

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the August 7, 2003/Sravana 16, 1925 (Saka)

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;  
Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs; Food and  
Public Distribution; Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment;  
External Affairs; Labour; Planning; Road Transport and Highways; Small  
Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions—155

Industrialisation in Uttar Pradesh

1923. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Programmes on Rural Industrialisation in the industrially backward districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of achievements made, so far, in this regard?

Scheme for Cottage Industries

†1924. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any scheme for the promotion of Cottage Industries in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the allocation of funds made by Government for the promotion of Cottage Industries during the year 2002-03, State-wise?

Land to displaced Adivasis

1925. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary compensations including alternative land have since been provided to those Adivasis who were displaced from their home land (Trombay village) at Trombay Hills which was acquired for the construction of multistoried building for BARC's employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the whole process of settlement of the displaced Adivasis would be finalised?

Impact of radiation on workers

1926. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the high radiation which has affected adversely on workers engaged in various atomic power plants in the country;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have chalked out any strategy to deal with the situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Waiting-list of telephone connections in J&K**

1927. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons on waiting-list for telephone connections in Jammu and Kashmir as on the 31st March, 2003;
- (b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for clearance of the wait-listed applications; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to clear the backlog?

**C.A.G.'s revelation on shortcomings of MTNL services**

1928. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the performance review by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the quality services provided by the MTNL has revealed several shortcomings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action is taken/proposed to be taken to rectify such shortcomings?

**Collaboration by MIT Media Lab**

1929. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab has pulled out of collaboration in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of agreement for entering into the collaboration;
- (d) the details of projects established in the country by this arrangement;
- (e) the total expenditure incurred by Government and other parties separately; and
- (f) the present status of these projects?

**Monsoon Hangama Offer of a private operator**

1930. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cellular Operators Association of India has complained to DoT on the fraudulent intentions of Monsoon Hangama Offer of a private operator to deceive the subscriber with misleading features of the scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the COAI fears that the Monsoon Hangama Offer might influence the forthcoming decision of TDS Appellate Tribunal on the legality of WLL Mobility Services; and
- (d) whether the operator owes to the DoT a staggering sum of Rs. 9000 crore as

unpaid licence fee?

**Disrupted telecommunication system in Ranchi**

†1931. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to negligence of the officers of Telecommunication Department, the communication system of Dakra (Ranchi) generally remains disrupted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telephones of many Central Educational Institutions are also lying out of order since the last six months due to non-presence of officers/employees at the headquarters;

(c) by when the faulty telephones would be rectified; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government against the guilty officers?

**Upgradation of basic telecom structure in rural areas**

1932. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural telephone services in the country are in shambles; and

(b) the action taken to upgrade the basic telecom structure in rural areas?

**Unused telecom equipments**

1933. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government purchased telecom equipments worth rupees more

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than 100 crore which is lying unused;

(b) whether the orders were placed without any justification and faulty equipments were purchased and no quality test was conducted;

(c) whether the directions issued by the PM Office and Sanchar Bhawan for stopping the purchases, were set at naught for nearly one year;

(d) whether various circles have made irregular payments as advance or annual maintenance contracts and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the companies which have benefited and whether any responsibility was fixed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Functioning of internet exchanges**

1934. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's first internet exchange has started functioning, but no internet service provider has joined it, till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are reconsidering to establish other three exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to attract internet service providers to join

the internet exchange?

State?

**Expansion of computers in rural areas**

†1935. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme with regard to the expansion of computers in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pre-paid and post-paid mobile services in Karnataka**

1936. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have, so far, joined pre-paid and post-paid mobile services in Karnataka;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that sim cards for pre-paid customers are not available in Karnataka for the last three-four months;

(c) the steps taken to supply pre-paid sim cards to mobile phone users in the State;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the BSNL's mobile phone services in Karnataka; and

(e) how many base stations are proposed to be set up in this regard in the

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**Penalty clause in telecom licences**

1937. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of penalty clauses with respect to telecom licences to make them more stringent and to make the companies comply with them;

(b) the number of Village Public Telephones installed by private people in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of Public Telephones installed by MTNL/BSNL in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**Upgradation of posts in BSNL**

1938. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a BSNL order dated the 24th June, 2003, envisages upgradation of posts from SAG to HAG in all services/cadres under BSNL in order to remove stagnation and frustration;

(b) if so, the maximum length of stagnation period suffered in Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) by any officer in BSNL and the details thereof, service-wise;

(c) whether there are any obstacles for implementation of such order and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the upgradation would result in promotions to officers in

BSNL?

back; and

(d) if so, the names of the States where the compliance of the E-governance policy has begun?

**Allotment of telephone connections in Uttaranchal**

1939. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections that have been allotted during the year 2002-03 in the villages of district Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal particularly in Patti Edwalsyun, Pauri Garhwal and how many registrants are there in waiting list and how many persons have applied for fresh telephone connections;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of persons from Village-Bara, Post-Pesoli, Patti-Edwalsyun, district Pauri Garhwal have applied for the connections last year but are not getting telephone connections; and

(c) the reasons for non-installation of connections and by when, registrants would get connections?

**Expenditure on I.T. industry**

†1940. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on the Information Technology Industry in India was 1.008 Billion dollar in the year 2002;

(b) if not, assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that

**Landline and mobile telephone charges**

1941. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the charges for landline and mobile telephones in Delhi and Haryana have been revised;

(b) if so, what are the present rentals and other charges for landline and mobile phones in these States;

(c) the reasons for the above revision; and

(d) the additional revenue to the State/private operators on account of the above revision?

**Postmen with telephones**

†1942. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages, State-wise, where postmen with telephone facility are posted;

(b) the details of pay, allowances and availability of conveyance etc. to these postmen; and

(c) by when, this scheme would be started in Bihar alongwith the number of villages of Bihar where this scheme would

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**Electricity for WLL telephones**

1943. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity is necessary for the functioning of WLL telephones; and

(b) if so, the reasons for providing WLL telephone connections in areas where electricity is not available for considerable part of the day?

**MoU between BSNL and RailTel**

1944. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been executed between BSNL and RailTel for sharing of the optical fibre network of Indian Railways by BSNL;

(b) salient features of the proposed project covered under the said MoU;

(c) the potential benefits which would accrue, if any, to the common subscribers of BSNL and the Rail users by dint of the proposed cooperation between the two organisations; and

(d) time-frame envisaged for commencement and conclusion of implementation of the MoU?

**Website hacking**

1945. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Kerala based computer hacker is colluding with Pakistani hackers and is bent upon destroying Indian servers and websites;

(b) whether Government have traced the hacker; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to check the hackers?

**ILD telephony grey market**

1946. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulating Authority of India had set up a Committee to tackle the International Long Distance telephony grey market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and what action Government had taken thereon; and

(d) if not, by when its report is likely to be received?

**Dead telephone cable in Idgah Exchange**

1947. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a telephone cable having the pairs 19.5, 20.1 and 20.2 under the Idgah Exchange, is dead for the last one month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DET/SDO/JE was informed about it;

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials not taking interest in this regard; and

(d) whether the telephone rent from the affected subscribers would be waived off, due to the negligence of the irresponsible officials involved?

**Amendment in Telegraph Act**

† 1948. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to amend the Telegraph Act; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Restructuring of Media Lab Asia**

1949. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Media Lab Asia (MLA) is restructured in July, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including annual budgetary support from Government institutions associated with the project and the details of funding envisages from Non-Governmental Organisations, if any;
- (c) whether Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), collaborator of the project at the initial stage, is also associating with the restructured project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the total amount paid to MIT during the exploratory first phase of the collaboration along with the details of the collaboration/contribution given by MIT for the amount paid to them?

**Teledensity in India**

1950. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the latest percentage of teledensity in India; and
- (b) how does it compare with Pakistan and China?

**V.P.Ts by Tata Tele Services in A.P.**

1951. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that M/s Tata Tele Services Ltd. has not provided Village Public Telephones in Andhra Pradesh as per the commitment made in the Licence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what corrective measures Government have taken in this regard?

**Illegal routing of National Long Distance Calls**

1952. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the private operators are caught for illegally routing National Long Distance Calls in violation of licence and interconnect agreements with the BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken against the violating companies?

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**Limited mobility WLL phones**

1953. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL proposes to launch the limited mobility Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephones in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the area to be covered;

(c) whether the hardware and other equipments are installed/purchased for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, it would start functioning?

**Mobile services in Ranchi**

† 1954. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL and other companies have not been able to provide mobile services in the backward areas of Dakra (Ranchi) so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification for not launching mobile services;

(c) whether it is also a fact that mobile services are in operation at some distance from Dakra while it does not work there in the absence of a tower; and

(d) by when, mobiles would start operating in the said area?

**Shortage of manpower in Parliament House Post Office**

† 1955. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to excess work and fewer number of employees in the post office located in Parliament House, Members of Parliament are facing inconvenience in getting their work done by standing in the queue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of employees are being reduced in this office and they are being transferred elsewhere; and

(c) if so, the reasons for reducing the staff and ignoring inconvenience being faced by Members of Parliament?

**Cheaper rates for calls abroad**

1956. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that calling abroad from cell phone has become cheaper as compared to MTNL and BSNL landline;

(b) if so, what are the comparative rates of State Trunk Dialing/International Long Distance tariff as on the 1st July, 2003;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various cell phone/WLL/MTNL/BSNL companies are revising their tariff arbitrarily without consulting TRAI; and

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(d) if so, what are the rates applicable as on the 1st July, 2003 of various companies as per the approval of the TRAI?

**Rate of WLL mobile phone services**

† 1957. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of WLL mobile phone service of Reliance is lesser than the rates of other cellular phones; and

(b) if so, the details of the difference percentage in rates?

**Call rate of basic telephones**

† 1958. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of call from the basic telephone is higher than the rate of mobile phone;

(b) what is the per minute difference between the rates of call from the basic and cellular phones; and

(c) the details thereof and reasons for this difference?

**Rental and free calls**

† 1959. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rental and free calls for the Telephone subscribers of the rural areas have been made similar to those of the urban

areas following the capacity enhancement of Telephone exchanges of Saraswati Nagar, Rohor, Samarkot and Charhgaoun falling under Shimla district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue orders to concerned officials to refund enhanced rental and adjust free calls to the telephone subscribers which have been paid by the subscribers since long;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fax/ISD/STD facility at Jangla in H.P.**

1960. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide public telephone facilities including FAX/STD/ISD/ etc., in Gram Panchayat Jangla in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when, it would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Inter Communication User Charges**

1961. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has introduced Inter Communication User Charges;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that this is causing hardships to the Mobile phone users; and

(c) how Government propose to deal with it?

