### **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Friday, the December 7, 2001/Agrahayana 16, 1923 (Saka)

(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel; Youth Affairs and Sports)

#### Total number of questions—155

# ICAR researches in rice and cotton pests

1965. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of researches made by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to protect rice and cotton from devastating pests;
- (b) the details of other projects undertaken by the ICAR under National Agricultural Projects; and
- (c) whether genetically engineered cotton and rice would be made available to farmers?

# Banning Endo-sulfin, a poisonous pesticide

1966. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, within days of spraying Endo-sulfin, a pesticide, in Kesargod in Kerala, to protect the plantations form tea mosquitoes, even the small birds and flies were found dead and in Padri village, about

100 out of 2000 villagers were either dead/congenially deformed;

- (b) whether, at the time of spraying a notice, warning villagers to cover all sources of water, had been given, if so, what about two rivers which are the main source of drinking water; and
- (c) if so, what are the reasons for not banning the use of such poisonous pesticide in India when its use is banned in most developing countries?

### Central team's report on floods in Andhra Pradesh

- 1967. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Central Team for assessment of damages due to heavy rains and floods in Andhra Pradesh, has submitted its report to the Union Government:
  - (b) if so, the details of the report; and
- (c) by when the expected funds are to be released to Andhra Pradesh?

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### **Review of Crop Insurance Policy**

1968. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 610, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

- (a) by when, the Crop Insurance Policy is expected to be reviewed;
- (b) whether Government are aware that farmers are not getting any relief, if crops failure is in lesser villages in a unit of large area; and
- (c) whether Government are considering to take one village as a single unit, in place of existing whole mandal or two mandals?

#### Mite disease of Coconut

- 1969. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that several coconut trees have been infested with Mite attack;
- (b) if so, the number of coconut trees attacked by the Mite all over the country; State-wise, and the financial losses therefrom; and
- (c) what action Government have initiated to control the Mite attacks?

### Disaster Management

1970. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: DR. KARAN SINGH: SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Committee on Disaster Management has submitted its report;
  - (b) if so, the main recommendations made

- by the Committee for prevention, preparedness and mitigation of disasters;
- (c) whether one of its recommendations is to set up a separate full-fledged Ministry for Disaster Management; and
- (d) if so, the decisions taken by Government thereon?

# Development of agriculture in wasteland areas

- 1971. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total amount of funds released so far to State Governments and NGOs, for development of agriculture in the wasteland areas, State-wise;
- (b) how the monitoring and supervision of the works are done; and
- (c) the progress of the works in each State?

### Sale of children in famine stricken

- 1972. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that certain drought and famine affected areas in the country, particularly Orissa, have come to such a pass that the parents have sold their children due to starvation:
  - (b) if so, what are the details thereof;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been made by Government to assess the famine conditions in these areas, resulting in such a situation; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by Government in the famine stricken areas in the country, to meet the situation?

# Impact of increased production and import of cotton

# 1973. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the plight of cotton growers in various parts of the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, as a result of increased domestic production and the massive imports of cotton;
- (b) whether the affected States have brought this plight of farmers to the notice of Government; if so, whether Government would restrict imports of cotton;
- (c) if not, the quantum of loss the cotton growers and procurement agencies are likely to suffer; and
- (d) whether any corrective measures are in the offing; if not, the reasons therefor?

# Introducing co-operative and contract farming

- 1974. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to introduce co-operative and contract farming, in view of declining average land holding in the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far small and marginal farmers would be benefited by this move; and
- (d) whether the contract farming would result in more exploitation of small and marginal farmers by land owners?

# Production cost and realisation prices of crops

- 1975. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in view of the trends in the cost of production of different crops *vis-a-vis* realisation in terms of their prices, the agriculture is not a paying proposition; and
- (b) the cost of production of major crops, item-wise and crop-wise, *vis-a-vis* their sale price, during the last three years?

#### **Integrated Development of Mushroom**

### 1976. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3827, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether the assistance given under the scheme of Integrated Development of Mushroom has been on the decrease year after year, from 1998-99 to 2000-2001; if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether Government would continue to give assistance to States for development of Mushroom?

#### **Drought in Gujarat**

- 1977. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) what was the average monsoon rainfall in Gujarat during the current calender year, district-wise;
- (b) whether many parts of the State were affected by severe drought;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and what was the loss of life, livestock, crops, etc.; and

(d) what relief measures were undertaken by the Central and State Governments for the drought affected people of the State?

