicine market;

(b) the incentives Government are providing to promote Indian Systems of Medicine;

(c) whether the Ayurvedic formulation units have asked for exemption from VAT and also from import duty on equipments for analytical purposes; and

(d) whether the newly formed National Medicinal Plants Board can function as a nodal agency for overseeing proper utilisation of incentives by the indigenous medicine manufacturing units?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Central Government Hospitals
breeding secondary infections**

2519. SHRI P PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of major hospitals in Delhi run by the Central Government breed secondary infections leading to serious health hazards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Population Control Policy

2520. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any comprehensive policy to control population in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to incentives and disincentives;

(c) the amount of money spent during the year 2002-2003 on family planning and the success achieved and the amount allocated for the year 2003-2004 and the targets set out for the year; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that family planning efforts do not disturb the desirable gender ratio?

AIDS Vaccine

2521. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scientists at the National Chemical Laboratory have successfully developed an effective vaccine for AIDS;

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

(c) whether the international patent for the said vaccine has since been obtained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Compensation to women who die in
the hospital**

†2522. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering over provision of compensation in regard to those women who die in the hospital during operation on the analogy of compensation paid in the case of death of Haj and Amarnath Pilgrims; and

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

**Impact of various family planning
measures in Punjab**

2523. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the impact of various family planning measures adopted in Punjab to control population in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce new methods adopted in other Countries; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cancer patients in the Country

2524. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cancer is increasing continuously at an alarming rate in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide economical treatment to the weaker sections;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to establish more Radiation Cobalt Units to fulfil the necessities of urban and rural areas in the Country in order to provide economical treatment to weaker sections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Spread of AIDS in the country

2525. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to control the rapidly increasing cases of AIDS in the Country;

(b) the names of other South Asian Countries besides India where AIDS is increasing rapidly; and

(c) the quantum of money and other assistance given to India by WHO to control the increasing cases of AIDS during the last three years?

Action plan for promoting Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy in Gujarat

2526. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to implement the action plan for promoting Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds released to the State for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise and the results achieved?

Fee for new drug applications

2527. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started receiving fees for the new drug applications;

(b) if so, the total number of applications received alongwith the names of the companies and amount received during the last three years and till date; and

(c) in what way Government propose to utilize this amount to strengthen the Central Drug Control Organisation?

AIDS affected Blood Banks in the country

2528. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Blood Banks had been directed to procure blood only after establishing it as free from AIDS virus in the light of fast spreading of AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, whether every Blood Bank is fully equipped to test AIDS virus in the blood procured; and

(c) if not, the steps Government would propose to take to see that a large number of patients are saved from AIDS, affected through HIV positive blood transfusion through blood procured from Blood Banks in the country?

Funds under RCHP for Himachal Pradesh

2529. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh under the Reproductive and Child Health Programme for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for the purpose are being diverted for other purposes; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to check such diversion and misuse of funds?

Anthrax in the country

2530. PROF. M. SANKARA LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outbreak of anthrax was found in the country in 1990;

(b) if so, the number of persons affected in the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to control the same, State-wise?

Rules for Testing of drugs on Humans

2531. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the drug tests on human beings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above drug tests and their impact on human beings is as per rules and with the approval of Competent Authority;

(d) if so, the details of such voluntary human experimentation conducted by the pharmaceutical companies and money given to volunteers, if any, in the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(e) the details of rules and regulations to test drugs and their impact on human beings?

Illegal sale of Kidneys

2532. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sale of kidneys is a cottage industry in Chennai;

(b) if so, the effective steps taken or are being taken to prevent illegal sale of kidneys and other human organs, in blatant violation of Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994; and

(c) the number of cases of illegal sale of kidneys and other organs that came to Government's notice during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, State-wise?

Free Treatment of patients by private hospitals

2533. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private hospitals in Delhi have not fulfilled the mandatory requirement of treating a stipulated percentage of patients free of cost; and

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

Amendment in Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971

2534. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, to enable easy access to the abortion pill;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed amendment;

(c) whether Government propose to issue any guideline for launching the abortion pill in the Family Welfare Programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Ban on sale of junk food

2535. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junk food satisfy tastebuds and have no nutritive value;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering a ban on sale of junk food in school/college canteens to avoid

the situation going out of hand; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to bring awareness so that the consumer themselves avoid taking junk food, the demand of which is increasing?

