

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the August 7, 2002/Sravana 16, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—110

Revival of Utkal Alumina International Ltd., Kashipur

2226. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bauxite Mining and Alumina plant project of Utkal Alumina International Ltd., Kashipur in Orissa is proposed to be revived;

(b) if so, the name of the company who will manage and run the Plant; and

(c) whether there is local opposition to its revival, if so, the nature of their apprehensions and action taken to dispel them?

Amendments to Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974

2227. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVU-KKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Coal Mines (Conservation and Development) Act, 1974 to impose cess on Coal to improve safety in mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has estimated

expenditure required to improve safety in mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures to be taken to raise funds for this purpose?

Mining of Diamonds

†2228. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement to hand over mining of diamonds at Devbhog in Chhattisgarh to De-Beers has been reached; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action taken so far with regard to mining and testing of diamonds and the plans formulated in this regard?

Use of detonators in stone crushing

2229. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to simplify the Licence for the use of detonators (blast) in stone crushing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether Government are convinced that it will prevent smuggling of detonators?

Grant of licences for exploration of precious minerals in Andhra Pradesh

2230. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven companies have been granted prospecting licences for diamond exploration and other precious minerals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has also plans to step up precious stone mining activities in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, etc.

(c) whether the Union Government is confident that these efforts will yield results and Indian will achieve the world leader status in cut and polished diamonds; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

Cash reward to soldiers

†2231. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Government of Pakistan gives cash reward to its soldiers for killing jawans and officials of Indian army posted in Jammu and Kashmir; and

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

Use of symbols in Cantonment Board Elections

2232. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) in how many Cantonments the Board Elections are contested on political party symbols and in how many it is contested without political party symbols;

(b) whether the Cantonment Act, 1924 specifies Cantonment Board elections on political party symbols;

(c) if so, whether Government had issued any administrative directions in 1973 to avoid allotment of symbols reserved for political parties in Cantonment Board Elections;

(d) if so, the reasons for elections in some Cantonments being held on political party symbols despite directions of Government; and

(e) whether Government propose to issue directions to such Cantonment Boards to hold elections without political party symbols?

Storage of ammunition

2233. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5182 rounds of ammunition valued at Rs. 1.16 crore issued to user units were declared unserviceable due to improper storage by an Ammunition Depot, Dappar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken so far to avoid the recurrence of such loss in future?

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Supply of VPS. MK.II Radio Set and Radio Trunk System

2234. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of the order for the supply of VPS.MK.II Radio Set, Radio Trunk System placed with the Punjab Wireless System Ltd. on the 31st March, 1999 by the Army Headquarters;

(b) the total amount of advance payment given to the company for the execution of the supply order;

(c) whether it is a fact that company failed to execute the said supply order and whether advanced money has been recovered from the company; and

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

Scrutiny of defence deals by a group of eminent persons

2235. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence has decided to set up an eminent persons' group to scrutinize defence deals; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Fate of missing MIG aircraft

2236. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a MIG

aircraft with its two pilots went missing on 25th April, 2002; and

(b) if so, what has been the fate of this aircraft and its pilots?

Supply of modernised radars to India by the USA

2237. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India made a request to the U.S.A. to supply 8 modernized radars in April this year; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the U.S. Government thereto?

Development of Shakti engine ALH

2238. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Turbomeca, France based sneoma group company have undertaken a joint venture to develop "Shakti" a more powerful engine for India's Advanced Light Helicopter; and

(c) if so, the details of the project?

Mandatory approval of CCS for defence purchases

2239. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has recommended that "no

procurement can be made without the approval of the Cabinet Committee on Security";

(b) if so, whether Government have received the recommendations of the Committee in this regard;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to implement the suggestions; and

(d) to what extent existing defence procurement system has been revamped?

Liberalisation of F.S.I. rules and bye-laws for construction in Defence Cantonment areas

2240. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to liberalise F.S.I. rules and building construction Bye-laws in Defence Cantonment areas by amending the Defence Cantonments Act; and

(b) whether Government also propose to make rules for regularisation of unauthorised building constructions in Defence Cantonment areas in pursuance of the amendments to be made in the Defence Cantonments Act?

Payment of dues to Indian Peacekeepers in UN duty

2241. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian Military personnel who were assigned peacekeeping duties in Somalia, Mozambique and Cambodia between 1991 and 1993 have retired, but the United Nations is yet to pay their allowances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had taken up this matter with the United Nations;

(d) if so, the reaction of the United Nations in this regard; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by Government to pay the allowances due to these military personnel?