### Losses in Gujarat due to earthquake

- 1978. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have assessed the loss caused in Gujarat due to earthquake in January this year;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to make up these losses of the State?

#### Financial crisis of farmers in Kerala

- 1979. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many farmers ended their life in various regions of Kerala due to financial crisis during 2001;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the total number of such cases and the remedial measures initiated to help farmers, so as to avoid such averments in future;
- (c) whether there is any plan to provide short-term credit for seasonal farm operations to needy farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details regarding the amount of grant proposed to various States in the current year, State-wise in?

# Declaring Andhra Pradesh as drought affected

- 1980. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) what are the guidelines for declaration of a particular area as drought affected;

- (b) the areas or the States declared so far as drought affected in 2001-2002, following these guidelines;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a central team submitted a report on the conditions of deficit rainfall in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the recommendations of the team; and
- (e) the action initiated by Government to come to the aid of the State?

#### **Procurement of Copra**

- 1981. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have ordered the procuring agencies to procure copra from the cultivators;
- (b) if so, when the order was issued and since when the procurement has started and at what prices; and
- (c) the names of procurement agencies and the quantity procured so far?

### National Disaster Management Plan

1982. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have been considering VSA type disaster management plan;
- (b) whether a National Disaster Management Plan has been finalised;
  - (c) if so, what are its salient features;
  - (d) if not, what is the present stage; and
- (e) by when a decision is likely to be taken?

### Foodgrains to Chhattisgarh under Emergency Relief Fund

†1983. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the quantity of foodgrains distributed free of cost to Chhattisgarh from 1st November, 2000 to 31st October, 2001, under Emergency Relief Fund and the amount provided under the said fund?

#### Amendment in the Quarantine law

- †1984. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item published in the Hindustan dated 26th October, 2001 under the caption, Quarantine Kanoon me Sanshodhan;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to amend this law; and
- (c) if so, whether any provision for the necessary certification in this regard would be made through the same?

## Assistance for tropical temperate and arid zones

- 1985. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether financial assistance is being provided to States for development of tropical, temperate and arid zones and for development of horticulture;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided during 2000-2001 and till date, State-wise:
- (c) the names of crops identified for tissue culture; and

(d) the details of increase in production of horticultural crops by tissue culture?

#### Diseases through imported animals

- 1986. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether cattle are being imported every year in the country for the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise and cattle-wise:
- (c) whether due to foot and mouth disease and mad cow disease abroad, lakhs of cattle were untimely slaughtered;
- (d) the steps taken by Government so far to prevent out break of such diseases among animals in India through imported animals:
- (e) whether Government have evolved any policy to tackle this problem; and
  - (f) if so, the details thereof?

# Central share in Agricultural Insurance Scheme

- 1987. SHRI R.SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether National Agriculture Insurance Scheme is being implemented in States, according to the guidelines;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in the previous comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme the Central Government has 2/3rd (66.66 per cent) share in the compensation to be given to farmers, but in the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme, it has been reduced to 50 per cent;

- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether State Governments have represented to the Union Government in this regard;
  - (f) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (g) the reaction of Government thereto?

# Biotechnological innovations for cotton growers

1988. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that benefits of biotechnological innovations in cotton seed production, available to farmers around the world, are being denied to Indian cotton growers; and
- (b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when Government propose to do this to raise productivity, thereby increasing rural income?

#### Benefits to drip irrigation system

- †1989. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are providing subsidy to farmers for implementing drip irrigation system;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the State-wise details of the total area, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, being irrigated through drip irrigation system at present:
- (d) whether it is also a fact that only big farmers are being benefited through this scheme; and
  - (e) if not, the facts in this regard?

# Production of oilseeds and pulses

1990. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of oilseeds and pulses during each of the last two years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether production of oilseeds and pulses has been less than the target fixed for the above period;
- (c) what was the target and achievement during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the assistance provided to States/UTs and the other steps taken to increase the production?

