

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS
to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May 7, 2003/Vaisakha 17, 1925 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—155

Marketing and pricing policies of CIL subsidiaries

4797. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted
the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited to
set individual marketing and pricing
policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that following
the notification, one subsidiary is
encroaching upon the marketing territory
of the other;

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

(e) whether it is a fact that there is no
similarity in the coal production cost of
each subsidiary;

(f) if so, whether in the absence of level
playing field Government's permission is
leading to unhealthy competition and
liquidation of disadvantaged companies;
and

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

Coal reserves in the country

†4798. SHRI ABHAY KANT
PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be
pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and mine-wise
estimate of improved quality coal reserves
in the country as on date;

(b) the State-wise and mine-wise
quantity of coal mined during the last three
years;

(c) the quantity of improved quality
coal imported during the last three years
together with the foreign exchange spent
thereon;

(d) the reasons for importing improved
quality coal despite having its huge reserves
in the country; and

(e) what steps have been taken or
proposed to be taken to decrease the
import of coal in the future?

Russian assistance for manufacture of Sukhoi spares

†4799. SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia offered to assist
India for manufacturing spare parts of
Sukhoi fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Assistance to families of Kargil martyrs

†4800. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the families of Kargil martyrs have received Government assistance; and

(b) if so, the details of assistance given?

Crash of fighter aircrafts

4801. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots and other crew of the Indian Air Force planes who died due to plane crashes during the last three years, category-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number and category of the planes, which crashed during the above period;

(c) the reasons for crash in each case, as established after inquiry; and

(d) whether the next of kin of the deceased defence personnel have been paid according to the rules, if not, by when due payments are likely to be made?

Phasing out MIG-23 and MIG-25

†4802. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to phase out MIG-23 and MIG-25 fighter jets from the service of Indian Air Force; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are considering to make use of these aircrafts elsewhere in future, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to procure some other aircrafts to fill up the gap and consolidate the combat power created prior to the phasing out these fighter aircrafts; if so, the details thereof?

Improvement in surveillance capability

4803. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether one immediate lesson which the Indian armed forces can draw from the US attack is the need to bolster their rather small inventory of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms;

(b) if so, whether, with electronic and signal intelligence, one can know where exactly to deliver the crippling blows on the enemy's command and control structure;

(c) whether Government have accepted the armed forces requirements of improving the surveillance;

(d) if so, whether any concrete measures in this regard have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

VIP aircrafts

4804. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has finalised plans to acquire Air Force-1 type aircrafts for its VIP entourage of President/PM and the Deputy Prime Minister for visits abroad;

(b) whether these aircrafts would have State-of-the-art anti-missile and advance communication systems; and

(c) the estimated cost of these aircrafts?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fulfilment of assurance to widows of Kargil martyrs

†4805. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shrimati Lalita Devi widow of Shri Lalrambach Rai, a Kargil martyr of village Bajitpur, district Vaishali, Bihar is still awaiting fulfilment of the promise made to her regarding allotment of agricultural land, plot for a house and petrol pump;

(b) the number of such other widows of Kargil martyrs who are still running from pillar to post to get the benefits due to them; and

(c) by when the waiting widows of Kargil martyrs will be paid their compensation alongwith full details thereof?

Identification of vulnerable areas of the coastline

4806. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has identified the coastline which is vulnerable; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Medium of question paper for admission test in RIMC

†4807. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had given an assurance on 20th November, 2000 in the meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry that he will take action on the demand for providing Hindi question paper as an alternative of English question paper in the

entrance examination for class VII at Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun; and

(b) if so, the action taken so far/proposed to be taken on the assurance?

Selling of mirage fighter planes to Pakistan

4808. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Qatar proposes to sell some mirage fighter planes to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether India has taken up the matter with Qatar expressing its objections; and

(d) if so, the response of Qatar thereto?

Terrorist attacks in J & K

†4809. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatal attacks made by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months alongwith the place of such attacks;

(b) the number of Armed Forces personnel and innocent people killed in these attacks alongwith the number of terrorists shot dead by the personnel; and

(c) the details of the ex-gratia payments made and other assistance provided to each of the families of personnel killed?

Dues for deployment of armed forces for internal security

4810. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred since

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1998 on deployments of the Defence Forces for internal security duties in aid to civil authority;

(b) whether such expenditure has been reimbursed to the Defence exchequer by the State/Central Governments or other agencies concerned;

(c) if so, the amounts so reimbursed, operation-wise and year-wise;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the action taken by Government to recover/reimburse these amounts to the Defence exchequer?

Prevention of civilian sportsmen from practising on play grounds of defence cantonment areas

4811. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence authorities are preventing civilian sportsmen from practising on the play grounds of defence cantonment areas in several parts of India and specially in Andhra Pradesh at Lal Bazaar (Trimulgherry) of Secunderabad cantonment and other places of Secunderabad cantonment; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Supply of phalcon system by Israel

4812. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to US pressure, Israel has backed off its deal with India for the supply of phalcon Air-Borne Warning and Control System;

(b) whether US has made its recent \$ 1.00 billion military hardware aid to Israel, conditional for cancellation of Indo-Israeli phalcon deal;

(c) whether Israel had similarly backed off a contract deal with Beijing for phalcon system, for which China had paid almost \$ 250 million, under pressure from US; and

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

Procurement of SU-30 Jets from Russia

4813. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have procured all the ordered SU-30 Jets from Russia;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have entered into any technology-know how transfer agreement with Russia for manufacturing SU-30 Jets indigenously in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Allocation for residential buildings of defence personnel

4814. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocations made for the residential buildings for the defence personnel for the year 2002-2003 have been fully utilised;

(b) if not, the reasons for under utilisation of the fund; and

(c) the details and steps taken by Government in this regard?