Capitation fee

†2536. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Medical Colleges in the Country are charging a huge amount from students as capitation fee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the eligible students who are unable to pay capitation fee are deprived of admission in the medical colleges; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken in this regard?

Unani CGHS dispensaries in the country

2537. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Unani CGHS dispensaries in various parts of the Country especially in New Delhi along with name of the places;

(b) the number of patients treated in Unani CGHS dispensaries during the last

three years along with capacity of treatment of patients of these dispensaries, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen the Unani CGHS dispensaries?

World Bank financial assistance to Government of Maharashtra

2538. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra had submitted three proposals viz., computerisation of food and drugs administration, strengthening of Drugs Control Laboratories of Aurangabad and Mumbai to her Ministry on 19th November, 2001 for financial assistance from World Bank during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the State Government has also given a sustainability certificate for continuing these schemes beyond Tenth Plan and bearing the recurring expenditure; and

(d) if so, by when the assistance will be provided?

Prevalence of HIV and AIDS

2539. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Nations International Children's Fund has

ranked India second among the countries having high prevalence of HIV and AIDS cases in the year 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take for protection against this disease?

National Surveillance Programme for Communicable Diseases in Andhra Pradesh

2540. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some parts of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under the National Surveillance Programme for Communicable diseases to control epidemic prone diseases;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lack of Indian Patent laws

2541. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of Indian Patent laws affects Multi National Drug Companies adversely;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on investment on research for new drugs?

TB among beedi workers

†2542. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that beedi workers are the most vulnerable to be afflicted with TB and propose to take strong measures to cure the beedi workers from the disease;

(b) whether Government have any awareness programme in this regard;

(c) the number of TB patients in the Country and the number of those out of them happen to be beedi workers and the steps taken to provide cheaper and free treatment to them; and

(d) whether any immunisation vaccine is being invented for the cure of said disease?

High mortality rate among children in the country

2543. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the latest estimates prepared by the United Nations Children Education Fund (UNICEF), India is ranked 54th among the countries having high mortality rate among the children aged less than five;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the mortality rate is high in the rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps Government are planning to take to

tackle the basic health problem faced by the rural areas?

Adulteration in edible items

2544. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing incidents of adulteration in edible items in the country;

(b) if so, the States where such incidents are on the increase;

(c) whether any anti-adulteration drive is being launched in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal of Government of Maharashtra seeking World Bank assistance

2545. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project proposal seeking World Bank assistance of Rs. 550/-crores for renovation, procurement of essential equipments and teaching tools for medical colleges and attached hospitals in Maharashtra was sent to her Ministry on 26th December, 2001, by the Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the proposal stands at present; and

(c) the reasons for delay in finalising the proposal and by when the assistance is likely to be made available to Maharashtra?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Health Welfare Centres in
Uttaranchal**

2546. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Health Welfare Centres run by Government in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government propose to open more such Centres in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban on Phenylpropandamine

2547. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chemicals Phenylpropandamine (PPA) is a banned ingredient in the world including India;

(b) if so, the reasons for allowing its use in anti cold-cum-cough remedies like D Cold Total, Vicks Action 500+ and Disprin; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that products containing PPA are not manufactured and used in India?

Legislation on small family norms

†2548. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniform policy with a view to motivate to adopt the small family norms;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to put forth legislations to motivate people to adopt small family norms;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the assistance provided to each State for motivating people to adopt the small family norms during the last three years?

CGHS beneficiaries in Karnataka

2549. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government employees and their families including retired employees who are availing the medical facilities under Central Government Health Scheme in Karnataka;

(b) the number of private hospitals/nursing homes, so far, recognised by Government for the purposes of availing medical facilities by the Central Government employees in Karnataka;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that medicines are not sufficiently available in CGHS dispensaries in Karnataka; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to ensure proper drug supply to these dispensaries?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of export zones for medicinal plants

2550. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medicinal Plants Board in its second meeting has recommended setting up of export zones for specified medicinal plants;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to set up export promotion zones;

(c) how many zones have been contemplated to encourage the export; and

(d) the details of medicinal plants recommended by the Board?