**Foodgrains in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu**

1962. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains stored in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu was destroyed as the foodgrains were stored for a much longer period than normal;

(b) if so, what is the normal period for which foodgrains are stored in closed godowns and open godowns;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains which was wasted in the said godown; and

(d) in what manner Government justify such a gross National waste of foodgrains as in the case in FCI godowns in Tamil Nadu?

**Corruption in Super Bazar**

1963. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee to transfer Super Bazar either to the NCT of Delhi or to some Multi State Co-operative Society and for early disposal of corruption cases against those responsible for losses to the Super Bazar; and

(b) what is the present status in the matter?

**Old foodgrains with FCI**

1964. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approach paper to the Tenth Plan found that half of FCIs' grain stock was two years old;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the some grain stock is as old as sixteen years;

(c) if so, the details of the grain stock that are two, three, four and more than five years old;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foodgrains stored more than a year is not consumable by human beings;

(e) if so, the quantity of the consumable foodgrains in the FCI stocks; and

(f) how old was the grain supplied to the drought affected States in 2003?

**Huge sugar stock in Andhra Pradesh**

1965. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request from Andhra Pradesh Government for release of entire sugar stock of five Public Sector and six Co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(b) if so, the quantity of sugar released/ proposed to be released to the State Government?

**Antyodaya card holders**

†1966. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether every month grains like wheat and rice and supplied through ration shops to the poor people holding antyodaya cards;

(b) if so, the number of such card holders who are covered under the antyodaya scheme;

(c) whether they are getting sufficient quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details and the quantum of grain given to the ration shops everymonth so that it can be supplied to the poor people holding antyodaya cards, State-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Revamping of foodgrain storage facility**

1967. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) propose to spend about Rs. 400 crore over the next four-five years to revamp its foodgrain handling and storage facility; and

(b) if so, the details of proposed investment, State-wise?

**De-control scheme for sugar mills**

†1968. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the de-controlling scheme formulated for the sugar mills and the impediments in the its simplifications; and

(b) the reasons for not implementing the scheme by making it liberal?

**Deaths due to Starvation/ Malnutrition in tribal areas**

†1969. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of tribal dominated areas in the country are in the grip of severe starvation/malnutrition deaths;

(b) if so, the names of the most affected tribal areas alongwith the number of persons which have died; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the living conditions of these tribal people and progress report thereof?

**Supply of rice under food for work programme**

1970. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Food Corporation of India checks that millers may not recycle the rice intended for the food for work programme and supply the same to it under levy; and

(b) the action taken to ensure that only rabi rice is procured under levy and not those intended for schemes like the food for work?

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**Construction of godown in  
Coochbehar**

1971. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 972 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Senior Regional Manager, F.C.I. West Bengal Region had proposed to construct one 10,000 M.T. capacity godown at Coochbehar *vide* his letter dated the 7th September, 2001; and

(b) if so, the time-frame thereof?

**Dues of Sugarcane farmers against  
sugar mills in Uttaranchal**

†1972. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of money of the farmers is due against the sugar mills in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the amount of farmers due against these mills;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give assistance to the State Governments and mills through a package from the Sugar Development Fund for the payment of dues to the farmers of some States including Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, when and how much assistance would be made available to Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh from the said fund for the payment of dues to the farmers?

**Rehabilitation of Super Bazar**

†1973. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the rehabilitation and opening of Super Bazar lying closed for the last two years, especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial assistance being given by Government for its rehabilitation?

**Foodgrain subsidy**

1974. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas for which subsidies are given under foodgrain subsidy; and

(b) how much of the subsidies reaches to the poor and the number of people benefited?

**Hunger free India mission**

1975. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mission "hunger-free India" to be completed by the year 2007;

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(b) if so, the details including the steps taken for achieving the above;

(c) if so, the details of National and International agencies/Departments/ Ministries associated with the above task;

(d) if so, the details of the "hunger hot spots" of the country identified as a part of the above mission; and

(e) if so, the action taken, if any, to end poverty induced 'chronic hunger' and the 'transient hunger' caused by drought and natural calamities, as of today?

**Sugar mills in Karnataka**

1976. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar factories in co-operative sector are not in a position to pay dues to the farmers;

(b) the steps, Government propose to take for the payment of arrears to the sugar cane growers;

(c) the steps taken by the Karnataka Government for the revival of, sick Co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(d) the amount due to farmers from cooperative sugar factories in Karnataka?

**Diversion of sugar meant for export**

1977. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:  
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Maharashtra a number of sugar mills and exporters have directed sugar meant for export in the domestic market violating Sugar (Control) Order,

1966 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955; and

(b) if so, the list of the defaulter sugar mills and exporters, the amount and quantity of sugar involved in the default and the actions taken against them?

**Problems of sugar industries in Maharashtra**

1978. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many sugar factories in the country, particularly, Maharashtra are facing problems and seeking Government's help; and

(b) if so, whether Government have assured them in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken for the benefit of various sugar factories in the country?

**Bridge over Brahmaputra at Sadiya**

1979. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a bridge over Brahmaputra river at Sadiya in Assam is under consideration of NEC;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken during Tenth Plan period and target set for the same;

(c) the details of the proposal, present status and target set for implementation of the permanent flood control measures on Jiadhol river to protect NH 52 at Samarajan of Dhemaji district, Assam which is breached every year due to flood; and

(d) the reasons for delay and target set for completion of model study of this highest priority assignment?

**Assistance to Tripura under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources**

1980. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tripura have submitted a number of schemes to the Council of Development of North Eastern Region for implementation under Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the names of the projects and the funds sought for;

(c) how many of these projects have been taken up for execution uptill now; and

(d) by when other proposed projects would be taken for execution?

**Disinvestment of PSUs**

1981. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working towards completing the on-going disinvestment in various PSUs within the next four months; and

(b) if so, the names of PSUs in the process and the expected period by which the disinvestment process would be completed?

**Disinvestment of Jessop Company Limited**

1982. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcuta High Court has cleared the disinvestment of Jessop Company Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Disinvestment of heavy industries**

1983. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of heavy industries in the Public Sector identified for disinvestment during the current financial year; and

(b) the details of total revenue earned by Government through disinvestment in these heavy industries?

**Budgeted disinvestment**

1984. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a disinvestment of around Rs. 13,200 crore was budgeted during the current year 2003-04;

(b) the details and the extent of disinvestment done and planned so far, item-wise; and

(c) whether any change in disinvestment policy and plans are contemplated especially with regard to profit making PSUs, if so, the details thereof?

**Support to India's cause against cross border terrorism**

1985. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any significant indication to help India's cause against cross border terrorism by Pakistan during the recent discussions of Deputy Prime Minister with the President of United States of America and the Prime Minister of United Kingdom; and

(b) what follow up action is being taken by Government to help India's cause on the issue?

**Pak failure to stop terrorism**

† 1986. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that President of Pakistan has categorically stated during the visit to his country by the leaders from abroad and during his own visit to foreign countries, that he cannot stop terrorism going on in Jammu and Kashmir, completely;

(b) if so, whether it would adversely affect the peace talk to be held between the two countries; and

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

**Vacant posts in Indian embassies**

1987. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts are lying vacant in different Indian embassies in various countries;

(b) if so, the vacancy position, post-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

**Break-through due to step by step approach with Pakistan**

1988. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether step by step approach of India with Pakistan has been on for quite some time;

(b) if so, the break-through made in this direction;

(c) whether the said approach is playing any role in the engagement between India and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Statement by President of Pakistan**

1989. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement given by the President of Pakistan about the possibility of further action if the Kashmir issue is not resolved and the pressure he wants to bring on India through U.S. President;

(b) if so, Government's views on his statement; and

(c) the proposed attitude of Government in normalising the relations with Pakistan?

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<b>Invitation to Urdu writers by Mauritius</b>	Government on its support to Jehadis by its double speak?
1990. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether the Government of Mauritius had invited Urdu writers from India for the World Urdu Conference in April, 2003;  (b) whether such participation from India was not allowed by Government; and  (c) if so, the reasons therefor?	<b>Steps to counter international terrorism</b>  1993. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether Australia, Britain, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore have agreed to examine ways to adopt their 32 years old security pact to counter a new generation threat-international terrorism;  (b) if so, whether the Ministers have approved a plan to look into expanding the military pact to include the fight against terrorism and other cross-border crimes;  (c) whether any Committee has been set up to examine ways to incorporate such issues into the military agreement; and  (d) if so, to what extent this would help in ending of global terrorism in the country?
<b>Indians in Iraq</b>  † 1991. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) the number of Indians in Iraq affected by American invasion and the number, out of them, who have returned to India;  (b) the expenditure incurred to bring back Indians from Iraq and countries around; and  (c) whether India recognises American Military Regime in Iraq in the absence of any Government there?	<b>Visit of Israeli envoy to India</b>  1994. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether an envoy from Israel had visited India, recently;  (b) the purpose of his visit; and  (c) the details of discussions held with him?
<b>American statement regarding support to Jehadis</b>  1992. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards statement by Richard Boucher, spokesman of the US Department of States that any support to Jehadis in Kashmir is illegal; and  (b) if so, the measures taken by Government to pursue the matter with US	<b>Women employees in RPO, Hyderabad</b>  1995. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether there are adequate number

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of women working in the Regional Passport Office at Hyderabad;

(b) the details of number of women officers and employees holding responsible positions;

(c) whether, Government would post adequate women employees to attend a large number of women from conservative social background visiting the passport office to get their passports; and

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

**Indians in foreign jails**

1996. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Indians are harassed and are languishing in jails abroad;

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

(c) the action taken to bring them back and to ensure such incidents do not re-occur?

**Apprising world leaders about Indo-Pak relations**

1997. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister during his three nations tour in May, 2003 met top world leaders and briefed them on the developments in India-Pakistan relations besides discussing bilateral ties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Retrenchment of foreign labourers by Saudi Arabia**

† 1998. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Government of Saudi Arabia has planned to retrench foreign labourers;

(b) if so, the number of Indian labourers likely to be rendered jobless as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have held any talks with Saudi Arabia in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the talks; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to provide employment to Indian labourers returning from Saudi Arabia?

**Equipments lying unutilised in Ministry**

† 1999. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communication equipments worth crores of rupees are lying unutilised with Ministry of External Affairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Ministry propose to sell them?

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**US reaction on India's decision to send Indian troops in Iraq**

2000. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reaction of the US Government to the decision of the Indian Government not to send troops to Iraq without explicit sanction of the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to reduce India's dependence on the western world, particularly USA so that the country could adopt an independent view on all international issues?