Education to children of terrorist victims

4815. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under

the consideration of Government to provide necessary education to the children of terrorist victims of Jammu and Kashmir State and other States;

- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the budget allocation for this project; and
- (d) by when the proposal is likely to be functional?

Purchase of AJTs

4816. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the authorities returned over Rs. 7000 crores recently since it failed to approve big purchases for the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether files relating to many major purchases like Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT), submarines, etc. were pending with the authorities;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the delay on decision taking in AJT is forcing trainee pilots to continue with advanced training on MIG-21 aircraft; and
- (f) if so, the details including the steps taken to resolve the issue?

Purchase of auto pilot system

4817. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for delay in purchasing auto pilot system;
- (b) whether the Appraisal Committee has submitted its report on Jaguar Upgradation Programme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps that have been taken or are being taken by Government in this regard?

Deployment of missiles

†4818. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has not deployed any of its missiles so far despite development of missiles like Agni etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when such missiles are likely to be deployed?

Election to cantonment councils

†4819. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that election has not been conducted so far of the 62 cantonment councils in the country after the tenure thereof had elapsed on February 2, 2002;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to conduct election of all the cantonment councils as early as possible?

High Court order on relief to a disabled pilot

4820. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has directed the Indian Air Force to give permanent commission and an alternate job to a pilot who was disabled during a rescue operation;

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(b) if so, the details of the case in which the directive was issued by the Hon'ble High Court; and

(c) whether any follow-up action has been taken with regard thereto and if so, the details thereof?

Unidentified aircraft

4821. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an unidentified aircraft was sighted 180 nautical miles off Chennai on 3rd February, 2003;

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

(c) what follow up action has been taken in this regard?

Modernisation of Army

4822. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army would focus on a modernisation plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian commandos have suffered due to *ad-hoc* policies of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how would Government equip the Indian commandos to face the threat scenario during post 9/11?

Training to IAF pilots by NATO

4823. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the

pilots to the Indian Air Force have got training skills in futuristic air-to-air refilling and "beyond visual range" combat tactics etc. from NATO;

(b) if so, the details of training that the pilots have undergone;

(c) whether Government propose to impart such exercises to its Air Force pilots regularly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agni III missiles

4824. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to test fire this year Agni III, a long range surface-to-surface missile, capable of carrying nuclear warheads; and

(b) the special features of Agni III missiles?

Inquiry into sleeping bags scam

†4825. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Parliamentary Committee has recommended that inquiry for the scam in purchase of 'sleeping bags' for the soldiers posted in Siachin, the highest military post in the world, be made by an impartial agency;

(b) if so, the name of the agency to be assigned by Government with the responsibility of inquiry and by when;

(c) the steps taken for the proposed inquiry; and

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(d) the time schedule by which the concerned agency will be asked to submit its report alongwith the reasons for delay in handing over the work of inquiry to the inquiry agency?

Bilateral defence cooperation between India and Iran

4826. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently, the basic naval manoeuvres and exercises in the Arabian Sea between India and Iran took place to increase bilateral defence cooperation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India extended any military cooperation to Iran; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Building of credible deterrence

4827. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army is clamouring for a rapid overall modernisation to ensure credible deterrence against hostile Pakistan;

(b) whether the combat ratio with Pakistan has declined recently; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposed reforms the Defence Ministry propose to undertake?

Foreign assistance to NGOs in Madhubani, Bihar

†4828. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1571 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the certificates regarding proper utilisation of funds have been received from the concerned District Collector;

(b) whether any Member of Parliament has written a letter to the Ministry regarding the misutilisation of funds by some institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken thereon?

Looting in running buses

4829. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report that 10 masked men loot two on moving bus recently in Maurice Nagar under the jurisdiction of Model Town Police Station area, Delhi;

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

(c) the number of such robberies in moving buses that took place during the last two months;

(d) whether the culprits have since been arrested and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against police officials of the particular area where such incidents take place and if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints against Director (PFA)

4830. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2247 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether CVC, CBI have received corruption complaints against Director (PFA), illegally favouring traders etc.;

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(b) if so, the details of allegations in complaints; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against Director (PFA) in view of corruption complaints?

Action against fraudulent company

4831. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2257 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 2002 and state:

(a) what action has been taken against the accused of fraudulent company namely Indian Informatic Infotech, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether money has been taken refunded to all applicants by Oriental Bank of Commerce, Vasant Kunj as per direction at the Court;

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

(d) whether any representation was received by above bank for expediting the refund particularly from the applicants of Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon and by when all applicants from above district would get their money?

Rejection of petition filed to lift the ban on religious activities

4832. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court has rejected the petition filed by the Central Government to lift the ban on religious activities either on the disputed land or on nearabout the undisputed land in the Babri Masjid site till the adjudication of the title suits of the Allahabad High Court;

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

(c) the further course of action to be pursued in this regard?

Detention of minor boys under POTA

4833. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of minor boys in the State of Jharkhand have been detained under the provisions of the POTA;

(b) the number of the POTA detainees in Jharkhand showing details namely, district-wise and age group-wise break ups and period of detention of each detainee till 31st March, 2003;

(c) the number of instances prosecution has commenced in the Court; and

(d) the number of instances detainees have been released without trial-age, period of detention and reason for release in each case?