Categorisation of medicines

2551. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in a recent judgement made it mandatory for the pharmaceutical companies to categorise the medicines as vegetarian and non-vegetarian;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether necessary directives have been issued for compliance of the judgements of the Hon'ble High Court; and

(d) if so, whether the pharmaceutical companies have started adhering to the directives?

CT Scan machine for medical college and hospital in Chandigarh

†2552. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have written many a time to Medical College and Hospital situated in Union Territory of Chandigarh to install a CT Scan machine for which funds, have been allocated thrice but the College and the Hospital Administration failed to do so;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that CT Scan machine is now being installed by the Hospital and Medical College Administration in private area; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from CCI

2553. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by MPs from Assam requesting the bifurcation of Bokajan Cement Factory from the sick Cement Corporation of India (CCI);

(b) whether any decision has been taken on this memorandum; and

(c) whether Bokajan Unit of CCI will be bifurcated and whether a new public sector company will be floated to save the Bokajan Unit?

Reconstruction of sick PSUs

2554. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has recently approved the reconstruction of sick Public Sector Undertakings;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 (c) the total amount likely to be given by Government?

Displaying of obscene pictures

†2555. SHRI RAJIV ANJAN
 SINGH "LALAN":
 SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of any effective law, obscene pictures are being displayed in newspapers, magazines and T.V. Channels which are vitiating Indian culture, civilization and tradition and Government are unable to keep a check on the same;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the constructive steps taken by Government in recent years to keep a check on exhibition of such pictures?

Video piracy in film industry

2556. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
 DR. ABRAR AHMED:
 SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) the measures Government have taken to save the film industry from video piracy; and

(b) the results achieved so far?

Vulgar TV advertisements

2557. SHRIMATI SHABANA
 AZMI:
 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to act seriously against Vulgar television advertisements;

(b) if so, whether Government have received number of complaints from MPs, housewives and others regarding obscene advertisements on television;

(c) whether Government have already held talks with the Indian Broadcasting Federation about the advertising standards;

(d) if so, whether in the films also, some scenes are being shown which is uncalled for; and

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take to crack down on vulgar television advertisements?

Guidelines for uplinking the foreign news channels

2558. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for uplinking of the foreign owned news channels;

(b) the break-up of the channels which have availed this facility; and

(c) whether some wholly owned foreign news channels have applied for permission to uplink from India?

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Nudism in Fashion Shows

2559. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the name of the fashion show the FTV is indulging in nudism; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to control such shows?

Dues of Prasar Bharati

†2560. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the liability of Prasar Bharati is considerably high;

(b) if so, the up-to-date details of the liability payable to different State Governments; and

(c) by when Government are likely to clear the liability?

Introduction of Metro Channel

2561. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not introduced Metro Channel in all the States, particularly in UP and Uttaranchal and if so; how many States are covered by this Channel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Metro Channel is not available in villages of UP

and Government have provided only one National Channel in Uttaranchal;

(c) if so, by when Government would provide this Channel in Uttaranchal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Objectionable advertisements by satellite channels

2562. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued a notice in the month of February, 2003, to all the satellite channels to block objectionable advertisements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of satellite channels on which these notices were slapped?

Rate of entertainment tax for cinema halls

2563. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether there has been a uniform rate of entertainment tax for cinema halls throughout the country; and

(b) if not, the efforts Government have made in this regard and the results thereof?

Magazines published in Hindi and English

†2564. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the magazines published by Government in Hindi and English alongwith

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the prices thereof and production cost of each magazine;

(b) the magazine ~~which~~ are making profits and those running in loss along with reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to discontinue the publication of magazines running in loss during last few years as per the prescribed policy?

Advertisement by the Central Ministries and State Governments

†2565. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Central Ministries are sending their advertisements directly to the newspapers for publication instead of sending them through D.A.V.P. of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several State Governments and Governments of Union Territories are also sending their advertisements to the newspapers of their choice on their own advertisements routes instead of sending them to the newspapers and magazines empanelled by D.A.V.P.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no binding on them in the matter by D.A.V.P.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Popularity of DD

†2566. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government with a view to making

Doordarshan popular and competitive with the private channels;

(b) the steps Government propose to check the objectionable and indecent advertisements being telecast on various channels; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of news bulletin and telecast the same every hour like the Star News and the Aaj Tak?