**Harassment of Indian workers in Gulf countries**

2001. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sponsors in the Gulf countries deny salary and other benefits due to the migrant Indian workers and that they are being harassed;

(b) whether Government propose to undertake and ensure the welfare and benefits of Indian workers and protect them from harassment;

(c) whether Government are aware that women being recruited as cooks and house maids are tortured mentally and physically; and

(d) whether Government consider to undertake any specific safety measures to protect them from harassment?

**Resumption of Rail link between India and Pakistan**

2002. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan propose to renew rail link between the two countries shortly;

(b) if so, by when the train is likely to start running; and

(c) whether foolproof arrangements have been made to ensure that smuggling of narcotics and other contraband do not take place?

**Proposal mooted by Pakistani MPs to check cross-border terrorism**

2003. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani Members of Parliament delegation that visited India in the month of May, 2003 had mooted a proposal of having patrols along the Indo-Pak border to check cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, whether it is a sound proposal and will check the infiltration from both sides;

(c) whether India has considered this view and has initiated discussion with Pakistan on these lines;

(d) if so, to what extent both the countries have agreed;

(e) whether India is ready for this; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fight against terrorism**

2004. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister visited USA and UK in June, 2003 and apprised both the countries and gave proof of Pakistan's terrorist activities in J and K and suggested that India and USA must fight Jehadi terrorism together;

(b) if so, whether the UK and the USA were convinced of the proof provided by him and agreed to fight Jehadi terrorism together;

(c) if so, the outcome of these talks; and

(d) to what extent he got assurance from both the countries to influence Pakistan to end cross-border terrorism before talks can start and fight Jehadi terrorism together?

**Relevance of UN as peace keeper**

2005. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives, if any, taken by Government to help to restore the relevance of the UN as an International peace keeper and as custodian of the international conscience in relation between nations in the aftermath of the second Iraq war; and

(b) whether Government are in active engagement with the US to ensure that the reconstruction of Iraq is in accordance with procedures that have international acceptance and in accordance with the basic principles of international law?

**Consultation with friendly countries regarding deployment of Indian troops in Iraq**

2006. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extensive consultation with friendly countries in the Middle East and Persian Gulf Area have been held in connection with deployment of Indian troops in Iraq, if so, what are the conclusions drawn by Government regarding the deployment of Indian troops at this stage in Iraq;

(b) whether Government agrees with the US interpretation of the UNSC resolutions regarding deployment of third country troops in Iraq at this point of time; and

(c) what further clarifications, if any, have been sought from the USA and the United Nations by Government in this regard?

**Laying of Afghan roads**

2007. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to lay Afghan roads;

(b) if so, the request received in this connection from the Afghan Government; and

(c) by when the work would be undertaken by Border Road Organisation?

**Observation of protest day by  
Officers in RPOs**

2008. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers in  
the Regional Passport Offices all over the  
country observed a protest day by working  
an extra day on Saturday, the 31st May,  
2003 to press for their demands; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands  
and Government's reaction thereto?

**Technocrats and IT experts for  
China**

2009. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the  
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of  
the Prime Minister to China the issues  
relating to professional services, including  
technocrats and information technology  
professionals were discussed; and

(b) if so, what possibilities for such  
professionals and technologists and job-  
seekers from India were explored as a result  
of these talks indicating the estimated  
potential demand for such job-seekers in  
China and the availability of such  
manpower in India?

**H-1B visas to IT Professionals**

2010. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of H-1B visas issued to  
the Indian IT professionals by the USA  
during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a  
drastic reduction in the issuance of H-1B  
visas to our IT professionals;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a  
drastic decline in issuing visas to Indians;  
and

(d) the steps taken to increase the  
issuance of H-1B visas to our IT  
professionals?

**Terrorist training camps in PoK**

†2011. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will  
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any list of the terrorist  
training camps, being operated in PoK, has  
been handed over to the Bush administration  
by the Deputy Prime Minister during his  
recent visit to America; and

(b) if so, the reaction of America and  
Pakistan thereto?

**MFN status to Pakistan**

2012. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has  
been enjoying MFN status in India without  
reciprocating the same;

(b) when the MFN status was granted  
to Pakistan;

(c) whether Pakistan has granted the  
same status to India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**SAARC Foreign Secretaries' meet**

2013. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any talks between India and Pakistan during recent SAARC Foreign Secretaries' meet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the outcome of the meet?

**Promotion of economic bloc in South Asia**

2014. DR. AKHILESH DAS:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China any proposal for promotion of an economic bloc in South Asia through SAARC or otherwise was discussed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the discussion?

**Conversion of Jinnah house into a Cultural Centre**

2015. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mohammed Ali-Jinnah's house at Malcha Hill in Mumbai is proposed to be turned into a Cultural Centre;

(b) if so, its salient features; and

(c) whether there is any provision for Studies in Common Heritage of the sub-continent?

**ISI activities in Bangladesh**

2016. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have regularly been receiving reports of increased ISI activities in Bangladesh and tacit support extended to them by the authorities;

(b) whether Pakistan nationals owing allegiance to different terrorist outfits have been using Dhaka as a transit point for entering India and Nepal; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in collaboration with the State Government of West Bengal to meet such an alarming situation?

**Illegal immigration to UAE**

2017. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of illegal immigrants were sent back by United Arab Emirates to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many of them were from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to check such illegal immigration?

**Depiction of "OM" on socks in USA**

2018. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that a Rights Group in the U.S.A. has expressed shock and disgust at the use of the Hindu symbol "OM" on the socks in the USA;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate action; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Facilities for construction workers**

2019. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper facilities for the construction workers employed by contractors and even Government agencies like DDA, are provided at the sites in Delhi and other metropolitan cities, as a result of which the areas around the construction sites are used for unhygienic and demeaning purposes by the workers and their families; and

(b) if so, the number of contractors and Government officials apprehended for violating relevant orders during the last three years in Delhi and other metropolitan cities, city-wise and the action taken in each case?

**Exploitation of job seekers by private placement agencies**

2020. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a working group on National Employment Services has highlighted serious complaints of exploitation of job seekers by the private placement agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check the activities of unscrupulous placement agencies; and

(c) the details of plans drawn up, if any, to regulate the functioning of these agencies mushrooming across the country?

**Closing down of vanaspati producing units**

2021. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Vanaspati producing units have been closed down as a result of import of cheap vanaspati from Nepal;

(b) if so, the steps taken to save the labourers;

(c) the number of workers affected due to closures of various units, State-wise; and

(d) the welfare measures taken for these workers?

**Eradication of Child Labour**

2022. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the complete eradication of Child Labour in the country;

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

(c) whether Government are aware that some State Governments have already taken a decision to eliminate the employment of child labour and draw up a plan for their education and rehabilitation; and

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

**Performance of Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana**

2023. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the on-going

'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana' started in the year 2001;

(b) whether the agro workers respond to this scheme involving;

(c) the steps taken to keep people informed about this scheme; and

(d) how many districts in Tamil Nadu have been selected for implementation of this scheme?

**ITI Educational Centres**

†2024. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the educational centres such as ITI etc. established for women in different States during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the progress in this regard is not upto the expectations; and

(c) if so, the programmes prepared for the next three years?

**Retrenchment of organised labourers**

†2025. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report of the Labour Bureau of his Ministry a large scale retrenchment of the labourers has been made in organised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**Non-remittance of EPF contribution to the EPFO**

2026. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of companies including the Central and State public sector undertakings have defaulted in remittance of Employees Provident Fund contributions to the EPFO;

(b) if so, the details of defaulters and the amount due, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to realise these dues?

**Discrimination at work places**

†2027. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a campaign for identification of various kinds of discriminations against the workers at work places has been launched by his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether both official and non-official work places would be included in the said campaign;

(c) if so, the details of the said campaign; and

(d) by when, the said campaign is likely to be completed?

**Child labour in Dhabas**

2028. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the vicinity of one km. radius of

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Parliament, children are being engaged in Dhabas;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to eliminate the child labour; and

(c) how Government propose to send the children below the age of fourteen years to school?

**Minimum Wage Advisory Committee**

2029. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee of the Central Government has paid a visit to Orissa to review the problems facing implementation of minimum wage in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee to help implementation of the Minimum Wage Policy in the State?

**Impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment**

2030. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:  
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment; and

(b) the action taken to create more jobs to safeguard the interests of the work force?

**Labour laws**

2031. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether obsolete labour laws have largely affected the growth in various sectors;

(b) if so, whether Government have been actively considering to eliminate the said laws;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some new International Labour Laws are likely to be introduced for proper growth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**EPFO's investment in IFCI**

2032. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made substantial investment in the IFCI and it has defaulted interest payments thereon to the EPFO;

(b) if so, the details of the investments made by the EPFO in the IFCI, the interest due for the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the defaulted payments;

(c) whether it is also a fact tha the IFCI has reduced the rate of interest on the EPFO investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?



**Court of Enquiry under the Mines Act, 1952**

2033. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for appointing a Court of Enquiry under the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and Mines Rules, 1955 to look into the GOK-7 mine accident at Karim Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

**EPF interest rate**

2034. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of interest on EPF has been fixed at 9 per cent with 0.50 per cent bonus;

(b) if so, the reasons for not keeping the existing rate of interest at 9.5 per cent; and

(c) the financial benefit expected by Government by the revised rate over the existing rate during the year 2003-04?

**EPF defaulters**

2035. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major EPF defaulters in both public and private sectors togetherwith the EPF amount pending for recovery;

(b) the circumstances leading to huge accumulation of EPF amount; and

(c) the reasons for not enforcing EPF guidelines for timely deposit of the EPF amount?

**Recovery of EPF dues**

2036. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total outstanding arrears due from the State, the Central Public Sector Undertakings and Private Undertakings towards Employment Provident Fund dues as on the beginning of the current fiscal year;

(b) how much of it has since been realised, till-date; and

(c) the stern measures being taken to realise EPF dues from defaulting firms?

**Census of child labour**

2037. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey or census about the child labour languishing in the slums of Hyderabad and other urban areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action plan Government have to educate and rehabilitate these child labourers of the State;

(d) whether any external funding is being extended in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**National productivity growth rate**

2038. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national

productivity growth rate is stuck at just 4.3 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering to rationalise holidays and adhere to the recommendations made by the Labour Commission and the Parliamentary Standing Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented?

**Creation of jobs and boosting economy**

2039. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:  
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether report presented by the All India Management Association to the Prime Minister in the month of April, 2003, suggested a blue print for action to create 40 million jobs annually by 2020 and boost GDP upto \$200 billion;

(b) if so, what are the other facts of the report;

(c) whether Prime Minister has asked experts to examine the same; and

(d) if so, what are the steps taken to implement them?