Cases against journalist

4834. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government pursued its case against Kashmir Times Bureau Chief in New Delhi, Iftikhar Gilani despite the DGMI informing the Home Ministry that files found on the journalist's computer were "neither secrets nor a threat to national security";

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

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for this; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion as per recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission

4835. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2130 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the process to fill up the 20 posts of DD (OL) upgraded as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for which the persons against upgraded posts are not being promoted and by when the persons are likely to be promoted?

Enlarging the role of CISF

4836. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the charter of the Central Industrial Security Force is being recast to enlarge its role and functions to make it a key player in the internal security grid of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of some fresh assignments reportedly entrusted to the CISF recently; and

(d) the steps taken to modernise the CISF in terms of equipments and training needs to handle their additional responsibility?

Conditions of women prisoners in the country

4837. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Committee on empowerment of women has

fully criticised the inaction of the Home Ministry for remaining silent on the conditions of women prisoners in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has suggested that appropriate mechanism should be put in place by the Home Ministry and specific guidelines formulated to monitor the implementations of the recommendations by the State Government/Union Territories to improve the basic facilities for women under detention;

(c) whether any guidelines in this regard have been issued; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Scandals unearthed in 2002

4838. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of scandals like accounting and bribery scandals were reported in the year of 2002;

(b) if so, what were the total number of scandals that have been unearthed;

(c) in how many cases inquiry reports have been received;

(d) what action has been taken against them; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to check such scandals in future?

Representations pending with Crime Branch

4839. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of representations are pending with the Crime Branch since January, 2002 to till date of

Delhi Police from different persons against Chairman, M/s Rawal Group of Industries, Mussorie International School, Kante Road, Srinagar Estate, Uttaranchal regarding non-payment of dues and wealth acquired illegally through confiscation of trust property, name-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons that police have not taken any action against the culprits and number of representations still pending therewith; and

(d) the reasons therefor and by when inquiry would be done by the Delhi Police?

Arrest in connection with providing classified document

4840. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a Special Cell of the Delhi Police arrested Onkar Nath Kalia while providing sensitive documents to the Pakistan High Commission;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the confiscated documents are relating to Defence, RAW, IB, DRDO and BARC; and

(c) what action Government have contemplated on the accused?

Security of monuments

4841. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the present interceptions of the messages of the

terrorists across the border, threat to some of the monuments has been evidenced; and

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken to increase the security of the monuments such as India Gate etc.?

Infiltration in J and K

4842. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports appeared in the media regarding sending of jihadis to Kashmir by ISI;

(b) if so, whether hardcore jihadis are poised to infiltrate into J and K from five launch camps close to the Line of Control;

(c) whether Government have considered various options to check jihadis entering the State; and

(d) if so, the final decision taken in this regard?

Border disputes among States

4843. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the border disputes among some States remain unresolved since the past several years;

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

(c) whether the Union Government have made any serious efforts to resolve such border disputes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Stamp paper scam

4844. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an inter-State gang (Maharashtra-Karnataka) has been exposed by Special Investigating Team which was responsible for Rs. 4,000 crore stamp paper scam as reported in the media; and

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking in advising the State Governments to adequately guard themselves against recurrences of such events and are there any Central Government guidelines existing in this regard?

Legal validity of POTA

4845. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Division Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is currently considering a batch of petitions challenging the legal validity of POTA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have filed an affidavit in the Court and revise its stand from its earlier position;

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

(e) whether the revised Government stand signifies the Government's intention to have the POTA reviewed?

Pakistani nationals staying in Kerala

4846. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani nationals are staying in Kerala without valid visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof with District-wise data;

(c) whether Government of Kerala sought the permission of Central Government to allow them to continue in the country;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any decisions therein;

(e) whether Government proposed to confer those persons with refugee status; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

Implementation of Assam Accord

4847. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the clause-wise implementation status of Assam Accord with specific safeguards provided against each of legislative, constitutional and administrative measures under clause 6, outcome of meetings with signatories and target set to execute them;

(b) the details of initial and modified proposals of Assam Government towards implementing phase III (in parts) of the Modernization and Development of Jyoti Chitran showing total outlay, part-wise target set, annual allocation, utilization and progress made; and

(c) the response of the Ministry towards the news-item which appeared in the media regarding Jyoti Chitran?

Scrapping of IMDT Act

4848. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of scrapping the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act in the current Session of Parliament;

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

(c) whether the viewpoints of the political parties and the State Governments have been elicited in the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Making CISF a PSU

4849. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CISF is taking any/every offer which comes its way;

(b) to what extent is CISF trying to turn into a commercial organisations;

(c) what steps does CISF propose to convert itself into a PSU for offering security guard service;

(d) the full details of the proposal for corporatization of CISF; and

(e) the time schedule set for making CISF a PSU?

Placements for dependents of ex-employees in CISF

4850. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Industrial Security Force has a policy to find placements at all levels for dependents of ex-employees who are injured or otherwise unable to work in CISF;

(b) if so, the details of this policy;

(c) whether it is a fact that CISF has not been fair in implementation of this policy;

(d) what steps would be taken to create a more sensitive spirit in CISF in such matters; and

(e) the steps proposed to review such activities of CISF?

Recruitment in CISF

4851. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CISF has recruited a large number of people in 2002-2003;

(b) the number of class IV and 'Followers' category recruited by CISF in 2002-2003;

(c) what are the recruitment plans of CISF in 2003-2004;

(d) the details of personnel planning by CISF and the expected recruitments in 2003-2004;

(e) whether CISF is recruiting too many officers; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Involvement of ISI in bomb blasts

4852. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any evidence to prove that spurt in bomb blasts in India during the last few months is at the behest of Pakistan's agency ISI;

(b) if so, whether Government have protested to Pakistan about the nefarious activities of ISI in India and/or any other international forum;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

Foreign militants

4853. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign militants have of late become proactive in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to control the terrorist activities in the State following the massacre of Kashmiri Pandits at Nadimarg?