Drug for toxins of chemical attack

2242. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any drug has been developed to combat toxins of chemical attack; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Abandoned ship detected by Coast Guard

2243. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem titled 'Was abandoned Lebanese ship AL-Qaeda's getaway vehicle' published in the Hindustan Times, dated 9th July, 2002;

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

(c) whether the ship was detected within the maritime zone of India, and whether it indicate security lapse on the part of the concerned agency; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such lapses and to further strengthen the vigil on our coasts?

Compensation of land owners in J&K

2244. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Land compensation and rent paid by Army and para-military forces to the Land owners in J&K since 1995, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rent paid is inadequate and there are delays in making such payments;

(c) if so, when the rent was last assessed for enhancement;

(d) what steps are being taken for speedy payment to the land owners; and

(e) how many compensation cases are pending and why?

Reservation of seats in Sainik School, Tilaia, Jharkhand

†2245. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Defence in its letter has directed Principal, Sainik School, Tilaia (Jharkhand) that 67 per cent and 33 per cent of the total seats may be reserved for the students of Jharkhand and Bihar respectively;

(b) whether this directive is against the 10th schedule of Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000 in the light of its section 70 (1); and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry has since withdrawn its directive, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Atrocities on SCs/STs

2246. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken serious result oriented steps to curb the growing nightmarish menace of atrocities against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints against Director (PFA) Government of NCT of Delhi

2247. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4010 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether CVC, CBI and Delhi Government have received complaints against Director (PFA) Department of PFA of Delhi Government during recent past regarding connivance with traders against Public Interest and also mismanaging the Department on the advice of a tout;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed by Government to transfer Director (PFA) and conduct enquiry in view of (a) above and if not, the reasons therefor?

Charge-sheet filed against culprits involved in attack on Parliament

2248. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any charge-sheet has been filed against the culprits of the December 13 attack on Parliament;

(b) if so, the details of the charges framed and under what sections; and

(c) the details of persons against whom charges have been framed?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule

2249. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced recently that a high-powered committee would be set up soon to evolve guidelines for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard;

(c) whether Government have set a time-frame to give its recommendations;

(d) whether Government have received requests for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Movement of unwanted persons in V.P. House Complex, New Delhi

†2250. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that movement of unwanted persons in the V.P. House Complex, New Delhi continue incessantly due to deployment of police personnel for long time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such long posting of security personnel;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to post police personnel in V.P. House Complex on rotation basis for three months; and

(d) if so, by when?

Representation from Delhi Police personnel to increase casual leave

†2251. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of any representation in regard to extending the existing 10 days casual leave to 15 days to Delhi Police personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of Government thereon?

Escape of prisoners

2252. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 90 per cent of prisoners who escape do so while being escorted by the police without handcuffs from prison to courts and back, as per data prepared by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D);

(b) whether Government are also aware that Justice V.S. Malimath, heading the committee for reform in the criminal justice system, has suggested that the Supreme Court judgement on handcuffing could be reviewed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

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Nagpur as alternate capital of the country

2253. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to make Nagpur as alternate capital of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in past any committee has been set up to examine the matter of deciding alternate capital for the country;
- (d) if so, the recommendations of the committee; and
- (e) Government's reaction thereto?

Proposal sent by RPF

†2254. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether RPF had sent any proposal to Ministry of Home Affairs to encounter the terrorist activities and for providing security to passengers inside the trains and stations;
- (b) the decision taken by the Ministry in this regard; and
- (c) by when Government propose to authorise RPF for providing security to Railway property, passengers in trains and Station premises against terrorists?

Detention of Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj under POTA

†2255. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Imtiyaz Ahmed Bajaj detained under POTA (after

whose enquiry, Gilani was detained under POTA) had been associated with Prime Minister's Office for a long time and many time recommendations were also made for him;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that on the recommendation of an officer holding an important post in Prime Minister's Office, sanction was granted to produce and telecast the current affair programme to be telecasted on Doordarshan Channel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of criminal laws

2256. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have considered the deliberations and recommendations of the recently held conference on "Fundamental principles of criminal justice", highlighting *inter-alia* the urgent need for a comprehensive review of the criminal laws and the procedures to ensure speedy justice; and
- (b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Case registered by Delhi Police against Indian Informatic Infotech Pvt. Ltd.