**Fall in Central Sector Investment**

2040. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fall in Central Sector Investment has not only led to a general deterioration in the country's investment

scenario but withholding of investment in projects under various stages of implementation has also resulted in a massive cost overrun;

(b) if so, whether according to the Central Statistical Organisation, the cost overrun of Central Sector projects was a staggering 80.7 per cent in 2002;

(c) whether Planning Commission has taken a serious note and had urged the Ministries to complete the projects in time; and

(d) if so, the other steps Planning Commission is considering to take in this regard?

**Index of Human Development by UNDP**

†2041. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's stand has come down from last year's 124th place to 127th in the index of human development prepared under the United Nation's Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor despite the success achieved in the programmes relating to poverty alleviation and literacy?

**Long Term Action Plan for KBK districts in Orissa**

2042. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Long Term Action Plan of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts in Orissa has not yet been approved by the Planning Commission and the so called assistance given is only on *ad hoc* basis;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more than 40 per cent Central/State Government officers of various departments are not in a position in KBK districts in Orissa; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Central assistance for Punjab**

2043. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:  
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Punjab has sought additional Central assistance from Planning Commission for the implementation of its Annual Plan, 2003-04; and
- (b) if so, the quantum of assistance sought and how much Central assistance is proposed to be provided and by when?

**Agricultural growth in Orissa**

2044. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recommended investment for agricultural growth in Orissa;
- (b) whether emphasis has been laid on development of rural infrastructure and irrigation facilities to dry lands etc. and provision of rural credit to the farmers; and
- (c) Orissa being the most poor, backward and cash-strapped State, the amount of Central assistance proposed to be given to the State to help them to work on the recommendations of the Commission to boost their economy?

**Objectives of National Population Policy**

2045. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medium-term objective set in the National Population Policy (NPP) to achieve the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) at 2.1 level by 2010 would restrict our population to 111.90 crore by 2011, whereas, the Planning Commission target to restrict population growth during 2001-11 to 16.2 per cent would result in a population size exceeding 119 crore;
- (b) what such higher target of Planning Commission, which might also negate the long-term objective in the NPP for a stable population by 2045, is attributable to; and
- (c) whether Planning Commission has drawn the target in consultation with National Commission on Population?

**Transfer of Centrally sponsored schemes to States**

2046. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Development Council had decided that Centrally sponsored schemes would be transferred to States from the Tenth Plan so that States could get flexibility to plan, based on their specific requirement;
- (b) if so, whether the said decision has been implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**50 million employment opportunities**

2047. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target for generating 50 million new employment opportunities has been envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, new jobs generated during 2002-03, *i.e.*, the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to achieve the target set under the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Funds released under Externally Aided Projects**

2048. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released under Externally Aided Projects during the Ninth Plan to Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal;

(b) the criteria for release of funds under Externally Aided Projects; and

(c) the reasons for less release of funds for Madhya Pradesh?

**Development of backward districts**

2049. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development reform facility scheme proposed in the Tenth Plan earmarking Rs. 2,500 crore annually for the

development of backward districts has been considered by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated;

(c) by when these schemes would be implemented; and

(d) the backward districts which would be covered in the first phase of the Plan?

**Expenditure on health and education**

2050. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:  
SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted the policy to reduce the expenditure on education and health under the pressure of globalisation thus retarding the growth of human capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would not adversely affect the nation?

**UNDP report on hunger in India**

2051. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to UN Development Programme report, India is the world's most hungry nation; and

(b) if so, reactions of Government thereto?

**Accidents on National Highways**

2052. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the frequent road accidents especially on National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make additional financial allocations to maintain and widen the National Highways in order to avert accidents;

(c) if so, the details of proposals of Government alongwith financial allocations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Road accidents in Himachal Pradesh**

†2053. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conversion of Highways into the National Highways has become necessary due to increasing incidents of road accidents in Himachal Pradesh during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are considering to upgrade the Highways of the above State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to prevent the accidents?

**National Highways in Assam**

2054. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of damage done to the National Highways in Assam in the current spate of flood; and

(b) if so, what actions are going to be taken to rebuild the destroyed parts of National Highways in the State?

**National Highways passing through Karnataka**

2055. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which passes through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are covered by the National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to cover the remaining districts of the Karnataka State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh**

2056. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Bhadarwah-Chamba road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh was started over two decades ago;

(b) if so, whether the work on this important Inter-State road has been completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for this inordinate delay and by when the road would become fully operative?

**National Highways in the Country**

2057. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways passing through each State;

(b) the details of the States wherein all

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the districts are connected by National Highways;

(c) the details of proposal before Government to network all the districts in the States where they are not presently interconnected; and

(d) the amount earmarked and the time-frame set for achieving this objective?

#### **Four-lane project in Punjab**

2058. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:  
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of four-lane project on the National Highways in Punjab, as on date; and

(b) by when the entire work is likely to be completed?

#### **Construction of Kollam Bypass**

2059. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accorded sanction for the construction of the subsequent phases of Kollam Bypass in Kerala;

(b) the phases of Kollam Bypass which have since been completed; and

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass?

#### **Panel to examine toll tax charges**

2060. MISS MABEL REBELLO:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a panel to re-examine the toll charges levied on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the terms and references of the panel?

#### **Proposal by Andhra Pradesh for linkage of NH-17 and 9**

2061. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh sent a proposal for construction of a major Bypass for Hyderabad, linking NH-17 and NH-9;

(b) whether it also requested to sanction it as a part of North-South corridor;

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

(d) the action taken on the request?

#### **Increase in the grant for road upgradation projects**

2062. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend 40 per cent grant to road projects for Nationwide road upgradation project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the details of the projects to be undertaken in Orissa;
- (d) whether it would be outside the purview of the on-going National Highway Development Project; and
- (e) the body that would oversee the works to ensure transparency and timely completion of the works?

**Roads in Madhya Pradesh**

2063. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the road length per thousand of square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97;
- (b) in what way it compares with the position at the country level; and
- (c) the reasons for low density so far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned?

**Mobile trauma care vans**

2064. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents on the National Highways, showing the number of deaths separately, during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) whether Government would introduce 'mobile trauma care vans' on the National Highways besides constructing trauma-care centres at specific points along the stretches of Highways to provide quick relief to accident victims?

**Width of the roads made under CRF**

†2065. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether parameters have been set for the width, etc. of the roads, being constructed and improved with the Central Road Fund in various States;
- (b) if so, whether some complaints to the effect have been received from the State of Uttaranchal that width of the Almora-Ghat and Kausani-Bageshwar roads being constructed under the said scheme had been found short in context of the hilly terrains; and
- (c) if so, whether directions have been issued to widen black top of the roads of the hilly areas?

**Tax on renewal of vehicles**

2066. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to impose heavy taxes on the renewal of vehicles after fifteen years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to curb the use of old vehicles?

**Reforms in transportation infrastructure**

2067. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the present status of

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the reforms in transportation infrastructure;

(b) what was the total amount earmarked and spent during the last three years; and

(c) by when the widening of National Highways is likely to be completed?

**Request from Durgapur Municipal Corporation**

2068. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the mayor of Durgapur Municipal Corporation for construction of fly-overs at some busy and accident prone junctions of NH-02 at Durgapur; and

(b) if so, actions taken by Government so far?

**Condition of National Highways**

2069. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conditions of National Highways is poor throughout the country in terms of maintenance, construction of bridges and pulls road renovation, levelling improvement of surface, broadening, side drain work, plantation and signboards;

(b) if so, how many projects to maintain and beautify national highways were approved in the year 2002-03;

(c) the amount of funds transferred to each State Government; and

(d) the amount of work completed by each State and amount of funds utilized for the same till date?

**Rules for International Driving Permits**

2070. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not issued any specifications to the different States for incorporating them in the State Motor Vehicle Rules for issuing International Driving Permits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is lack of uniformity in issuing such IDPs by different States and as such IDPs of our country are not accepted for driving vehicles even in such countries which honours the Geneva Convention on International Driving Permits; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to bring in uniformity in the Rules for issuance of IDPs?

**Special package for revival of SSI in Rajasthan**

2071. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special packages have been granted to Rajasthan in the Tenth Five Year Plan to revive the Small Scale Industries of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the percentage of growth expected by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan in Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan?



<b>Rehabilitation of SSI units</b>	<b>Completion of construction projects</b>
2072. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:  (a) the details of steps that have been taken to offset the trend of sickness in the SSI sector; and  (b) the steps that have been taken to rehabilitate SSI units in the country?	†2075. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether it is a fact that 265 projects are under construction in the country at present and the construction cost of each of the project is Rs. 100 crores or above;  (b) if so, the number of projects in which construction cost is below Rs. 100 crores; and  (c) the total amount required to complete the construction of those projects?
<b>Recession in SSI sector</b>	<b>Cost of under construction projects</b>
2073. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:  (a) whether Government are aware that many small scale industrial units are facing unprecedented recession; and  (b) if so, what steps are taken by Government to revive small scale units and to boost their performance?	†2076. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of under construction projects of Central Government has been increasing during the past years;  (b) if so, the cost of construction of these projects as on March, 1998 alongwith the number of such projects; and  (c) the number of such projects as on March, 2003 alongwith the present cost thereof?
<b>Development of new radar</b>	
†2074. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether ISRO has developed a new radar to monitor the weather conditions which would meet the weather requirements of the new millennium;  (b) if so, whether this new category of radar would help in saving the lives and properties by giving accurate warning in case of natural calamities relating to bad weather;  (c) if so, the details thereof; and  (d) by when, it would be operational?	

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<b>Construction of new projects</b>	been started during March, 1998 to March, 2003;
†2077. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:	
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:	(b) if so, the total number of the projects alongwith the names of the Ministries concerned with and the total construction cost of each of the project; and
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:	
(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of various new projects under the Central Government has	(c) the number of the projects completed during the said period out of the said projects?

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<b>Disinvestment</b>	: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984,
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Industrialisation in Uttar Pradesh

1923. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Programmes on Rural Industrialisation in the industrially backward districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of achievements made, so far, in this regard?

Scheme for Cottage Industries

†1924. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare any scheme for the promotion of Cottage Industries in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the allocation of funds made by Government for the promotion of Cottage Industries during the year 2002-03, State-wise?

Land to displaced Adivasis

1925. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary compensations including alternative land have since been provided to those Adivasis who were displaced from their home land (Trombay village) at Trombay Hills which was acquired for the construction of multistoried building for BARC's employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the whole process of settlement of the displaced Adivasis would be finalised?