Incidents of fighting near LoC

4854. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of fighting occurred near the LoC in J&K; and

(b) the number of militants shot dead, the number of civilians and security personnel shot dead?

Earnings of CISF

4855. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the earnings of the CISF in 2002-2003;

(b) the profits of CISF in the last fiscal year;

(c) what are the prospective earnings for 2003-2004;

(d) whether any estimate of profits has been made for the present fiscal year;

(e) whether it is a fact that CISF has agreed to undertake security consultancy for private sector also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Non-utilisation of funds meant for modernisation of police

4856. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are aware that several State Governments have not spent funds allocated to them for modernising the police force during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments which have utilised the funds for modernising the police force have been properly verified by Union Government;

(d) if so, the details of reports in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken by Union Government to ensure that State Governments are properly utilising the funds?

Border fencing along Kutch

4857. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 508 km. long border along Kutch, has been the most porous border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether fencing along these borders has been taken up; the progress made therein, and by when the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) the estimated cost and the expenditure incurred so far thereon?

Errors in investigation conducted by Delhi Police

4858. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forensic Science Wing of the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) has pointed out a series of investigation errors committed by the Police while handling cases relating to rape/sexual assaults, murders and accidents;

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

(c) the steps taken to correct these errors and implement the suggestions made by the Forensic Science Wing team of doctors of the MAMC?

Jail manual

4859. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake a comprehensive review of jail manual of all the States in order to ensure uniformity in administration of prisons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to propose a draft model of jail manual and to circulate the same to all the States/Union Territories for their guidance?

Harassment of undertrials by hardened inmates

4860. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new undertrials are held to ransom by the old and hardened inmates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these new undertrials are harassed and beaten, if they protest; and

(c) if so, on what alternative plans Government are working?

Online trading of illegal drugs

4861. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Narcotics Control Bureau has detected online trading of illegal drugs and psychotropic substances and their exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the arrests made in this regard; and

(d) further actions proposed to be taken to check such acts?

Agreement with Bodo Liberation Tigers

4862. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into any agreement with the Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) for ending a decade-old stalemate in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement;

(c) whether the said agreement has been arrived at after full consultation with the representatives of the Assam Government; and

(d) what further action has been taken/proposed to be taken to give effect to the terms of the agreement?

Reasons for floods and lightening in Uttaranchal

4863. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain basic reasons of severe floods and lightening in Hilly areas of Uttaranchal causing great loss to the life and property;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Car thefts in Delhi

†4864. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of car thefts are continuously increasing in Delhi city;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any specific scheme to prevent car thefts;

(c) the total number of incidents of car thefts which took place in Delhi in the last five years, the year-wise details thereof; and

(d) the number of incidents, out of the above, solved by Delhi Police; the details thereof?

Ropeway mishap

4865. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Report submitted in 1993, after October, 1992 Parwanoo Ropeway accident, recommending measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents and were State

Governments advised accordingly and whether a similar Ropeway mishap on 19th of January, 2003 at Pavagadh in Gujarat, resulting in eight deaths, could have been avoided had these guidelines been followed; and

(b) whether any comprehensive guidelines exists regarding safe operation of Ropeway and are these adequate?

Meeting of DPC

†4866. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to hold the meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotion of the officers of PCS cadre of 2001, 2002 and 2003 to the IAS cadre due to which a feeling of extreme frustration, anger and insecurity has prevailed among the PCS officers of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, by when Government will hold the meeting of DPC?

Relief assistance to Maharashtra

†4867. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relief and assistance package worth Rs. 2250 crore has been provided to the flood and drought affected areas and the States of the country;

(b) if so, the share of Maharashtra therein and the details of development work on which the same is likely to be incurred; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Seizure of opium

†4868. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of the quantity of opium seized from smugglers during the last three years;

(b) the number of smugglers arrested for opium-smuggling during the last three years; and

(c) the number of foreign and Indian smugglers separately out of above?

Average rape cases in the country

4869. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Crime Research Bureau, on an average, 15,000 rapes are taking place every year;

(b) if so, the measures Government are taking to reduce this menace in the country;

(c) whether the Ministry can think of introducing capital punishments for the accused; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Robberies in buses in Delhi

4870. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since September last year, the capital has witnessed an increasing number of robberies in buses in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that these were committed in broad day light; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking or have taken to stop such robberies in buses?

Supreme Court's concern over misuse of POTA

†4871. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court have expressed concern over the misuse of POTA in various States of the country during the hearing on Parliament attach case recently;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified those States where POTA has been misused;

(c) if so, the details of the States; and

(d) what action Government have taken in this regard so far?

Stains Missionary Murder

4872. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the accused in the Stains Missionary Murder case have been brought to trial;

(b) if so, the progress of the case and its present position;

(c) whether Government consider the murder an act of terrorism; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating bringing the case within the purview of POTA?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Talks with ULFA

4873. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recent talks with ULFA;

(b) whether Government have entered into any joint operation with Bhutan to destroy rebel camps which are active along the border;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Conflicts in Assam

4874. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the root causes and immediate reasons of present conflict between the Dimasas and Mars of North Cachar Hills district of Assam;

(b) the number of relief camps and people living their till date; and

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

Equipments and weapons to policemen

4875. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the policemen in many States are not fully equipped to take on law breaking ultras and mafia groups;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn up any plan to provide effective equipments and weapons to policemen particularly in vulnerable areas under the scheme for modernization of State police forces; and

(c) if so, the details of work done under the scheme during 2002-03 and proposed to be done in 2003-04?