Setting up of radio stations in educational institutions

†2567. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up radio stations at educational institutions;

(b) if so, what would be the type of the said radio stations along with the broadcasting capacity thereof; and

(c) the number of such stations to be set up in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh together with the name of the places where they would be set up?

Vacant posts of Judicial Officers

2568. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has suggested that in the next three years about 3800 posts of Judicial Officers have to be filled up;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that there should be a ten per cent increase in Judges' strength every year for the next five years;

(c) the present population and Judge ratio in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in implementing the Supreme Court directive?

Eligibility for Judicial Services Examination

2569. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory for a fresh law graduate to get himself registered with the Bar Council in order to become eligible for appearing in Judicial Services Examination; and

(b) whether the policy in this regard is uniform in all the States?

Pending cases in Punjab High Court

2570. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending with the High Court of Punjab as on date;

(b) the number of cases pending for more than three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early disposal of pending cases?

Delimitation Commission

2571. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delimitation Commission for constituencies is consulting fully with

the associate members of the Commission on the delimitation exercises;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether base year for the delimitation exercises is determined by the Competent Authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons for delay, if any; and

(f) whether steps will be taken during the delimitation exercises to protect the interests of the States which have effectively implemented population control measures?

Reservations for physically handicapped in lower judicial services

2572. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to give reservation for the physically handicapped in the lower judicial services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether reservation for physically handicapped in judicial service would be considered in consultation with the Chief Justice of India?

Women Courts

2573. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the States to constitute Women Courts to try cases pertaining to women; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government of Gujarat, thereto?

Shortfall in earnings of Shipping Industry

2574. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Shipping Industry is back in muddy waters;

(b) if so, the reasons for shortfall in earnings; and

(c) the steps taken to bring stability in shipping industry?

Pilot project for welfare of disabled in AP and Karnataka

2575. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a pilot project in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka States for the welfare of disabled in association with the Rehabilitation Council of India;

(b) if so, whether both the States have agreed to implement the project; and

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

People's Empowerment Schemes in Jammu and Kashmir

2576. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any People's Empowerment

Schemes have been introduced in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the name of the schemes which would cover the Kashmir Valley?

Inclusion of new castes in the list of backward classes of the country

†2577. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need of making list of new castes of backward classes in the country till the end of October month of the current year;

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

(c) whether Government have identified those new additions which are to be made in the existing list; and

(d) if so, the names of the new castes about which final decision has been taken, so far?

National Action Plan for eradication of scavenging

2578. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a National Action Plan for total eradication of manual scavenging;

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(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed plan; and

(c) the number of scavengers in the country, State-wise?

Universalisation of rehabilitation services

2579. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether to achieve the objective of universalisation of rehabilitation services, the Rehabilitation Council of India has come out with a Vision Document-2010;

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

(c) the total number of special education teachers and other professionals that have been trained and registered with the RCI till December, 2002;

(d) whether there is a need to accelerate progress and garner more funds for implementation of various programmes in the field of rehabilitation and special education; and

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

National Commission for SCs/STs

†2580. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether Government have decided

to make a division of National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, by when this division would be made; and

(c) by when the separate Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes would start functioning?

Funds for Scheduled Caste students

2581. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state whether Government have received the proposals from Government of Karnataka for the benefit of Scheduled Caste students in regard to sharing expenditure in connection with coaching of Scheduled Caste candidates for competitive examinations like I.A.S., etc. and students studying in IX to XII Standards for entry to professional courses?

Adoption of Juvenile Children

2582. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, the Juvenile Justice Board or the Child Welfare Commission is responsible and authorised to place orphaned, abandoned, neglected and abused children for adoption before eligible parents; and

(b) whether Hindu parents are duly eligible to adopt children under the abovesaid Act without attracting violation

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of any provisions of Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956?

Functioning of NGOs

2583. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) functioning all over the Country and the financial allocation by Government for implementation of welfare programmes through NGOs;

(b) whether the target of Government has been achieved;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the financial allocation for those NGOs which are implementing welfare schemes properly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Scholarship Scheme for handicapped students

†2584. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any National Scholarship Scheme for handicapped students who intend to pursue higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of handicapped students to whom scholarship under the said scheme is proposed to be given, year-wise?