Impact of radiation on workers

1926. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the high radiation which has affected adversely on workers engaged in various atomic power plants in the country;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have chalked out any strategy to deal with the situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Waiting-list of telephone connections in J&K**

1927. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons on waiting-list for telephone connections in Jammu and Kashmir as on the 31st March, 2003;
- (b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for clearance of the wait-listed applications; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to clear the backlog?

**C.A.G.'s revelation on shortcomings of MTNL services**

1928. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the performance review by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on the quality services provided by the MTNL has revealed several shortcomings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action is taken/proposed to be taken to rectify such shortcomings?

**Collaboration by MIT Media Lab**

1929. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab has pulled out of collaboration in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of agreement for entering into the collaboration;
- (d) the details of projects established in the country by this arrangement;
- (e) the total expenditure incurred by Government and other parties separately; and
- (f) the present status of these projects?

**Monsoon Hangama Offer of a private operator**

1930. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cellular Operators Association of India has complained to DoT on the fraudulent intentions of Monsoon Hangama Offer of a private operator to deceive the subscriber with misleading features of the scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the COAI fears that the Monsoon Hangama Offer might influence the forthcoming decision of TDS Appellate Tribunal on the legality of WLL Mobility Services; and
- (d) whether the operator owes to the DoT a staggering sum of Rs. 9000 crore as

unpaid licence fee?

**Disrupted telecommunication system in Ranchi**

†1931. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to negligence of the officers of Telecommunication Department, the communication system of Dakra (Ranchi) generally remains disrupted;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the telephones of many Central Educational Institutions are also lying out of order since the last six months due to non-presence of officers/employees at the headquarters;

(c) by when the faulty telephones would be rectified; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government against the guilty officers?

**Upgradation of basic telecom structure in rural areas**

1932. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural telephone services in the country are in shambles; and

(b) the action taken to upgrade the basic telecom structure in rural areas?

**Unused telecom equipments**

1933. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government purchased telecom equipments worth rupees more

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than 100 crore which is lying unused;

(b) whether the orders were placed without any justification and faulty equipments were purchased and no quality test was conducted;

(c) whether the directions issued by the PM Office and Sanchar Bhawan for stopping the purchases, were set at naught for nearly one year;

(d) whether various circles have made irregular payments as advance or annual maintenance contracts and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the companies which have benefited and whether any responsibility was fixed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Functioning of internet exchanges**

1934. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's first internet exchange has started functioning, but no internet service provider has joined it, till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are reconsidering to establish other three exchanges;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to attract internet service providers to join

the internet exchange?

State?

**Expansion of computers in rural areas**

†1935. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme with regard to the expansion of computers in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Pre-paid and post-paid mobile services in Karnataka**

1936. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have, so far, joined pre-paid and post-paid mobile services in Karnataka;

(b) whether it has come to Government's notice that sim cards for pre-paid customers are not available in Karnataka for the last three-four months;

(c) the steps taken to supply pre-paid sim cards to mobile phone users in the State;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve the BSNL's mobile phone services in Karnataka; and

(e) how many base stations are proposed to be set up in this regard in the

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**Penalty clause in telecom licences**

1937. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of penalty clauses with respect to telecom licences to make them more stringent and to make the companies comply with them;

(b) the number of Village Public Telephones installed by private people in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of Public Telephones installed by MTNL/BSNL in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**Upgradation of posts in BSNL**

1938. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a BSNL order dated the 24th June, 2003, envisages upgradation of posts from SAG to HAG in all services/cadres under BSNL in order to remove stagnation and frustration;

(b) if so, the maximum length of stagnation period suffered in Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) by any officer in BSNL and the details thereof, service-wise;

(c) whether there are any obstacles for implementation of such order and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the upgradation would result in promotions to officers in

BSNL?

back; and

(d) if so, the names of the States where the compliance of the E-governance policy has begun?

**Allotment of telephone connections in Uttaranchal**

1939. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections that have been allotted during the year 2002-03 in the villages of district Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal particularly in Patti Edwalsyun, Pauri Garhwal and how many registrants are there in waiting list and how many persons have applied for fresh telephone connections;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of persons from Village-Bara, Post-Pesoli, Patti-Edwalsyun, district Pauri Garhwal have applied for the connections last year but are not getting telephone connections; and

(c) the reasons for non-installation of connections and by when, registrants would get connections?

**Expenditure on I.T. industry**

†1940. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on the Information Technology Industry in India was 1.008 Billion dollar in the year 2002;

(b) if not, assessment of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that

**Landline and mobile telephone charges**

1941. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the charges for landline and mobile telephones in Delhi and Haryana have been revised;

(b) if so, what are the present rentals and other charges for landline and mobile phones in these States;

(c) the reasons for the above revision; and

(d) the additional revenue to the State/private operators on account of the above revision?

**Postmen with telephones**

†1942. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages, State-wise, where postmen with telephone facility are posted;

(b) the details of pay, allowances and availability of conveyance etc. to these postmen; and

(c) by when, this scheme would be started in Bihar alongwith the number of villages of Bihar where this scheme would

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**Electricity for WLL telephones**

1943. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity is necessary for the functioning of WLL telephones; and

(b) if so, the reasons for providing WLL telephone connections in areas where electricity is not available for considerable part of the day?

**MoU between BSNL and RailTel**

1944. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an MoU has been executed between BSNL and RailTel for sharing of the optical fibre network of Indian Railways by BSNL;

(b) salient features of the proposed project covered under the said MoU;

(c) the potential benefits which would accrue, if any, to the common subscribers of BSNL and the Rail users by dint of the proposed cooperation between the two organisations; and

(d) time-frame envisaged for commencement and conclusion of implementation of the MoU?

**Website hacking**

1945. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Kerala based computer hacker is colluding with Pakistani hackers and is bent upon destroying Indian servers and websites;

(b) whether Government have traced the hacker; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to check the hackers?

**ILD telephony grey market**

1946. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulating Authority of India had set up a Committee to tackle the International Long Distance telephony grey market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and what action Government had taken thereon; and

(d) if not, by when its report is likely to be received?

**Dead telephone cable in Idgah Exchange**

1947. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a telephone cable having the pairs 19.5, 20.1 and 20.2 under the Idgah Exchange, is dead for the last one month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DET/SDO/JE was informed about it;

(c) the action taken by Government against the officials not taking interest in this regard; and

(d) whether the telephone rent from the affected subscribers would be waived off, due to the negligence of the irresponsible officials involved?

**Amendment in Telegraph Act**

† 1948. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to amend the Telegraph Act; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Restructuring of Media Lab Asia**

1949. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Media Lab Asia (MLA) is restructured in July, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including annual budgetary support from Government institutions associated with the project and the details of funding envisages from Non-Governmental Organisations, if any;
- (c) whether Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), collaborator of the project at the initial stage, is also associating with the restructured project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the total amount paid to MIT during the exploratory first phase of the collaboration along with the details of the collaboration/contribution given by MIT for the amount paid to them?

**Teledensity in India**

1950. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the latest percentage of teledensity in India; and
- (b) how does it compare with Pakistan and China?

**V.P.Ts by Tata Tele Services in A.P.**

1951. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that M/s Tata Tele Services Ltd. has not provided Village Public Telephones in Andhra Pradesh as per the commitment made in the Licence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what corrective measures Government have taken in this regard?

**Illegal routing of National Long Distance Calls**

1952. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some of the private operators are caught for illegally routing National Long Distance Calls in violation of licence and interconnect agreements with the BSNL;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken against the violating companies?

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**Limited mobility WLL phones**

1953. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL proposes to launch the limited mobility Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephones in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the area to be covered;

(c) whether the hardware and other equipments are installed/purchased for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, it would start functioning?

**Mobile services in Ranchi**

† 1954. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL and other companies have not been able to provide mobile services in the backward areas of Dakra (Ranchi) so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification for not launching mobile services;

(c) whether it is also a fact that mobile services are in operation at some distance from Dakra while it does not work there in the absence of a tower; and

(d) by when, mobiles would start operating in the said area?

**Shortage of manpower in Parliament House Post Office**

† 1955. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:  
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to excess work and fewer number of employees in the post office located in Parliament House, Members of Parliament are facing inconvenience in getting their work done by standing in the queue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of employees are being reduced in this office and they are being transferred elsewhere; and

(c) if so, the reasons for reducing the staff and ignoring inconvenience being faced by Members of Parliament?

**Cheaper rates for calls abroad**

1956. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that calling abroad from cell phone has become cheaper as compared to MTNL and BSNL landline;

(b) if so, what are the comparative rates of State Trunk Dialing/International Long Distance tariff as on the 1st July, 2003;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various cell phone/WLL/MTNL/BSNL companies are revising their tariff arbitrarily without consulting TRAI; and

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(d) if so, what are the rates applicable as on the 1st July, 2003 of various companies as per the approval of the TRAI?

**Rate of WLL mobile phone services**

† 1957. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of WLL mobile phone service of Reliance is lesser than the rates of other cellular phones; and

(b) if so, the details of the difference percentage in rates?

**Call rate of basic telephones**

† 1958. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of call from the basic telephone is higher than the rate of mobile phone;

(b) what is the per minute difference between the rates of call from the basic and cellular phones; and

(c) the details thereof and reasons for this difference?

**Rental and free calls**

† 1959. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rental and free calls for the Telephone subscribers of the rural areas have been made similar to those of the urban

areas following the capacity enhancement of Telephone exchanges of Saraswati Nagar, Rohor, Samarkot and Charhgaoun falling under Shimla district;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue orders to concerned officials to refund enhanced rental and adjust free calls to the telephone subscribers which have been paid by the subscribers since long;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fax/ISD/STD facility at Jangla in H.P.**

1960. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide public telephone facilities including FAX/STD/ISD/ etc., in Gram Panchayat Jangla in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when, it would be established; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Inter Communication User Charges**

1961. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has introduced Inter Communication User Charges;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that this is causing hardships to the Mobile phone users; and

(c) how Government propose to deal with it?

#### **Foodgrains in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu**

1962. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrains stored in FCI godown in Tamil Nadu was destroyed as the foodgrains were stored for a much longer period than normal;

(b) if so, what is the normal period for which foodgrains are stored in closed godowns and open godowns;

(c) the quantity of foodgrains which was wasted in the said godown; and

(d) in what manner Government justify such a gross National waste of foodgrains as in the case in FCI godowns in Tamil Nadu?

#### **Corruption in Super Bazar**

1963. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what action has been taken on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee to transfer Super Bazar either to the NCT of Delhi or to some Multi State Co-operative Society and for early disposal of corruption cases against those responsible for losses to the Super Bazar; and

(b) what is the present status in the matter?