Underworld operations in Gujarat

4876. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Intelligence agencies have detected many incidents which revealed that underworld operations have surfaced in Gujarat in the past couple of months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to bring the culprits to book and stop them spreading to other States?

Spurt in crimes in Delhi

4877. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is abnormal rise in various kinds of crimes in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any specific steps to arrest the spurt in crimes in Delhi;

(c) whether any effort has been made to seek public support to fight crime; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued by the Central Government to instill confidence in women and strengthen the fight against crime and to arrest the spurt in crime?

Involvement of foreign nationals in terrorist activities

4878. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals

found involved in terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir during 2002 and the current year;

(b) the number of Pakistani Nationals out of them;

(c) the number of foreign terrorists killed and arrested in the State during the said period; and

(d) the action taken against those arrested terrorists?

Pakistani intruders in Gujarat

4879. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since last three months in Gujarat in Rann of Kutch how many Pakistani intruders were encountered;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ajij Jumma, Pakistani was encountered in Khavda Village, Kutch District staying in one of the civilians residence; and

(c) what steps Government of India are taking to stop the Pakistani intruders entering in Rann of Kutch in Gujarat?

Handling of cases involved in Drugs and Narcotics

4880. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) apart from the Police which other agency handles cases involved in Drugs and Narcotics professionally on larger scale;

(b) whether the same agency also handles smuggling of Drugs and Narcotics through water channels; and

(c) if so, the level of involvement of the Coast Guard in cases of smuggling through water channels?

Fencing along LoC

4881. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is carrying out fencing along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the distance to which the fencing is completed and the distance to which the fencing is proposed to be undertaken;

(c) the total amount earmarked by Government for fencing; and

(d) the precautionary measures undertaken by the Government to check infiltration in the border areas?

Murder of school boy in Delhi

4882. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an unabated increase in the crime rate in the capital, Delhi, and it has now extended its tentacles to local schools;

(b) whether heinous murder of Vikas Swain, student of Class IX of Navyug School, Moti Bagh was committed on 21st October, 2002 in school premises at the behest of the Principal in a calculated manner, which is being hushed up as a suicidal act; and

(c) whether statements of residents of adjoining colony were recorded and father of the boy taken into confidence, if so, the factual details of investigation and action taken against the accused?

Encroachment on the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi

4883. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number

of unauthorized hawkers have encroached upon the roads in Malviya Nagar, New Delhi during the last one year causing traffic jams on roads;

(b) whether Delhi Police have failed to remove these unauthorized hawkers causing lot of inconvenience to the residents; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are contemplating to remove all the unauthorized hawkers from the area?

Non-payment of salary to commandos

†4884. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Commandos of Delhi Police engaged in security of V.I.Ps. and V.V.I.Ps;

(b) since how many months such commandos engaged in security have not been paid salary and the names of officials responsible; and

(c) steps taken by Government to take action against officials responsible for not making payments and for making immediate payments to all the commandos?

Special Police Officers working with the Delhi Police

4885. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Police Officers, presently working with the Delhi Police, Police Station-wise;

(b) the number amongst them who have been working for (i) upto 5 years, (ii) more than 5 years but upto 10 years, (iii) more than 10 years but upto 20 years and (iv) more than 20 years;

(c) what are the specific terms of

appointments of the Special Police Officers alongwith the honorarium, conveyance allowance and other perks admissible to them;

(d) whether Government propose to remove the old, infirm and the like incumbents by infusing young blood without party affiliations to make the scheme more useful to the society; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Retraction from earlier stand on use of POTA

4886. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have filed an amended counter affidavit in the Supreme Court retracting from its earlier stand that the use of POTA against Mr. Vaiko was justified; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

Crimes on the Indian Railways

4887. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of theft, robberies, molestation and rape of women reported during the year 2002-03 so far on the Indian Railways, Zone-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the law and order situation on railways, particularly in the more vulnerable sections?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Suicide cases of farmers

4888. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 1000 farmers
committed suicide in the last five years;

(b) the role played by the National
Human Rights Commission in respect of
farmers' committing suicide in several
States;

(c) whether adequate compensation to
the bereaved families was paid; and

(d) the role played by Government to
ensure that human rights were not violated?

Declaration of results in UPSC

†4889. SHRI BALKAVI BAIKAGI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted to declare
results of the candidates selected through
interview by UPSC;

(b) the reasons for not declaring results
after the interview by the Commission after
the pronouncement of verdicts in the High
Courts; and

(c) whether suspicion and corruption
develop with the delay in declaring result
and the steps Government would take to
bring the transparency in the same?

Boom in gold mining

4890. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
the media reports captioned "Australian
firm caught in lure of Indian gold";

(b) whether we are heading towards gold
mining boom with foreign assistance;

(c) if so, details of the potential as per
the estimates of Geological Survey of India;

(d) whether we lack in mining
techniques and depend on foreign agencies;
and

(e) if so, what are our handicaps and
shortcomings and when we would be able
to overcome these?

Mine closure plan

4891. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKA-
RASU: Will the Minister of MINES be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to
empower village Panchayats to grant
prospecting licences by amending mining
regulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has been set
up to draw up Mine closure plan;

(d) if so, the recommendations of the
Committee; and

(e) action proposed by Government
thereon?