Action on recommendations of Minorities Commission

2585. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports of the Minorities Commission have been submitted to Government over the last three years;

(b) the details of recommendations which have been accepted, and action taken on the same; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting the other recommendations?

Multipurpose cards to SCs/STs

2586. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue multipurpose cards to SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to make these classes have access to credit cards?

Rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in Delhi

2587. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and addresses of Institutions/Agencies engaged in the rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in Delhi, which are receiving aid from Government; and

(b) the details of assistance received by them during the last two years?

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Rehabilitation of tribals affected by development projects

2588. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in relation to the land holding rights of the tribals in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is fact that large scale evictions of tribals were effected while acquiring tribal land for various development projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government consider brining in legislation with mandatory provisions of proper rehabilitation of the affected people before commencing any development project; and

(e) if so, the details along with the time by which this legislation would be brought in?

Implementation of schemes through TRIFED in Jharkhand and Bihar

2589. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that voluntary organizations have been involved in implementing the schemes relating to Adivasis through TRIFED in Jharkhand and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with amount of funds provided to each voluntary organization till 31st December, 2002, scheme-wise;

(c) the details of funds granted but not released so far along with reasons for non-release of funds;

(d) whether any view of implementation of each scheme has been carried out; and

(e) if so, the details of funding thereof?

SC/ST hostels in Karnataka

2590. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes hostels funded in Karnataka since the year 2000, till date;

(b) the number of applications pending in the Ministry for approval; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are instances of involvement of officials of his Ministry in large-scale corruption in the allotment of such schools?

Inclusion of Koch Rajbonshis under ST category

2591. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's stand to bring Koch Rajbonshis of Assam under scheduled tribes category, after receiving green signal from the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) by when Government will bring the Constitutional Amendment Bill to declare Koch Rajbonshis as scheduled tribes?

Grants for welfare of tribals in Himachal Pradesh

2592. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of grants allocated for the welfare of tribals in far-flung areas of

Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) the amount utilised so far;

(c) whether any enquiry had been conducted for misuse of funds in Himachal Pradesh; and

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

Tribal people of Uttaranchal

†2593. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the tribal people are living in the Ranwai-Jaunpur and, Thatyood block of Uttaranchal;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the people of Jaunsar-Bhabhar-area who are following the same social and cultural traditions like the residents of the said Blocks have been granted the tribal status;

(c) if so, the justification for not granting the said status to the people of Ranwai-Jaunpur and Thatyood area;

(d) whether his Ministry would consider the proposal of granting the tribal status to the said areas; and

(e) if so, by when?

Financial assistance under Article 275 to States

2594. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and name of States which

are entitled for financial assistance under Article 275 of the Constitution;

(b) the amount released during the last three financial years, State-wise;

(c) the approximate time by which the amount has been released; and

(d) the purpose for which the amount is released and utilised?

Upliftment of primitive tribal groups

2595. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare has expressed its displeasure over the efforts made by Government for the upliftment of the primitive tribal groups;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has pointed out that the progress made in relation to development of these groups is negligible;

(c) whether according to the report, his Ministry had till date got no authentic data of PTG population in the country;

(d) if so, whether number of suggestions in this regard have been made by the Committee; and

(e) if so, how many of them have been implemented, so far?

Toilets on the pavement violating the DUAC Act

2596. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the toilets constructed on pavement in Delhi are violating Delhi Urban Art Commission Act;

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(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposal to equip the Commission with more powers keeping in view the cosmopolitan nature of Delhi and its future needs?

Lack of toilet and sanitation facilities

2597. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of population in the country does not have access to toilet facilities in their dwellings and lacks sanitation facilities for disposal of waste water;

(b) if so, what is the magnitude of this problem; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to tackle this problem?

Use of fly ash for infrastructure development activities

2598. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory to use fly ash in various infrastructure development activities including construction laying of roads and reclamation of low lying areas;

(b) whether private agencies will also be required to follow this rule;

(c) whether fly ash will be made available to all by Government; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Persons below poverty line in Jammu Region

2599. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people living below poverty line in Jammu Region as on 31st December, 2002; and

(b) the schemes/programmes Government propose to formulate/ implement for the welfare of these poor people during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Allocation for poverty alleviation programmes to the States during Tenth Five Year Plan

†2600. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by Government for the implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programmes during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the share of the each State ; and

(c) the amount to be spent by the State Governments for the implementation of the programmes in addition to said allocated amount, separately?