#### **Old foodgrains with FCI**

1964. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approach paper to the Tenth Plan found that half of FCIs' grain stock was two years old;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the some grain stock is as old as sixteen years;

(c) if so, the details of the grain stock that are two, three, four and more than five years old;

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the foodgrains stored more than a year is not consumable by human beings;

(e) if so, the quantity of the consumable foodgrains in the FCI stocks; and

(f) how old was the grain supplied to the drought affected States in 2003?

#### **Huge sugar stock in Andhra Pradesh**

1965. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request from Andhra Pradesh Government for release of entire sugar stock of five Public Sector and six Co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(b) if so, the quantity of sugar released/proposed to be released to the State Government?

**Antyodaya card holders**

†1966. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether every month grains like wheat and rice and supplied through ration shops to the poor people holding antyodaya cards;

(b) if so, the number of such card holders who are covered under the antyodaya scheme;

(c) whether they are getting sufficient quantity of foodgrains;

(d) if so, the details and the quantum of grain given to the ration shops everymonth so that it can be supplied to the poor people holding antyodaya cards, State-wise; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Revamping of foodgrain storage facility**

1967. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) propose to spend about Rs. 400 crore over the next four-five years to revamp its foodgrain handling and storage facility; and

(b) if so, the details of proposed investment, State-wise?

**De-control scheme for sugar mills**

†1968. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the de-controlling scheme formulated for the sugar mills and the impediments in the its simplifications; and

(b) the reasons for not implementing the scheme by making it liberal?

**Deaths due to Starvation/ Malnutrition in tribal areas**

†1969. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of tribal dominated areas in the country are in the grip of severe starvation/malnutrition deaths;

(b) if so, the names of the most affected tribal areas alongwith the number of persons which have died; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the living conditions of these tribal people and progress report thereof?

**Supply of rice under food for work programme**

1970. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner Food Corporation of India checks that millers may not recycle the rice intended for the food for work programme and supply the same to it under levy; and

(b) the action taken to ensure that only rabi rice is procured under levy and not those intended for schemes like the food for work?

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**Construction of godown in  
Coochbehar**

1971. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 972 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Senior Regional Manager, F.C.I. West Bengal Region had proposed to construct one 10,000 M.T. capacity godown at Coochbehar *vide* his letter dated the 7th September, 2001; and

(b) if so, the time-frame thereof?

**Dues of Sugarcane farmers against  
sugar mills in Uttaranchal**

†1972. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge amount of money of the farmers is due against the sugar mills in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the amount of farmers due against these mills;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give assistance to the State Governments and mills through a package from the Sugar Development Fund for the payment of dues to the farmers of some States including Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, when and how much assistance would be made available to Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh from the said fund for the payment of dues to the farmers?

**Rehabilitation of Super Bazar**

†1973. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the rehabilitation and opening of Super Bazar lying closed for the last two years, especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial assistance being given by Government for its rehabilitation?

**Foodgrain subsidy**

1974. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas for which subsidies are given under foodgrain subsidy; and

(b) how much of the subsidies reaches to the poor and the number of people benefited?

**Hunger free India mission**

1975. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mission "hunger-free India" to be completed by the year 2007;

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(b) if so, the details including the steps taken for achieving the above;

(c) if so, the details of National and International agencies/Departments/ Ministries associated with the above task;

(d) if so, the details of the "hunger hot spots" of the country identified as a part of the above mission; and

(e) if so, the action taken, if any, to end poverty induced 'chronic hunger' and the 'transient hunger' caused by drought and natural calamities, as of today?

**Sugar mills in Karnataka**

1976. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar factories in co-operative sector are not in a position to pay dues to the farmers;

(b) the steps, Government propose to take for the payment of arrears to the sugar cane growers;

(c) the steps taken by the Karnataka Government for the revival of, sick Co-operative sugar mills in the State; and

(d) the amount due to farmers from cooperative sugar factories in Karnataka?

**Diversion of sugar meant for export**

1977. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:  
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Maharashtra a number of sugar mills and exporters have directed sugar meant for export in the domestic market violating Sugar (Control) Order,

1966 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955; and

(b) if so, the list of the defaulter sugar mills and exporters, the amount and quantity of sugar involved in the default and the actions taken against them?

**Problems of sugar industries in Maharashtra**

1978. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many sugar factories in the country, particularly, Maharashtra are facing problems and seeking Government's help; and

(b) if so, whether Government have assured them in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken for the benefit of various sugar factories in the country?

**Bridge over Brahmaputra at Sadiya**

1979. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for construction of a bridge over Brahmaputra river at Sadiya in Assam is under consideration of NEC;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken during Tenth Plan period and target set for the same;

(c) the details of the proposal, present status and target set for implementation of the permanent flood control measures on Jiadhol river to protect NH 52 at Samarajan of Dhemaji district, Assam which is breached every year due to flood; and



(d) the reasons for delay and target set for completion of model study of this highest priority assignment?

**Assistance to Tripura under the Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources**

1980. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tripura have submitted a number of schemes to the Council of Development of North Eastern Region for implementation under Non-Lapsable Central Pool Resources during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the names of the projects and the funds sought for;

(c) how many of these projects have been taken up for execution uptill now; and

(d) by when other proposed projects would be taken for execution?

**Disinvestment of PSUs**

1981. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working towards completing the on-going disinvestment in various PSUs within the next four months; and

(b) if so, the names of PSUs in the process and the expected period by which the disinvestment process would be completed?

**Disinvestment of Jessop Company Limited**

1982. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Calcuta High Court has cleared the disinvestment of Jessop Company Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Disinvestment of heavy industries**

1983. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of heavy industries in the Public Sector identified for disinvestment during the current financial year; and

(b) the details of total revenue earned by Government through disinvestment in these heavy industries?

**Budgeted disinvestment**

1984. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a disinvestment of around Rs. 13,200 crore was budgeted during the current year 2003-04;

(b) the details and the extent of disinvestment done and planned so far, item-wise; and

(c) whether any change in disinvestment policy and plans are contemplated especially with regard to profit making PSUs, if so, the details thereof?

**Support to India's cause against cross border terrorism**

1985. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any significant indication to help India's cause against cross border terrorism by Pakistan during the recent discussions of Deputy Prime Minister with the President of United States of America and the Prime Minister of United Kingdom; and

(b) what follow up action is being taken by Government to help India's cause on the issue?

**Pak failure to stop terrorism**

† 1986. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that President of Pakistan has categorically stated during the visit to his country by the leaders from abroad and during his own visit to foreign countries, that he cannot stop terrorism going on in Jammu and Kashmir, completely;

(b) if so, whether it would adversely affect the peace talk to be held between the two countries; and

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

**Vacant posts in Indian embassies**

1987. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts are lying vacant in different Indian embassies in various countries;

(b) if so, the vacancy position, post-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

**Break-through due to step by step approach with Pakistan**

1988. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether step by step approach of India with Pakistan has been on for quite some time;

(b) if so, the break-through made in this direction;

(c) whether the said approach is playing any role in the engagement between India and Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Statement by President of Pakistan**

1989. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent statement given by the President of Pakistan about the possibility of further action if the Kashmir issue is not resolved and the pressure he wants to bring on India through U.S. President;

(b) if so, Government's views on his statement; and

(c) the proposed attitude of Government in normalising the relations with Pakistan?

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<b>Invitation to Urdu writers by Mauritius</b>	Government on its support to Jehadis by its double speak?
1990. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether the Government of Mauritius had invited Urdu writers from India for the World Urdu Conference in April, 2003;  (b) whether such participation from India was not allowed by Government; and  (c) if so, the reasons therefor?	<b>Steps to counter international terrorism</b>  1993. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether Australia, Britain, Malaysia, New Zealand and Singapore have agreed to examine ways to adopt their 32 years old security pact to counter a new generation threat-international terrorism;  (b) if so, whether the Ministers have approved a plan to look into expanding the military pact to include the fight against terrorism and other cross-border crimes;  (c) whether any Committee has been set up to examine ways to incorporate such issues into the military agreement; and  (d) if so, to what extent this would help in ending of global terrorism in the country?
<b>Indians in Iraq</b>  † 1991. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) the number of Indians in Iraq affected by American invasion and the number, out of them, who have returned to India;  (b) the expenditure incurred to bring back Indians from Iraq and countries around; and  (c) whether India recognises American Military Regime in Iraq in the absence of any Government there?	<b>Visit of Israeli envoy to India</b>  1994. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether an envoy from Israel had visited India, recently;  (b) the purpose of his visit; and  (c) the details of discussions held with him?
<b>American statement regarding support to Jehadis</b>  1992. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards statement by Richard Boucher, spokesman of the US Department of States that any support to Jehadis in Kashmir is illegal; and  (b) if so, the measures taken by Government to pursue the matter with US	<b>Women employees in RPO, Hyderabad</b>  1995. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:  (a) whether there are adequate number

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of women working in the Regional Passport Office at Hyderabad;

(b) the details of number of women officers and employees holding responsible positions;

(c) whether, Government would post adequate women employees to attend a large number of women from conservative social background visiting the passport office to get their passports; and

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

**Indians in foreign jails**

1996. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Indians are harassed and are languishing in jails abroad;

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

(c) the action taken to bring them back and to ensure such incidents do not re-occur?

**Apprising world leaders about Indo-Pak relations**

1997. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister during his three nations tour in May, 2003 met top world leaders and briefed them on the developments in India-Pakistan relations besides discussing bilateral ties; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Retrenchment of foreign labourers by Saudi Arabia**

† 1998. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Government of Saudi Arabia has planned to retrench foreign labourers;

(b) if so, the number of Indian labourers likely to be rendered jobless as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government have held any talks with Saudi Arabia in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the talks; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to provide employment to Indian labourers returning from Saudi Arabia?

**Equipments lying unutilised in Ministry**

† 1999. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that communication equipments worth crores of rupees are lying unutilised with Ministry of External Affairs;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Ministry propose to sell them?

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**US reaction on India's decision to send Indian troops in Iraq**

2000. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reaction of the US Government to the decision of the Indian Government not to send troops to Iraq without explicit sanction of the United Nations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to reduce India's dependence on the western world, particularly USA so that the country could adopt an independent view on all international issues?

**Harassment of Indian workers in Gulf countries**

2001. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the sponsors in the Gulf countries deny salary and other benefits due to the migrant Indian workers and that they are being harassed;

(b) whether Government propose to undertake and ensure the welfare and benefits of Indian workers and protect them from harassment;

(c) whether Government are aware that women being recruited as cooks and house maids are tortured mentally and physically; and

(d) whether Government consider to undertake any specific safety measures to protect them from harassment?