**Formulation scheme for non-
conventional energy sources for Bihar**

†4892. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of NON-CONVEN-
TIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the State Government of
Bihar has formulated any schemes of non-

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conventional energy sources such as solar energy, wind energy, bio-gas energy and bio-mass energy and sent to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details of the action being taken by Government thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

IOC lab. at Lucknow

4893. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is correct that the IOC lab. at Lucknow has developed a new bio-diesel based on extraction from *Jatropha curcas* plant;

(b) has the IOC also examined economic viability of the project and computed cost of its production *vis-a-vis* petro-diesel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bio-diesel urja

4894. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether bio-diesel urja is being considered as an alternative fuel;

(b) if so, the details of research made in this connection; and

(c) the action taken to obtain its patent to ensure free availability in India with mass free plantation in rural waste lands?

Allocation of employees between MP and Chhattisgarh

4895. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received request from the State Government of Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh with their No Objection for mutual allocation of employees between these States; and

(b) if so, the legal administrative hurdles for not accepting such requests so far?

Preservation of documents under 'C' category

†4896. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government documents under 'C' category are preserved for 15 years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that if the same are not preserved after the above mentioned period, and that too openly, no disciplinary action can be taken against an employee on this ground; and

(c) if so, in case of its non-compliance how the same are treated?

Setting up of asset management company

4897. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up of a new asset management company, promoted by Government owned Banks and investment institutions for offering pension schemes to new Government employees as also the employees in the unorganised sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Community hall in R.K. Puram,
New Delhi**

4898. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for about 1800 quarters in Sector-XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi there is no Samaj Sadan/Barat Ghar thus creating inconvenience for residents for holding marriages etc.;

(b) whether Government have taken any action for fresh sanctioning of Samaj Sadan/Barat Ghar there after withdrawal of 1995 sanction;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether any fresh representation from RWA have been received in this regard; if so, the details of action taken thereon; and

(d) what alternative arrangement Government propose to make till a Samaj Sadan/Barat Ghar is brought up in that Sector?

**Implementation of 85th
Constitutional Amendments**

†4899. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) names of the States which have not implemented 85th Amendment of Constitution;

(b) action being taken to impress upon such States to implement the 85th amendment;

(c) reasons for not issuing notification to Uttaranchal Government on the lines of Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(d) whether Government of India would issue any special instruction to Uttaranchal Government for implementing this amendment?

Vacant posts in different Ministries

†4900. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts of employees of various categories in different Ministries are lying vacant since long;

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

(c) whether Government have any proposal to fill these vacant posts during the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allocation of excess employees of
Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh**

4901. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the facts of excess final allocation made wrongly by Government in respect of State Government employees of Chhattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh though Government have its own guidelines;

(b) if so, how many cases are alike; and

(c) why Government are not reviewing such cases?

Financial losses due to holidays

†4902. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial loss caused to Government as a consequence of holidays falling every year stating the loss to be caused by one holiday;

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(b) the number of holidays in the year 2003 and the loss likely to be caused by these holidays; and

(c) whether Government propose to curtail the number of holidays falling every year with a view to minimising the increasing loss to exchequer and strengthen the economic condition; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Study of workload rationalisation in Government offices

4903. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the Planned and Non-planned expenditure figures in Central Government Ministries (including its Undertaking) for FY 2001-2002;

(b) whether there has been any effort by Government for downsizing of bureaucracy (Group A); and

(c) whether Government has carried out any study for workload rationalization in Government offices?

Setting up power plants in Himachal Pradesh

4904. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up power plants in Himachal Pradesh during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, location-wise details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the same; and

(c) the necessary steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Harnessing Hydro-Electric Power resources in Jammu and Kashmir

4905. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been drawn to harness by Hydraulic power resources in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative could the Ministry give details for the past three years w.e.f. 1st April, 1999 and future three years w.e.f. 15th February, 2003?

Coal, lignite and gas based power projects of NTPC

4906. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the coal based, lignite based and gas based power projects of NTPC at present, project-wise and their locations;

(b) the price of power generated through each source; and

(c) how NTPC is providing desired quantities of coal, lignite and gas to its power projects consistently and sources thereof?

Enron's controversial power project (Dabhol)

4907. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has submitted a 'secret and sensitive' document pertaining to enron's controversial power project (Dabhol) before justice Kurkukar Commission;

(b) whether the Centre has contested the jurisdiction of the Commission to inquire into executive decisions taken by the Centre under various Central statutes; and

(c) whether the Commission has since given its verdict on the issue of jurisdiction to hear matters relating to Central approval for Dahbol Power Company; if so, summary thereof?

Assistance provided by PFC and REC to AP

4908. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) are providing financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Co. Limited (APCPDCL) for purchase of single phase energy meters;

(b) if so, the details of financial assistance provided and the quantity of meters purchased by APCPDCL;

(c) whether orders placed on BHEL and other suppliers have been curtailed by APCPDCL without assigning any reasons;

(d) if so, whether PFC and REC will probe the matter and order for the restoration of balance quantities placed on BHEL and other units; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

High selling price of power

†4909. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rate of power on which it is sold to consumers, is more than the average generation cost of power in the country;

(b) if not, the average rate of power on which it is sold to industrial, commercial, railways and domestic users, who mostly consume maximum power in the country; and

(c) to what extent this selling price is more than the average generation cost?

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)

4910. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States to whom the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is supplying electricity;

(b) the dues the States owe to DVC, State-wise;

(c) the strategy adopted by the DVC to recover the dues from those States; and

(d) the reasons for snapping the supply to Jharkhand, specially to Dhanbad?