†2257. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police has completed the investigation initiated in June, 2001 with regard to financial irregularities against the Indian

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Informatic Infotech Private Limited situated at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount duped by the company and the number of applicants whose amount has been duped;

(c) whether Government propose to refund out of the confiscated amount to such unemployed applicants who deposited amount with the company;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Road accidents in Delhi

2258. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during late hours streets of Delhi become freeways and most of the traffic signals are switched to blinker mode;

(b) the number of deaths that have taken place since 1st January, 2002 in Delhi because of road accident;

(c) the names of blind spots and other spots where mishaps are likely to happen in Delhi;

(d) whether traffic police officials are able to do little in this regard due to constraints of man-power; and

(e) if so, the corrective measures being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

Earthquake danger in Uttaranchal

2259. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Disaster Mitigation and Management Centre

warned a earthquake will strike major pilgrim centres like Badrinath, Kedarnath in Uttaranchal and whether Government have taken note of it;

(b) if so, the action plan drawn by Government to minimize or avert damage to life and property in the region;

(c) whether Government have drawn similar action plan with regard to impending earthquakes in other parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disaster Management

2260. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take some legislative and other measures to tackle the problems associated with disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the similar measures taken by the State Governments as well;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government has initiated some programme to prepare district disaster mitigation and management plans; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Dustbin near NDMC School, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi

†2261. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the open plot in front of NDMC school, Netaji Nagar adjacent to block CS and D is being used as an open dustbin;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the dirt and filth spilled due to this is causing a health hazard to the residents of the said blocks;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to develop this plot as a park; if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up a National Centre for Calamity Management

2262. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up a National Centre for Calamity Management as recommended by the Eleventh Finance Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the organisational structure of the centre?

Reclamation of Chambal ravines

2263. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan for reclamation of Chambal ravines was undertaken and if so, when, the details thereof; the progress made therein and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether as a result gangs of dacoits operating therefrom had surrendered, if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether a number of inter-State dacoit gangs have lately come up in the Chambal ravines; if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken and being taken to mop up and disarm these gangs?

Flood situation in the country

2264. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods in many areas in the country has destroyed standing crops and rendered people homeless;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many areas now submerged were identified as flood prone areas;

(d) if so, why preventive steps could not be taken to tackle flood situation in these areas; and

(e) the steps taken to harness flood water for its gainful use in and around the areas submerged with water?

Natural disasters in the country

2265. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India is becoming more and more prone to natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the country has well-knit forecasting systems and observational network to warn the authorities of the impending events;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the disaster management machinery in operation to meet the national calamities?

Killings of BSF Personnel

2266. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress and outcome of the enquiry into the circumstances under which 16 BSF personnel were killed in the village of Boruibari on the Indo-Bangladesh Border recently;

(b) whether the responsibility for the incident has been fixed on any personnel of the BSF; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken?

Autonomy to the Tribes of plains of Assam

2267. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Sixth Schedule of the constitution to give autonomy to some more tribes of the plains of Assam;

(b) if so, whether all the plains tribal of Assam going to be benefited by it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CBI cell for kidnapping

†2268. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has set up a special cell for investigation into the cases of kidnapping of minor girls and boys;

(b) the number of cases registered since the date of its inception and till the end of 2001;

(c) the state-wise details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to take any specific steps to strengthen this cell set up by CBI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Meeting of Punjab MLAs with the PM and Deputy Prime Minister

2269. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of 32 MLA from Punjab had recently met the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister also to lodge their protest over plans of the NDA Government to send a team to the State of Punjab over the deteriorating law and order situation;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what are the circumstances which led the Government of India to depute its team to Punjab?

Nexus between al-Qaeda and diamond merchants

†2270. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a nexus between Al-Qaeda and the Diamond merchants of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this matter so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, by when it is proposed to be conducted?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Demand for separating Hardwar
from Uttaranchal**

†2271. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many organisations and political parties have demanded for separating Hardwar from Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/being considered to taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government are aware that indefinite Dharna is going on in Mangalore (Hardwar) in this regard?

Registration for foreign grant

2272. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Health Environment and Allied Database, an NGO Registered (Registration No. S/26497 of 1994) with Registrar of societies, Delhi applied for registration or permission to receive foreign grants;

(b) if so, the details of date of application and authority who applied for permission, alongwith date of permission granted;

(c) the amount and source of foreign grant received for the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of Members and Board of Governors of the society as per the existing official records of the Registrar of Societies, Delhi?