**Resumption of Rail link between India and Pakistan**

2002. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan propose to renew rail link between the two countries shortly;

(b) if so, by when the train is likely to start running; and

(c) whether foolproof arrangements have been made to ensure that smuggling of narcotics and other contraband do not take place?

**Proposal mooted by Pakistani MPs to check cross-border terrorism**

2003. DR. A.R. KIDWAI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani Members of Parliament delegation that visited India in the month of May, 2003 had mooted a proposal of having patrols along the Indo-Pak border to check cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, whether it is a sound proposal and will check the infiltration from both sides;

(c) whether India has considered this view and has initiated discussion with Pakistan on these lines;

(d) if so, to what extent both the countries have agreed;

(e) whether India is ready for this; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Fight against terrorism**

2004. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister visited USA and UK in June, 2003 and apprised both the countries and gave proof of Pakistan's terrorist activities in J and K and suggested that India and USA must fight Jehadi terrorism together;

(b) if so, whether the UK and the USA were convinced of the proof provided by him and agreed to fight Jehadi terrorism together;

(c) if so, the outcome of these talks; and

(d) to what extent he got assurance from both the countries to influence Pakistan to end cross-border terrorism before talks can start and fight Jehadi terrorism together?

**Relevance of UN as peace keeper**

2005. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the initiatives, if any, taken by Government to help to restore the relevance of the UN as an International peace keeper and as custodian of the international conscience in relation between nations in the aftermath of the second Iraq war; and

(b) whether Government are in active engagement with the US to ensure that the reconstruction of Iraq is in accordance with procedures that have international acceptance and in accordance with the basic principles of international law?

**Consultation with friendly countries regarding deployment of Indian troops in Iraq**

2006. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extensive consultation with friendly countries in the Middle East and Persian Gulf Area have been held in connection with deployment of Indian troops in Iraq, if so, what are the conclusions drawn by Government regarding the deployment of Indian troops at this stage in Iraq;

(b) whether Government agrees with the US interpretation of the UNSC resolutions regarding deployment of third country troops in Iraq at this point of time; and

(c) what further clarifications, if any, have been sought from the USA and the United Nations by Government in this regard?

**Laying of Afghan roads**

2007. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to lay Afghan roads;

(b) if so, the request received in this connection from the Afghan Government; and

(c) by when the work would be undertaken by Border Road Organisation?

**Observation of protest day by  
Officers in RPOs**

2008. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers in  
the Regional Passport Offices all over the  
country observed a protest day by working  
an extra day on Saturday, the 31st May,  
2003 to press for their demands; and

(b) if so, the details of their demands  
and Government's reaction thereto?

**Technocrats and IT experts for  
China**

2009. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the  
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of  
the Prime Minister to China the issues  
relating to professional services, including  
technocrats and information technology  
professionals were discussed; and

(b) if so, what possibilities for such  
professionals and technologists and job-  
seekers from India were explored as a result  
of these talks indicating the estimated  
potential demand for such job-seekers in  
China and the availability of such  
manpower in India?

**H-1B visas to IT Professionals**

2010. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of H-1B visas issued to  
the Indian IT professionals by the USA  
during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a  
drastic reduction in the issuance of H-1B  
visas to our IT professionals;

(c) if so, the reasons for such a  
drastic decline in issuing visas to Indians;  
and

(d) the steps taken to increase the  
issuance of H-1B visas to our IT  
professionals?

**Terrorist training camps in PoK**

†2011. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will  
the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any list of the terrorist  
training camps, being operated in PoK, has  
been handed over to the Bush administration  
by the Deputy Prime Minister during his  
recent visit to America; and

(b) if so, the reaction of America and  
Pakistan thereto?

**MFN status to Pakistan**

2012. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has  
been enjoying MFN status in India without  
reciprocating the same;

(b) when the MFN status was granted  
to Pakistan;

(c) whether Pakistan has granted the  
same status to India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**SAARC Foreign Secretaries' meet**

2013. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any talks between India and Pakistan during recent SAARC Foreign Secretaries' meet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the outcome of the meet?

**Promotion of economic bloc in South Asia**

2014. DR. AKHILESH DAS:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to China any proposal for promotion of an economic bloc in South Asia through SAARC or otherwise was discussed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome of the discussion?

**Conversion of Jinnah house into a Cultural Centre**

2015. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mohammed Ali-Jinnah's house at Malcha Hill in Mumbai is proposed to be turned into a Cultural Centre;

(b) if so, its salient features; and

(c) whether there is any provision for Studies in Common Heritage of the sub-continent?

**ISI activities in Bangladesh**

2016. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have regularly been receiving reports of increased ISI activities in Bangladesh and tacit support extended to them by the authorities;

(b) whether Pakistan nationals owing allegiance to different terrorist outfits have been using Dhaka as a transit point for entering India and Nepal; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in collaboration with the State Government of West Bengal to meet such an alarming situation?

**Illegal immigration to UAE**

2017. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of illegal immigrants were sent back by United Arab Emirates to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many of them were from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to check such illegal immigration?

**Depiction of "OM" on socks in USA**

2018. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that a Rights Group in the U.S.A. has expressed shock and disgust at the use of the Hindu symbol "OM" on the socks in the USA;



- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities for appropriate action; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Facilities for construction workers**

2019. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no proper facilities for the construction workers employed by contractors and even Government agencies like DDA, are provided at the sites in Delhi and other metropolitan cities, as a result of which the areas around the construction sites are used for unhygienic and demeaning purposes by the workers and their families; and

(b) if so, the number of contractors and Government officials apprehended for violating relevant orders during the last three years in Delhi and other metropolitan cities, city-wise and the action taken in each case?

**Exploitation of job seekers by private placement agencies**

2020. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a working group on National Employment Services has highlighted serious complaints of exploitation of job seekers by the private placement agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check the activities of unscrupulous placement agencies; and

(c) the details of plans drawn up, if any, to regulate the functioning of these agencies mushrooming across the country?

**Closing down of vanaspati producing units**

2021. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Vanaspati producing units have been closed down as a result of import of cheap vanaspati from Nepal;

(b) if so, the steps taken to save the labourers;

(c) the number of workers affected due to closures of various units, State-wise; and

(d) the welfare measures taken for these workers?

**Eradication of Child Labour**

2022. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the complete eradication of Child Labour in the country;

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

(c) whether Government are aware that some State Governments have already taken a decision to eliminate the employment of child labour and draw up a plan for their education and rehabilitation; and

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

**Performance of Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana**

2023. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of the on-going

'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana' started in the year 2001;

(b) whether the agro workers respond to this scheme involving;

(c) the steps taken to keep people informed about this scheme; and

(d) how many districts in Tamil Nadu have been selected for implementation of this scheme?

**ITI Educational Centres**

†2024. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the educational centres such as ITI etc. established for women in different States during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the progress in this regard is not upto the expectations; and

(c) if so, the programmes prepared for the next three years?

**Retrenchment of organised labourers**

†2025. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report of the Labour Bureau of his Ministry a large scale retrenchment of the labourers has been made in organised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

**Non-remittance of EPF contribution to the EPFO**

2026. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of companies including the Central and State public sector undertakings have defaulted in remittance of Employees Provident Fund contributions to the EPFO;

(b) if so, the details of defaulters and the amount due, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to realise these dues?

**Discrimination at work places**

†2027. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a campaign for identification of various kinds of discriminations against the workers at work places has been launched by his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether both official and non-official work places would be included in the said campaign;

(c) if so, the details of the said campaign; and

(d) by when, the said campaign is likely to be completed?

**Child labour in Dhabas**

2028. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the vicinity of one km. radius of

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Parliament, children are being engaged in Dhabas;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to eliminate the child labour; and

(c) how Government propose to send the children below the age of fourteen years to school?

**Minimum Wage Advisory Committee**

2029. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee of the Central Government has paid a visit to Orissa to review the problems facing implementation of minimum wage in the State; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee to help implementation of the Minimum Wage Policy in the State?

**Impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment**

2030. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:  
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of disinvestment and closure of small scale units on employment; and

(b) the action taken to create more jobs to safeguard the interests of the work force?

**Labour laws**

2031. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether obsolete labour laws have largely affected the growth in various sectors;

(b) if so, whether Government have been actively considering to eliminate the said laws;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some new International Labour Laws are likely to be introduced for proper growth; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**EPFO's investment in IFCI**

2032. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has made substantial investment in the IFCI and it has defaulted interest payments thereon to the EPFO;

(b) if so, the details of the investments made by the EPFO in the IFCI, the interest due for the financial years 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the defaulted payments;

(c) whether it is also a fact tha the IFCI has reduced the rate of interest on the EPFO investments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Court of Enquiry under the Mines Act, 1952**

2033. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received for appointing a Court of Enquiry under the provisions of the Mines Act, 1952 and Mines Rules, 1955 to look into the GOK-7 mine accident at Karim Nagar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

**EPF interest rate**

2034. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of interest on EPF has been fixed at 9 per cent with 0.50 per cent bonus;

(b) if so, the reasons for not keeping the existing rate of interest at 9.5 per cent; and

(c) the financial benefit expected by Government by the revised rate over the existing rate during the year 2003-04?

**EPF defaulters**

2035. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major EPF defaulters in both public and private sectors togetherwith the EPF amount pending for recovery;

(b) the circumstances leading to huge accumulation of EPF amount; and

(c) the reasons for not enforcing EPF guidelines for timely deposit of the EPF amount?

**Recovery of EPF dues**

2036. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total outstanding arrears due from the State, the Central Public Sector Undertakings and Private Undertakings towards Employment Provident Fund dues as on the beginning of the current fiscal year;

(b) how much of it has since been realised, till-date; and

(c) the stern measures being taken to realise EPF dues from defaulting firms?

**Census of child labour**

2037. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey or census about the child labour languishing in the slums of Hyderabad and other urban areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action plan Government have to educate and rehabilitate these child labourers of the State;

(d) whether any external funding is being extended in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**National productivity growth rate**

2038. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that national

productivity growth rate is stuck at just 4.3 per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are considering to rationalise holidays and adhere to the recommendations made by the Labour Commission and the Parliamentary Standing Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented?

**Creation of jobs and boosting economy**

2039. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:  
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether report presented by the All India Management Association to the Prime Minister in the month of April, 2003, suggested a blue print for action to create 40 million jobs annually by 2020 and boost GDP upto \$200 billion;

(b) if so, what are the other facts of the report;

(c) whether Prime Minister has asked experts to examine the same; and

(d) if so, what are the steps taken to implement them?