Availability based Tariff

4911. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Availability based Tariff' has been introduced for southern electricity boards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Tripartite agreement for clearing power dues

4912. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a tripartite agreement with Centre and Reserve Bank of India has been signed to clear dues worth Rs. 37,400 crore of Central Power PSUs under a one-time settlement scheme;

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(b) if so, the break-up of dues from various States towards different power PSUs like NTPC and NHPC;

(c) whether Government chalked out a plan for future to avoid such pending of huge dues/outstanding from State Electricity Boards towards NTPC and NHPC;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

DPR of hydropower projects in NER

4913. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 417 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th December, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of 17 Hydropower projects in the NER on which DPR being prepared showing stages of the project preparation, source of funding finalised, stages of clearance, target set for commission and executing agency entrusted project-wise; and

(b) the cadre-wise strength of existing staff showing percentage of locally recruit and transferred from other establishments of NHPC including Headquarter recruitment norms followed and to be followed, the number and future of contract labours for regular employment in the Subansiri and Dihang Project?

Power supply to Maharashtra by Dabhol Power Plant

4914. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dabhol Power Plant is being revived for augmenting power supply to Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the steps so far taken in this regard;

(c) the terms of the power purchase agreement, if any signed, revived or renewed with Government of Maharashtra and the extent of power supply expected from this power plant, indicating the areas to be served thereby; and

(d) whether Government of Chhattisgarh or other Chhattisgarh Power plant has offered to supply power to Maharashtra and other neighbouring States; if so, on what terms?

SEBs dues to Railways

4915. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Electricity Boards owe large sums of money to Railways;

(b) whether the Ministry of Power has pressed the SEBs to clear the arrears and pay to Railways the outstanding amounts; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

Privatisation of REC

4916. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has put off the idea of privatisation of Rural Electrification Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial assistance provided by REC to State Electricity Boards for development of rural electrification during the last three years; and

(d) the successes achieved in the field of rural electrification by it?

Projects out of the purview of Rapid Power Development and Reforms Programme

†4917. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of under construction projects are out of purview of Rapid Power Development and Reforms Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the projects;

(c) the total amount spent by December, 2002 on the same;

(d) the amount still required for the completion of construction of the same; and

(e) by when, the each project is targeted to be completed?

Power generation projects using petroleum products as fuel

†4918. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that petroleum products are used as fuel in several power generation projects under the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that generation cost of these projects is higher than that of coal based projects;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) power generation cost of above projects using petroleum as fuel during the year 2001-2002?

Expansion and modernisation of Super Thermal Power Plants

4919. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion and modernisation of Super Thermal Power Plants in the country;

(b) if so, the Super Thermal Power Plants which were brought under the expansion and modernisation programme during the Ninth Plan;

(c) whether NTPC has also identified some Super Thermal Power Plants for expansion during the Tenth Plan period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in the matter?

Responsibility given to private sector for improvement in power sector

†4920. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private sector has been given responsibility to make improvement in power sector of various States of the country;

(b) if so, the States in which private sector has been given responsibility alongwith the details of these responsibilities;

(c) by when, this responsibility was given;

(d) whether Government have made any assessment in improvements of power sector after extendign the responsibilities to the private sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Coal based power generation projects

†4921. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed that the cost of power generation may be reduced by improving the quality of coal in the coal based power generation projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the percentage cost reduction of power likely to be brought about as a result thereof; and

(c) the average cost of production estimated to be brought down in the above projects during the current year 2002-2003?

Power generation and consumption in Assam

4922. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details of power generation and consumption in the State of Assam during each of the last five years and till date?

Hydel power potential

4923. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is not able to exploit even 25 per cent of its hydel potential;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken for maximizing hydel power potential utilisation in the country?

Setting up Power Projects during Ninth Five Year Plan

4924. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power projects set up in various States during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether the proposal to set up some power projects in some States are still pending with Government;

(c) if so, the State-wise details of such pending power projects; and

(d) the steps taken to accord early clearance to these projects?

Report of Task Force for wasteland/ watershed development

4925. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Task Force constituted for wastelands/watershed development has submitted its report to the Government; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the report?

Utilisation of funds by DRDAs in Rajasthan

4926. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the District Rural Development Agencies have fully utilised

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the money allocation made to it in Rajasthan during the last two years, year-wise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Utilisation of PMGSY funds by Assam

†4927. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for the State of Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last three years and till date alongwith the amount actually released for the purpose; and

(b) the percentage of the said amount spent for development of roads of rural areas of the State alongwith reasons for non-utilisation of the said amount?

Potable water crisis in Moltha, Tehri Garhwal

†4928. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gram Panchayat Moltha, P.O. Devtadhar, district Tehri Garhwal, Uttaranchal are facing acute crisis of potable water;

(b) if so, whether all the sources of potable water available in Moltha village have dried up;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the concerned water corporation/water institute in Tehri Garhwal has located the source of water named 'Daul Nape' to solve the problem of potable water of the residents of the said village; and

(e) if so, the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to sanction the project of supply of potable water in the Moltha village?

Steps to accelerate impedimentation of Watershed Development Programme

4929. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any strategy has been chalked out by Government to bring all related Ministries of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment and Forest under a single umbrella so as to accelerate the impediment-free implementation of Watershed Development Programme and to keep a check over the proper utilization of funds allocated for the ambitious programme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to constitute a special cell of experts on finance, ecology and environment, sociological issues, organizational skills and for creation of awareness through websites, international cooperation with neighbouring countries like Bhutan and Nepal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation to Andhra Pradesh under Central Rural Sanitation Programme

4930. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) allocations made to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) during the last three years, year-wise;

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(b) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of allocated funds were earmarked for individual latrines for SCs and STs; and

(c) if so, the number of latrines constructed for SCs and STs in the State during the said period under CRSP?