Killings at Rajiv Nagar, Jammu

†2273. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed mercilessly in the carnage which took place on 13th July, 2002 at Rajiv Nagar Jammu;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to check such terrorist incident; and

(c) the details of enquiries made with the terrorists arrested so far and whether any terrorist outfit has taken the responsibility thereof?

Condition of Kashmiri Pandits

2274. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri pandits who left their homes in the wake of terrorist and militants offensive living in refugee camps in jammu or elsewhere;

(b) when are they likely to be sent to their own homes in Kashmir;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that their homes, property and land are not grabbed by unscrupulous persons and returned to the legitimate owners; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to facilitate the refugees to take part in the ensuring assembly pools;

Misuse of POTA

2275. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received

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any representation from the Members of Parliament to prevent the misuse of POTA;

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

(c) whether it is proposed to make suitable amendments in POTA to prevent the use of its provisions for political vendetta and if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to include Dogri in the Eighth Schedule

2276. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 661 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill, to include Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, during the current session of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

De-silting operations by MCD

2277. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA:
SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a larger number of Government quarters in Sector-7, R. K. Puram, New Delhi were flooded with rain water on 29th May, 2002 due to non-de-silting of storm-water drains and non-laying of new drain pipes in the area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether de-silting operations of MCD have not been undertaken in the area for many years and the plan to lay new

drain-pipes have not been initiated leading to water logging and drain water overflowing throughout the year; and

(d) the action taken in this regard?

Paucity of drinking water in R. K. Puram

2278. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA:
SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is paucity of drinking water in R. K. Puram (Sector-7) New Delhi and residents are forced to buy water from tankers to meet their essential needs; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to tackle the problem of water scarcity and address the related issues including making available of the basic amenities to the residents of the sector?

Media Management Secretariat

2279. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up a full fledged media Management Secretariat to counter the anti Government propaganda both by national and international media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether existing media establishments has failed to counter the anti-Government propaganda; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Riots after Godhara incident

†2280. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons arrested in connection with riots broke out after the Godhara incident in Gujarat;

(b) district-wise details of persons killed, affected and arrested in this regard; and

(c) the district-wise number of houses fully as well as partially damaged in the riots togetherwith the details of the assistance provided for the reconstruction of these houses to the affected persons?

Search for gold granules

2281. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of people are involved in search of gold granules with the help of local police from the sewer lines in Gali No. 11, Reghar Pura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the sewer lines are choked by the activities of these persons and the residents have to suffer; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against the persons and the Police officials involved in it?

Custodial deaths in Maharashtra

2282. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of highest number of custodial deaths in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has enquired into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have given any instructions to the State Government in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government/NHRC in the matter?

Village Electrification Projects

2283. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to electrify 18,000 remote villages through Village Electrification Projects by year 2012;

(b) if so, number of villages to be electrified in Orissa under the Scheme; and

(c) by when, the work under the scheme is likely to be started?

High Focus Area in Sundarban

2284. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sundarban area of West Bengal has been declared by MNES as High Focus area with 90 per cent Central financial assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes where such assistance has been sanctioned so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Subsidy on Bio-gas plants in
Himachal Pradesh**

2285. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for enhancement of subsidy on Bio-gas plants in Himachal Pradesh on the pattern of North-Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

**National Programme on Improved
Chulhas**

2286. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Chulhas promoted under National Programme on Improved Chulhas, during the Ninth Plan, State-wise;

(b) the number of households covered under the scheme as on 31st March, 2002;

(c) the amount of Central subsidy given to different type of Chulhas;

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme as on 31st March, 2002;

(e) whether Government have launched an awareness campaign amongst villagers to promote use of the improved Chulhas; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Non-Conventional energy sources in
Bihar**

2287. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the potential of Non-

Conventional Energy Sources in different States, various energy, source-wise;

(b) whether its potential has been fully harnessed;

(c) whether Bihar is lagging behind in tapping the potentiality of non-conventional energy sources; and

(d) the efforts are being made to increase use of non-conventional sources of energy in Bihar?

**Power generation plant based on bio-
mass in Hiviyur, Karnataka**

2288. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted M/s. R. K. Power ZEN Company to establish 'Power generation plant' based on bio-mass in Hiviyur, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of company and the conditions imposed under law;

(c) whether the citizens of Hiviyur Taluk are opposing the establishment of such plant on Health and environment grounds; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take against the company?