**Fall in Central Sector Investment**

2040. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fall in Central Sector Investment has not only led to a general deterioration in the country's investment

scenario but withholding of investment in projects under various stages of implementation has also resulted in a massive cost overrun;

(b) if so, whether according to the Central Statistical Organisation, the cost overrun of Central Sector projects was a staggering 80.7 per cent in 2002;

(c) whether Planning Commission has taken a serious note and had urged the Ministries to complete the projects in time; and

(d) if so, the other steps Planning Commission is considering to take in this regard?

**Index of Human Development by UNDP**

†2041. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's stand has come down from last year's 124th place to 127th in the index of human development prepared under the United Nation's Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor despite the success achieved in the programmes relating to poverty alleviation and literacy?

**Long Term Action Plan for KBK districts in Orissa**

2042. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Long Term Action Plan of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) districts in Orissa has not yet been approved by the Planning Commission and the so called assistance given is only on *ad hoc* basis;

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- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more than 40 per cent Central/State Government officers of various departments are not in a position in KBK districts in Orissa; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Central assistance for Punjab**

2043. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:  
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Punjab has sought additional Central assistance from Planning Commission for the implementation of its Annual Plan, 2003-04; and
- (b) if so, the quantum of assistance sought and how much Central assistance is proposed to be provided and by when?

**Agricultural growth in Orissa**

2044. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have recommended investment for agricultural growth in Orissa;
- (b) whether emphasis has been laid on development of rural infrastructure and irrigation facilities to dry lands etc. and provision of rural credit to the farmers; and
- (c) Orissa being the most poor, backward and cash-strapped State, the amount of Central assistance proposed to be given to the State to help them to work on the recommendations of the Commission to boost their economy?

**Objectives of National Population Policy**

2045. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medium-term objective set in the National Population Policy (NPP) to achieve the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) at 2.1 level by 2010 would restrict our population to 111.90 crore by 2011, whereas, the Planning Commission target to restrict population growth during 2001-11 to 16.2 per cent would result in a population size exceeding 119 crore;
- (b) what such higher target of Planning Commission, which might also negate the long-term objective in the NPP for a stable population by 2045, is attributable to; and
- (c) whether Planning Commission has drawn the target in consultation with National Commission on Population?

**Transfer of Centrally sponsored schemes to States**

2046. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Development Council had decided that Centrally sponsored schemes would be transferred to States from the Tenth Plan so that States could get flexibility to plan, based on their specific requirement;
- (b) if so, whether the said decision has been implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**50 million employment opportunities**

2047. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target for generating 50 million new employment opportunities has been envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, new jobs generated during 2002-03, *i.e.*, the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to achieve the target set under the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Funds released under Externally Aided Projects**

2048. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released under Externally Aided Projects during the Ninth Plan to Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal;

(b) the criteria for release of funds under Externally Aided Projects; and

(c) the reasons for less release of funds for Madhya Pradesh?

**Development of backward districts**

2049. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI :  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development reform facility scheme proposed in the Tenth Plan earmarking Rs. 2,500 crore annually for the

development of backward districts has been considered by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated;

(c) by when these schemes would be implemented; and

(d) the backward districts which would be covered in the first phase of the Plan?

**Expenditure on health and education**

2050. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:  
SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted the policy to reduce the expenditure on education and health under the pressure of globalisation thus retarding the growth of human capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would not adversely affect the nation?

**UNDP report on hunger in India**

2051. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to UN Development Programme report, India is the world's most hungry nation; and

(b) if so, reactions of Government thereto?

**Accidents on National Highways**

2052. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the frequent road accidents especially on National Highways;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make additional financial allocations to maintain and widen the National Highways in order to avert accidents;

(c) if so, the details of proposals of Government alongwith financial allocations; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Road accidents in Himachal Pradesh**

†2053. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conversion of Highways into the National Highways has become necessary due to increasing incidents of road accidents in Himachal Pradesh during the last few years;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government are considering to upgrade the Highways of the above State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to prevent the accidents?

**National Highways in Assam**

2054. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of damage done to the National Highways in Assam in the current spate of flood; and

(b) if so, what actions are going to be taken to rebuild the destroyed parts of National Highways in the State?

**National Highways passing through Karnataka**

2055. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways which passes through Karnataka;

(b) the number of districts that are covered by the National Highways;

(c) whether Government propose to cover the remaining districts of the Karnataka State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh**

2056. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Bhadarwah-Chamba road between Jammu and Himachal Pradesh was started over two decades ago;

(b) if so, whether the work on this important Inter-State road has been completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons for this inordinate delay and by when the road would become fully operative?

**National Highways in the Country**

2057. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways passing through each State;

(b) the details of the States wherein all

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the districts are connected by National Highways;

(c) the details of proposal before Government to network all the districts in the States where they are not presently interconnected; and

(d) the amount earmarked and the time-frame set for achieving this objective?

#### **Four-lane project in Punjab**

2058. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:  
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of four-lane project on the National Highways in Punjab, as on date; and

(b) by when the entire work is likely to be completed?

#### **Construction of Kollam Bypass**

2059. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accorded sanction for the construction of the subsequent phases of Kollam Bypass in Kerala;

(b) the phases of Kollam Bypass which have since been completed; and

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass?

#### **Panel to examine toll tax charges**

2060. MISS MABEL REBELLO:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a panel to re-examine the toll charges levied on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the terms and references of the panel?

#### **Proposal by Andhra Pradesh for linkage of NH-17 and 9**

2061. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh sent a proposal for construction of a major Bypass for Hyderabad, linking NH-17 and NH-9;

(b) whether it also requested to sanction it as a part of North-South corridor;

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

(d) the action taken on the request?

#### **Increase in the grant for road upgradation projects**

2062. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to extend 40 per cent grant to road projects for Nationwide road upgradation project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the details of the projects to be undertaken in Orissa;
- (d) whether it would be outside the purview of the on-going National Highway Development Project; and
- (e) the body that would oversee the works to ensure transparency and timely completion of the works?

**Roads in Madhya Pradesh**

2063. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the road length per thousand of square kilometres in Madhya Pradesh during 1996-97;
- (b) in what way it compares with the position at the country level; and
- (c) the reasons for low density so far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned?

**Mobile trauma care vans**

2064. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of accidents on the National Highways, showing the number of deaths separately, during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (b) whether Government would introduce 'mobile trauma care vans' on the National Highways besides constructing trauma-care centres at specific points along the stretches of Highways to provide quick relief to accident victims?

**Width of the roads made under CRF**

†2065. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether parameters have been set for the width, etc. of the roads, being constructed and improved with the Central Road Fund in various States;
- (b) if so, whether some complaints to the effect have been received from the State of Uttaranchal that width of the Almora-Ghat and Kausani-Bageshwar roads being constructed under the said scheme had been found short in context of the hilly terrains; and
- (c) if so, whether directions have been issued to widen black top of the roads of the hilly areas?

**Tax on renewal of vehicles**

2066. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to impose heavy taxes on the renewal of vehicles after fifteen years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to curb the use of old vehicles?

**Reforms in transportation infrastructure**

2067. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the present status of

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the reforms in transportation infrastructure;

(b) what was the total amount earmarked and spent during the last three years; and

(c) by when the widening of National Highways is likely to be completed?

**Request from Durgapur Municipal Corporation**

2068. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the mayor of Durgapur Municipal Corporation for construction of fly-overs at some busy and accident prone junctions of NH-02 at Durgapur; and

(b) if so, actions taken by Government so far?

**Condition of National Highways**

2069. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conditions of National Highways is poor throughout the country in terms of maintenance, construction of bridges and pulls road renovation, levelling improvement of surface, broadening, side drain work, plantation and signboards;

(b) if so, how many projects to maintain and beautify national highways were approved in the year 2002-03;

(c) the amount of funds transferred to each State Government; and

(d) the amount of work completed by each State and amount of funds utilized for the same till date?

**Rules for International Driving Permits**

2070. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has not issued any specifications to the different States for incorporating them in the State Motor Vehicle Rules for issuing International Driving Permits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is lack of uniformity in issuing such IDPs by different States and as such IDPs of our country are not accepted for driving vehicles even in such countries which honours the Geneva Convention on International Driving Permits; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to bring in uniformity in the Rules for issuance of IDPs?

**Special package for revival of SSI in Rajasthan**

2071. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special packages have been granted to Rajasthan in the Tenth Five Year Plan to revive the Small Scale Industries of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the percentage of growth expected by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan in Small Scale Industries in Rajasthan?

<b>Rehabilitation of SSI units</b>	<b>Completion of construction projects</b>
2072. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:  (a) the details of steps that have been taken to offset the trend of sickness in the SSI sector; and  (b) the steps that have been taken to rehabilitate SSI units in the country?	†2075. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether it is a fact that 265 projects are under construction in the country at present and the construction cost of each of the project is Rs. 100 crores or above;  (b) if so, the number of projects in which construction cost is below Rs. 100 crores; and  (c) the total amount required to complete the construction of those projects?
<b>Recession in SSI sector</b>	<b>Cost of under construction projects</b>
2073. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:  (a) whether Government are aware that many small scale industrial units are facing unprecedented recession; and  (b) if so, what steps are taken by Government to revive small scale units and to boost their performance?	†2076. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether it is a fact that the cost of under construction projects of Central Government has been increasing during the past years;  (b) if so, the cost of construction of these projects as on March, 1998 alongwith the number of such projects; and  (c) the number of such projects as on March, 2003 alongwith the present cost thereof?
<b>Development of new radar</b>	
†2074. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:  (a) whether ISRO has developed a new radar to monitor the weather conditions which would meet the weather requirements of the new millennium;  (b) if so, whether this new category of radar would help in saving the lives and properties by giving accurate warning in case of natural calamities relating to bad weather;  (c) if so, the details thereof; and  (d) by when, it would be operational?	

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<b>Construction of new projects</b>	been started during March, 1998 to March, 2003;
†2077. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:	
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:	(b) if so, the total number of the projects alongwith the names of the Ministries concerned with and the total construction cost of each of the project; and
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:	
(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of various new projects under the Central Government has	(c) the number of the projects completed during the said period out of the said projects?

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<b>Prime Minister</b>	: —
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<b>Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution</b>	: 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978,
<b>Development of North Eastern Region</b>	: 1979, 1980,
<b>Disinvestment</b>	: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984,
<b>External Affairs</b>	: 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018,
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<b>Planning</b>	: 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051,
<b>Road Transport and Highways</b>	: 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070,
<b>Small Scale Industries</b>	: 2071, 2072, 2073,
<b>Space</b>	: 2074,
<b>Statistics and Programme Implementation</b>	: 2075, 2076, 2077.