UN Report on poor quality of drinking water

2601. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a

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development report of the United Nations which has categorized our country amongst the worst countries for poor quality of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

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

Draft plan for NCR Delhi

2602. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCR Planning Body has submitted their draft plan for NCR Delhi;

(b) if so, its salient features thereof;

(c) the action plan to locate JJ clusters mushrooming around sensitive airports, railway platforms and other areas;

(d) the suggestions made to solve the unabated shortage of power in the capital; and

(e) the measures for easing traffic congestions?

Water supply to Post and Telegraph Department Colony, Kali Bari

†2603. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that potable water supply to the Post and Telegraph Department Colony, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi has been

disconnected by the NDMC for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when, the supply of potable water to the said colony is likely to be restored by the NDMC?

Declaration of villages under Cantonment area as civil areas

†2604. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of any proposal for declaring villages falling under Cantonment area as civil area;

(b) whether it is a fact that people of villages covered under 62 Cantonment Boards of the country are not being provided even with the basic facilities and consequently they are facing serious problems; and

(c) if so, the details of action plan formulated by Government to solve this problem?

Sale of commercial shopping complexes by DDA

2605. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of commercial shopping complexes, other than convenient shopping centres in DDA colonies, constructed and sold by DDA in Delhi as on date;

(b) the names of commercial shopping complexes, which have been transferred to

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the MCD for providing civic amenities but DDA continues to charge maintenance charges from the allottees and lease-holders in these complexes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the rate on which maintenance charges are levied by DDA; and

(d) by when the maintenance charges are proposed to be discontinued as they are unreasonable burden on allottees and lease-holders?

Construction of houses by DDA

†2606. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) total number of houses constructed by DDA during the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, category-wise and area-wise;

(b) whether safety measures have been taken by DDA against natural calamities like earthquake during the construction of the houses for all the said categories;

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

(d) the shortage of houses in Delhi and the steps being taken by Government to meet the said shortage?

Model park in Sector XII, R.K. Puram

2607. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has approved the conversion of Central Park of Sector XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi into a model park with landscaping swings,

benches etc., on the lines of those done in Sector VII, IX and X (Som Vihar) of R.K. Puram;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in conversion of central park of Sector XII into a model park; and

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for such conversion, if so, the details thereof?

Awas Panjeekaran Yojana-1985

2608. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA had floated Awas Panjeekaran Yojana-1985 under which plots measuring 26 sq. mts. were to be allotted;

(b) how many plots have been allotted under this Scheme, till date;

(c) by when, Government intend to cover the pending applications;

(d) the amount being charged for each plot presently; and

(e) in which areas these plots are being allotted?

Progress of Mega City Scheme

2609. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the progress relating to Mega City Scheme launched in 1994;

(b) the cumulative amount spent on Bangalore under this scheme since its inception;

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(c) whether there are short falls in mobilisation of funds for this scheme from urban local bodies and financial institutions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Metro Vandalism

2610. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the incidents of vandalism in Delhi Metro trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether vandalism and littering are now a common feature in Delhi Metro trains;

(d) if so, the steps taken to save the 'pride of the city'; and

(e) the amount of damage so far done to Metro trains?

Work under National Slum Improvement Plan in Bihar

†2611. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the cities of Bihar where work has been started under National Slum Improvement Plan;

(b) the amount allocated by Government during last three years;

(c) whether any proposal from Government of Bihar is under consideration of Government during the year, 2003; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poverty alleviation programmes in Karnataka

2612. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the poverty alleviation programmes taken up in Karnataka and the amount allocated for each of the programmes;

(b) the target and the percentage of achievement in each of the programmes; and

(c) the programmes which in the opinion of Government have not reached to the urban poor?

Delhi becoming slum

†2613. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is going to become a slum in near future due to gross negligence towards environmental aspects; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check that Delhi does not become a slum?