**Shortfall of power generation during
the Eighth and Ninth Plan period**

2289. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of power generation during the Tenth Plan period have been fixed;

(b) if so, the details thereof and concrete steps taken to achieve the targets;

(c) whether the targets of power generation during Eighth and Ninth Plan could not be achieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the shortfall of power generation during the Eighth and Ninth Plan period?

Setting up of distribution and sub-transmission subsidiary by PGCIL

2290. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) plans to set up a distribution and sub-transmission subsidiary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide specialised services to Indian State Electricity Boards in power transmission especially to Orissa State Electricity Board?

Cost of production of power and expenditure incurred on supply

†2291. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the actual cost of production of power and the expenditure incurred on the supply of power to the consumers in the country;

(b) if so, the average cost of production of power in each State in the country and the average of expenditure incurred on the supply of power to the consumer; and

(c) the reasons for difference, if any, in both of these rates?

Pollution by Thermal Power Stations in the country

†2292. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Thermal Power Stations functioning in the country at present, alongwith those owned by the Central Government;

(b) the number of those affecting the environment adversely;

(c) the details of letters written by the Ministry of Environment in this regard to the Ministry of Power during the last two years;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps so far to prevent the damage to environment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Visit to foreign countries by Power Sector delegations

2293. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Power Industry were sent to foreign countries for the further co-operation and development in the power sector in view of the growing global competition during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects of mutual interest discussed by them;

(c) the countries with whom trade agreements were entered into by them alongwith the details of each of the trade agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

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**Memorandum of Agreement signed
with A.P. State transmission
Corporation (TRANSCO)**

2294. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh State Transmission Corporation (TRANSCO) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Ministry of Power under Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantum of funds proposed to be released to Andhra Pradesh Government under the programme;

(d) the ratio of grant and loan components of the funds proposed to be released under the programme; and

(e) the total amount earmarked to the APDP for being disbursed to the performing states and the total percentage of funds proposed to be given to Andhra Pradesh?

**Withdrawal of Andhra Pradesh
share of 115 M. W. from Kaiga Power
Station**

2295. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CEA has withdrawn entire Andhra Pradesh share of 115 MW from Kaiga Power Station and reduced ER Power by 20 MW;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any request for restoration of the same has been received in the Ministry from the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details of the request; and

(e) the action contemplated on that request?

Loans to States under AG&SP

2296. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount disbursed as loans to States under the Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme (AG&SP) during the last three years;

(b) what are the various incentives given to State Electricity Boards for generation of power;

(c) the interest subsidy given to SEBs;

(d) the total number of Hydro and Thermal Projects covered under the Programme, State-wise, during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the thermal and hydro projects of Andhra Pradesh which are covered under the scheme?

**Functioning of EEB in the developed
countries**

†2297. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of developed countries where organisations like Energy Efficiency Bureau are functioning;

(b) whether Government have recently declared energy audit as mandatory in cement, paper and construction industry in the country; and

(c) if so, the justification for such an audit?

**Techno-economic clearance to the
Almatti Dam Power House**

2298. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of

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Karnataka has sought Centre's techno-economic clearance for the Almatti Dam Power House; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response to the proposal?

Demand and availability of power in N. E. States

2299. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the State-wise demand and availability of power in North East and steps taken to improve the situation; and

(b) the details of the action finalized to ensure availability of power in the North Eastern States through reorganization of the existing distribution system indicating central assistance earmarked for the purpose?

Uniform electricity tariff rates

2300. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to introduce uniform electricity tariff rates throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have so far taken any action in this regard; and

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

Protest against the power tariff revision

2301. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been protests

against the power tariff revision at several places throughout India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Power Reforms

2302. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States that have effectively been implementing power reforms in the country;

(b) the transmission and distribution losses in the States which have been effectively implementing power reforms in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of reforms T&D losses have not come down; and

(d) if so, what steps the Ministry is taking to reduce T&D losses?

MoU with States for power reforms

2303. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed MoUs with all SEBs to carry out power sector reforms;

(b) the States which have not signed the reforms of MoU; and

(c) whether funds under APDRP will be tied to their performance in meeting the MoU obligations?

Credit worthiness of SEBs

2304. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked

credit rating agencies to rate the credit worthiness of the State Electricity Boards and to evaluate progress made by them in implementing the power sector reforms; and

(b) whether Government will consider these ratings to allocate funds under the APDRP?