Depletion of ground water level

4931. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ground water level is depleting in many parts of Karnataka State for the past three years;

(b) the details of amount released under Prime Minister's Gramodaya Scheme to augment the ground water resources for the past three years in the State; and

(c) if so, furnish the details of artificial recharge structures built in the State, under the Rural Water Supply Scheme?

IAY beneficiaries in Uttaranchal

4932. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent district-wise, year-wise under Indira Awas Yojana in Uttaranchal from its inception till date;

(b) district-wise number of poor people of the State benefited out of the above Yojana during the said period; and

(c) steps taken so far by Government for providing basic amenities in House being constructed under IAY in the State?

Poverty alleviation in rural areas

4933. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) allocation, release and expenditure

of various poverty alleviation programmes in rural areas during each of last three years i.e. 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 State-wise;

(b) the norms of allocation and release made under each of the programmes;

(c) whether in view of the highest percentage of population below poverty line in U.P. and Uttaranchal compared to other States of the country, whether any special dispensation for these States has been done by the Central Government for reducing poverty in Orissa in quicker pace; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

Minimum wage under SGRY

4934. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of minimum wage to be paid to workers under the Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) in the State of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the rate of minimum wage in these States where the workers are employed on scarcity relief works;

(c) the reasons for difference in both the wages; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that labour laws may not be violated?

Mandays of employment created

4935. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays per month per labourer generated during the period from 01.01.2002 to 28.02.2003 by the Centre and by each State;

(b) whether Government are planning to ensure at least 100 mandays of work in a year for each day labourer (both ordinary and expert labourer);

(c) if so, the plans to be undertaken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Roads connecting villages in Uttar Pradesh

4936. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to connect the roads of rural areas to the main cities in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the time by when it would be done;

(c) the total length of the roads in Kms. in the State proposed to be constructed by the Government during the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the total amount likely to be spent thereon?

BPL persons

†4937. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the country to identify people living Below Poverty Line;

(b) if so, the State-wise outcome of the said survey; and

(c) the number of persons living below the poverty line in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh and whether this rate has increased over the past years?

Drinking water schemes in Uttaranchal

4938. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes sanctioned for providing pure drinking water in Rural/Backward/Snowbound areas of Uttaranchal during the period of its inception till date;

(b) year-wise amount released to this State by the Central Government during the above period; and

(c) the amount spent by the State Government on their own during this period?

Restoration of water harvesting structures in Rajasthan

4939. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan had requested a sum of Rs. 1344 crores to Construct/Restore its Traditional and New Water Harvesting Structures for 38995 projects;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance provided by Government for the year 2000;

(c) whether the State Government has requested the Centre to establish a "Prime Minister Rural Water Conservation Scheme" similar to Prime Minister Rural Employment Scheme and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and provide funds for completion of other works;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereto; and

(e) by when the remaining funds would be forwarded to Rajasthan to complete its remaining works?

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Four pronged strategy for rural development

4940. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of the Rural Development Ministry to give shape to the Prime Minister's statement on adopting four-pronged strategy for rural development-physical and electronic connectivity, electricity, market access and electronic services like telecom and Internet; and

(b) if so, would this planning be an integrated one with time-bound fixed targets, adequate budgetary allocation and monitoring mechanism to keep an watch on progress?

Reducing poverty in the country

4941. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of record food production during the past years, the number of people living Below Poverty Line has not decreased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) action contemplated to address the root causes for the prevailing economic condition of the country?

Production of international grade hybrid silk

4942. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been successful to produce international grade hybrid silk;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to patent the new hybrid silk worm varieties?

Status of textiles industry

†4943. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the condition of textiles industry in the country, the number of textile mills which have been closed down and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to reopen these mills;

(c) the number of workers become unemployed as a result of their closure; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for the upliftment of the small textile weavers?

Swadeshi cotton mills

†4944. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are going to provide Central pay scales and all the facilities of (N.T.C.) to the workers of Swadeshi Cotton Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Persons employed in the powerloom sector

†4945. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in

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the powerloom sector and in the organised and unorganised sectors;

(b) to what extent, the duty was received from the industry prior to the enforcement of the CENVAT and the extent of increase therein following the enforcement of the CENVAT; and

(c) the details of effects on production following the enforcement of CENVAT in the powerloom sector?

Cultivation of jute in Orissa

4946. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total hectares of land in the State of Orissa that have been brought under jute cultivation, so far;

(b) whether Government are aware of the problems of jute growers in that State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to provide adequate incentives to promote jute cultivation in that State?

Joblessness in powerloom sector in A.P.

4947. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of workers employed in the powerloom and other affiliated units have been rendered jobless in Andhra Pradesh recently;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address their problems and place them on way to rehabilitation?

Outstanding dues against textile industry

†4948. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN

SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 16,000 crores of rupees is outstanding against textile industry in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of outstanding amount against handloom, powerloom and textile mills, separately?

Viability of textile industry

4949. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for improving economic viability of textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to make the textile sector competitive in view of cheap imported goods?

Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

4950. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof *inter-alia* stating the aims thereof, funding pattern, incentives and facilities provided under the scheme;

(c) monitoring mechanism to check the utilization of assistance provided under and scheme at the National and State level;

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