# Removing restrictions on agricultural exports

### †1991. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers on agriculture has recommended for removal of restrictions on agricultural exports, to boost country's agricultural exports;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations of the Group;
- (c) the details of the decision taken so far in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that export limit of onion has been restricted to seven lakh tonnes; and
- (e) if so, the reasons for such a restriction?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Facilitating sale of excess dairy product of Karnataka

### 1992. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is faced with a problem of plenty of milk; if so, the milk availability, demand and the extent of surplus milk in Karnataka, per year;
- (b) whether NDDB has been requested by the Karnataka Government to help/ facilitate the sale of excess dairy products;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken;
- (d) whether there is any proposal under consideration to start a mega dairy of related industry in Karnataka; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Improving the lot of farmers

1993. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain farmers' organisations have decided to launch struggle, seeking solution to the problems faced by the farming community;
- (b) whether, with implementation of the directives of the World Trade Organisation and the World Bank, the plight of farmers has worsened; and
- (c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the lot of farmers?

# Setting up of new fertilizer plants in NER

- 1994. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of financial allocations made for setting up of new fertilizer plants in NER, during the last three years; and
- (b) the total amount released and spent on each plant in the region, during that period?

# Prevention of mixing of Methanol and Arrack

1995. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would direct the authorities to add more bitterness in methanol to prevent mixing of methanol with country arrack, resulting in deaths;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to prevent mixing of such harmful intoxicant chemicals with arrack, etc.?

### NPPA notifications on the web sites

- 1996. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that NPPA has two web sites on the internet;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that none of the DPCO price notifications are available on these web sites, despite claims to the contrary; and
- (c) by when NPPA would start displaying the notifications on the web sites, as soon as they are notified?

#### Viability of M/s SSPL

- 1997. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether BIFR nominee Director on the Board of M/s SSPL had communicated to BIFR and Government that M/s SSPL is a viable unit if relief and concessions are extended, in line with UPDPL; and
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme forwarded by him and Government's reaction thereto?

# Recovery of excess amount obtained by fertilizers factories

- †1998. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have issued notification to recover excess amount obtained by the thirteen owners of the fertilizers factories as retention price from Government:
- (b) if so, the total number of fertilizer factories which have misused Government money and the extent of the amount misused;
- (c) whether any action is being taken against officers involved in sanctioning crores of rupees every year;
- (d) whether the case of refunding of dues to Government stand against any other factory in addition to aforesaid 13 factories; and
  - (e) if not, the details thereof?

### Winding up of Fertilizer Corporation of India

1999. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHER-JEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether BIFR has ordered winding up of Fertilizer Corporation of India;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the action taken by Government to run Fertilizer Corporation of India units;
- (d) whether similar notice is being served on Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation also; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

### Hearing on revival of Bengal Immunity before BIFR

- 2000. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether BIFR hearing on Bengal Immunity was held on 9th November, 2001 in Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the stand taken by Government of India before BIFR, as promoter, on revival of the company;
- (c) the direction given by the Bench in the hearing; and
- (d) the action taken by Government on the directive?

### New method for price fixation of Urea

†2001. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to use a new method for fixation of price of products of urea-producing units in the country;
  - (b) if so, the details of the new method;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) how the new method of price fixation is different from the old one; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that this new method is being opposed by the producers; if so, the reasons therefor?

#### Closure of Durgapur and Haldia Plants of HFL

2002. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering the closure of Durgapur and Haldia Plants of Hindustan Fertilizers Limited;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what is the number of workers employed in these two plants, since when they are not being paid their wages and what steps are proposed to be taken to clear their wage arrears and other statutory dues?

# Foreign technology for manufacturing bulk drugs

- 2003. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the nature and details of the foreign technology available in India for manufacturing bulk drugs, following the automatic approval for foreign technology agreements; and
- (b) what are the intermediates and/or formulations that can be manufactured using those bulk drugs?

### FDI in pharma industry

2004. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total amount of FDI in pharma industry through automatic route, after it was raised to 100 per cent;
- (b) which drugs are being manufactured by those 100 per cent foreign companies; and
- (c) which diseases can be treated by those medicines?

### Consumption of chemical fertilizers

†2005. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country has increased during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details regarding consumption of all kinds of chemical fertilizers during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;
- (c) the details of production of such fertilizers in the country during each of the above years;
- (d) whether there is likely to be shortage of some chemical fertilizers in the country during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government to meet the shortage?

### Development of Forest Department in Himachal Pradesh

2006. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to Himachal Pradesh for development of Environment and Forests Department during the last three years;

- (b) the amount utilized in the State in this regard; and
- (c) the details of specific reasons for non-utilization of funds?