Power fund

2305. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Power proposes to set up a Power Fund on the line of Resurgent India Bonds and India Millennium Deposits, both successful and popular with the non-resident Indians;

(b) if so, whether proposal has complete backing of Power Finance Corporation which is trying to get major financial institutions involved with project; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has succeeded in mooted the Indian Power Fund?

Techno-economic clearance to Naptha based Liquid Fuel Power Projects at Nanjangud and Mandya

2306. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has sought Centre's Techno-Economic clearance for the Naptha-based Liquid Fuel Power Projects at Nanjangud and Mandya; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and by when, the clearance given to each of these projects?

Rural electrification programme

2307. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be electrified during the current budget year, State-wise;

(b) the cost of the project; and

(c) by when all the villages are proposed to be covered under rural electrification programme?

Upkeep of link road connecting NH 8 and 11

†2308. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the link road connecting the National Highway No. 8 and 11 has been converted into pucca road in Ringus in Shahpura *via* Nathusar with central assistance;

(b) if so, what is the present condition of this link road;

(c) the authority responsible for its maintenance if the condition thereof is dilapidated;

(d) whether the Centre is considering to get it repaired on its own expenses; and

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

Connecting rural masses through Wireless Wide Area Network

2309. SHRI R.S.GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

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deploy Wireless Wide Area Network connectivity for the use of rural masses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the utility and benefits of such technology for rural populace has been assessed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) time by which such facility will be made available?

Study on Watershed projects in Andhra Pradesh

2310. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Rural Development had sponsored an evaluation study on Watershed projects in Andhra Pradesh by Agricultural Finance Corporations;

(b) if so, the findings/recommendations of the study;

(c) whether Government proposes to sanction more projects for Andhra Pradesh in the light of findings of the study; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

NFBS beneficiaries in Orissa

2311. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries Under National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) across the country during last three years, State-wise;

(b) the total number of cases sanctioned under NFBS in Orissa during last three years, District-wise;

(c) the total number of cases sanctioned in Jajpur District in Orissa, block-wise; and

(d) whether any complaints have been received regarding irregularities in giving compensation under NFBS in Korai Block of Jajpur District in Orissa; and

(e) if so, corrective measures taken by Government for proper implementation of the scheme?

Self-Help groups scheme in Orissa

2312. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form 14 lakh Self-help Groups to boost rural economy at the grass root level;

(b) if so, what is the concept of the scheme and the State/areas where it has succeeded in creating national wealth, the details thereof;

(c) whether Orissa has also been covered in the project, if so, the progress made in the State in developing rural economy; and

(d) if no, whether Government are considering Orissa to be included for the project?

Increasing employment rate in Bihar

2313. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many man days have been created in the past 5 years under Rural Employment Generation Programme in different States;

(b) the reasons for this less percentage in Bihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that employment rate is low in Bihar; and

(d) if so, what efforts are being made to increase employment in Bihar?

Release of foodgrains in place of wages to Karnataka under SGRY

2314 SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has sought the assistance of the Centre under the Sampoorna Grameena Rozgar Yojana for an additional 5 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for youths in rural areas in place of wages;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has considered the proposal; and

(c) if so, when the foodgrains are likely to be released?

Allocations under RGNDWM in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

2315. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated/released/spent in each district of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh under Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission since its inception upto 31st March, 2002, District-wise;

(b) whether the goals laid down have also been achieved in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

Indira Awas Yojana

†2316. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of houses constructed in the country under Indira Awas Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have

reviewed the Yojana to ensure that the houses constructed under the said Yojana are actually allotted to poor people; and

(c) if so, the State-wise/category-wise, details thereof?

Provision of basic amenities in IAY houses

†2317. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided basic amenities such as power and toilet in the houses made under the Indira Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

Revision of guidelines for IWDP

2318. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently revised guidelines for watershed Development under Integrated Wasteland Development Programme;

(b) if so, the salient features of these guidelines;

(c) the major activities taken up in the projects under the programme during last three years, State-wise;

(d) the number of districts/States in which the programme is being implemented; and

(e) the funding pattern of the programme and total amount sanctioned and spent under programme as on 31st March, 2002?

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**Proposal submitted by Rajasthan
for development of roads under
PMGSY**

2319. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has submitted a comprehensive project proposal for conversion of the earth and gravel roads in the State connecting villages and habitations with over 1000 population into wider black topped roads and to provide new link roads from such habitations to the existing road network by 2003 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

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

(c) what steps have been taken that the link road works as conducted with approval and consultation of the local MPs?