Municipal Reforms Project in Karnataka

2614. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipal Reforms Project of Karnataka Government has been referred to the World Bank;

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(b) the number of cities/urban local bodies of the State proposed to be covered under the above project;

(c) the cost of above project; and

(d) the present status thereof?

Formulation of New Master Plan for Delhi-2021

2615. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Master Plan for Delhi-2021 is under formulation;

(b) if so, whether issues relating to excess population, additional water supply, sewerage network, efficient solid waste collection system and social infrastructure to be made available have been addressed and intensive consultation between DDA, Jal Board, MCD, etc. have been held; and

(c) whether due importance is being given to create a mixed landscape comprising industries, hawkers, housing for people from low and middle income groups?

Corruption in DDA

†2616. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY -ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the housing policy of Government;

(b) the steps taken by DDA to implement the same in Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Authority has failed in achieving the objectives as there is rampant corruption in its construction and accounts departments;

(d) the number of such officers/employees against whom vigilance related cases are pending for more than one year; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to provide clean administration?

Modified guidelines for additions and alterations in DDA flats

2617. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had some time back issued guidelines permitting the residents and flat holders to carry out additions and alterations in the flats constructed by the DDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Delhi High Court has recently curtailed the rights of the flat holders granted by the DDA;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the guidelines are being modified in the light of the recent judgement of the Delhi High Court; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Non-availability of unfiltered water for parks in Vasant Vihar

2618. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the parks have not been

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developed due to non-availability of unfiltered water in the CGH Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to start unfiltered water pipelines for the development of parks in the said complex;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the proposed pipelines would be started; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Redressal of complaints/grievances by CPWD

2619. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the position regarding redressal of complaints/grievances in CPWD areas covered under NDZ-3 is dismal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the details of complaints registered/written complaints lodged in each CPWD service centre/enquiry office under NDZ-3, area-wise, division-wise and quarter type-wise; and

(d) the action taken thereon at each level during the last three years?

Draft recommendation of NCR Planning Board

2620. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NCR Planning Board

has recommended various developmental plans and submitted its draft to Government for approval recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have studied the various recommendations made in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the policy of Government to provide various developmental plans in the NCR in the current plan period?

Metro rail and rapid transport system

2621. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of cities where metro rail and such rapid transport systems are presently introduced;

(b) whether there is a proposal to introduce metro rail/rapid transport systems in other major cities and towns in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of such proposals with revenue implications and targeted time for completion of each of the projects?

Unauthorised banquet halls in Hari Nagar, Anand Vihar etc.

†2622. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the residential area of Hari Nagar under the

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Subhash Nagar of Western Delhi of Ward No. 20 of MCD and residential area of Anand Vihar under the Pratap Nagar of Western Delhi under Ward No. 19 of MCD and in nearby areas, a number of commercial unauthorised banquet halls are operating;

(b) the names of such commercial unauthorised banquet halls which are operating along with the location thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not removing these unauthorised commercial banquet halls operating there?

Work of Metro Rail in South Delhi

2623. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Delhi has the highest numbers of private vehicles resulting in heavy vehicular traffic in the area and according to plans the work for the Metro in South Delhi would start in the year 2005 and its service in the year 2010;

(b) whether in view of the plight of residents and to decongest traffic soon as also easy availability of space throughout South Delhi, Government would consider to get the Metro to South Delhi ahead of schedule; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Refusal of LHMC to handover the land to DMRC

2624. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lady Hardinge Medical

College Authorities have refused to hand over to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation a piece of land measuring 2.7 hectare in its possession required by the latter to complete the Connaught Place-Dwarka Section of the Metro Rail;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to solve this impasse so that the work on this section could start immediately?

Poor drainage system in Government colonies in Delhi

2625. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the drainage system in all the Government colonies of Delhi is in worst condition;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to upkeep/ maintain the drainage system properly so that the residents have not to face day to day problems in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the drainage system in Netaji Nagar is not being properly maintained;

(d) whether all drainage pipelines emerging from the houses are in worst condition in the area particularly in E-Block; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to taken to solve the said problem?

Houses for urban poor in U.P.

2626. PROF. M.M AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed for urban poor people in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of houses allotted to the people in the State;

(c) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for Uttar Pradesh for construction of houses for urban poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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