**Funds allocated for rural
development schemes**

†2320. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme-wise details of amount allocated and released for the rural development schemes in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern States during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the scheme-wise details of the amount utilized; and

(c) the State-wise achievements made under each of the schemes?

**Sanctioning of special projects under
SGSY in Andhra Pradesh**

2321. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanctioning the special projects for Anantapur, Mahaboob Nagar and Vizianagaram districts of Andhra Pradesh under SGSY;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Reservation for women in SGSY

2322. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reservation for Women in Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loans extended to women under SGSY by each public sector bank during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps Government have taken to ensure that women get loans on priority basis from the Banks under SGSY?

**Rural Housing Scheme in Madhya
Pradesh**

†2323. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States where various Central

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Rural Housing Schemes are being launched;

(b) how much amount has been made available for providing houses under these schemes in the State of Madhya Pradesh during last three years and during current years so far; and

(c) what is the number of houses constructed and allotted under these schemes during above period?

SHGs in the country

2324. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total of Self Help Groups in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of financial assistance given by Government to the Self-Help Groups in the country since its inception, year-wise, State-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed to increase the Self-Help Groups by 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fiscal incentives for handloom sector

2325. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken to tone up Handloom Sector by the Government under the new Textile Policy;

(b) how far these have benefited the Handloom Sector;

(c) whether Government propose to give fiscal incentives for Handloom Sector; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ban by Germany on import of Ejo coloured clothes from India

†2326. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the ban imposed by Germany on import of such clothes from India wherein Ejo Colour has been used;

(b) if so, whether such clothes contain an excessive quantity of "carrenojence" in them; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard and the amount of loss the country is likely to suffer as a result of ban on such imports to Germany?

Development of sericulture

2327. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how much of money was received from external sources for the development of sericulture for the last three years;

(b) the States also got financial assistance for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it has increased the mulberry cultivation and silk production; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof for the last three years?

Visit to foreign countries by delegates of textile industry

2328. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Textile Industry were sent

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to foreign countries for the further co-operation and development in the Textile Industries in view of the growing global competition during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what subjects of mutual interest were discussed by them;

(c) the countries with whom agreements were entered into by them alongwith the details of each of the agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

Textile exports to the US

2329. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles to the US in dollar terms has declined during 2001;

(b) whether as compared to India's exports to the US the exports of China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh have increased in this period;

(c) the reasons for fall in India's exports and increase in neighbouring countries' exports; and

(d) what steps are being taken to boost exports of textiles to the US?

Decline in India's Textile exports

2330. SHRI K.KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's Textile Exports have declined considerably;

(b) if so, the comparative figures

during the April, 2000 to February, 2001 and April, 2001 to February, 2002; and

(c) the action proposed to boost textile exports?

Lifting ban on Shahtoosh weaving

2331. PROF. M.SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the news-item in the Indian Express dated the 2nd July, 2002 there would be an attempt to lift the ban on Shahtoosh weaving;

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

(c) whether Government are aware of a study done by the Wildlife Trust of India on the Shahtoosh workers in the Kashmir Valley;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the ingredients that go in to the making of Shahtoosh Shawl;

(f) whether these ingredients are banned; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

JPM Act, 1987

2332. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in packing commodities) Act, 1987 has lapsed as Government did not issue a fresh order in the wake of a stay order by the Calcutta High Court; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's decision on the question of issuing a new order in this regard?

**Effects of National Textile Policy in
Export and Employment**

†2333. SHRI P.K.MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state to what extent permanent
employment and export have increased so
far after the announcement of National
Textile Policy in November, 2000?

Revival package of NTC (APPKEM)

2334. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the revival
package of NTC (APPKEM) subsidiary
company accepted by the BIFR;

(b) the stage of implementation of the
revival orders of BIFR in respect of NTC
(APPKEM);

(c) whether there is any delay in the
implementation of the said scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to

revise the wages of NTC workers whose
wage revision has not taken place in 1987
and 1993; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Textile exports

2335. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite its
comparative advantage, Indian textile
exports were adversely affected due to
unfriendly attitudes of some countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that anti-
dumping investigations were conducted
repeatedly on products like cotton fabrics
and bed linen;

(c) the countries or trading partners
who introduced unilateral changes in the
rules; and

(d) how the Government proposes to
face the challenges which includes the ban
of Azo dyes to improve the textiles
exports?

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Secretary-General.

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