### Banning of loudspeakers

2007. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that loudspeakers have been banned under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 all over the country during night-times except in the closed premises such as auditoria, and under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are considering to lift the ban, especially during the period of Durga Pooja festival in Ashwin month and Ganesh Festival;
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Government on this issue; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Illegal felling of trees

2008. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the increasing degradation and illegal felling of trees in some States:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of action taken to stop felling of trees and for development of forests?

### Forest area under Darjeeling Hill Council

### 2009. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Darjeeling Hill Council has been given some area of forests for maintenance and development;
  - (b) if so, how much area has been given;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the area given is totally degraded by illegal cutting, unauthorised occupation of forests, and the unholy links between office bearers and administrators have ruined the forests under Darjeeling Hill Council; and
- (d) if so, Government's proposal to rectify the situation?

# Violation of law by cracker manufacturers

2010. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the cracker manufacturers are violating the standard noise levels; and
- (b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government?

### Pollution by garbage carrying vehicles

2011. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Municipal Solid-waste Management Regulations formulated under the Environment Protection Act, 1998, all the garbage trucks/vehicles transporting the garbage from one spot to another are required to be fully covered;

- (b) if so, what are the reasons for not adhering to the above regulations by the civic bodies like MCD, NDMC and DDA:
- (c) whether any case of negligence has been brought to the notice of Government during the last six months; and
- (d) if so, what action has been taken against the authorities?

#### Pollution level in Delhi

#### 2012. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Delhiites have been breathing more toxic air due to various factors, including Diwali festival;
- (b) if so, what is the level of pollution recorded during the last four months in the National Capital Territory of Delhi; and
- (c) what steps are being taken to control pollution, including noise level, in Delhi?

### Killing of tigers

2013. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 100 tigers were killed in the first six months of the new millennium; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to manage the sanctuaries and tiger reserves properly, to prevent illegal poaching and lucrative business of tiger's body parts?

#### Cleaning of Musi river

- 2014. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have sent a proposal to clean the Musi river, on the banks of which the city of Hyderabad is situated;
  - (b) if so, the details of the proposal;
- (c) whether any action plan has been prepared for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### World Bank assisted Forestry Project

- †2015. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4341, given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state:
- (a) the number of districts of Uttaranchal covered under the bifurcated World Bank assisted Uttar Pradesh Forestry Project and the groups of villages in which the schemes have been introduced, alongwith the details of public co-operation; and
- (b) the district-wise, number of villagers benefited so far as daily wagers and the details of expenditure incurred against the allocations made in 2000-2001?

# Schemes to clear Badrinath and Devprayag

†2016. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4331, given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state:

- (a) the results of expenditure incurred by the Uttaranchal Government on pollution abatement works in ten towns of the State, from the point of view of pollution control;
- (b) whether the works accomplished in hilly suburbs, from Badrinath to Devprayag and in Uttarkashi in Uttaranchal could be treated as completed; if so, the details thereof and the details of the comprehensive schemes required to be formulated to keep the area pollution free; and
- (c) by when these schemes would be operational and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Investment in FPIs**

- 2017. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) the total amount of investment made in Food Processing Industries during Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether Government have a proposal to make massive investments in the Food Processing Industries in Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (c) if so, the details of the Government's proposal in that regard?

#### Cold storages

- †2018. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number and details of cold storages for storage and marketing of fruits and vegetables, functioning in the country, State-wise:
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of cold storages in the country, in proportion to their requirement;

- (c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to open more cold storages in the country; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

# **Grants to non-existent Food Processing Training Centres**

2019. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to Government's notice that certain Food Processing Training Centres (FPTCs) which get grants from Government, are non-existent;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of FPTCs given grants during the last three years and those which have given utilization certificates of grants, State-wise:
- (d) the outcome of the investigation conducted by Government in this regard recently; and
- (e) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to realize the amount of grants from non-existent FPTCs?

### Reducing wasteful expenditure in FDIs

2020. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by Government to reduce or completely remove wasteful expenditure in Food Processing Industries;

- (b) if so, the details of such efforts; and
- (c) whether these efforts have borne fruit in reducing wasteful expenditure in these industries?

#### FPIs in North-Eastern States

- 2021. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) number of food processing industries opened so far in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) which programmes of training to Food Processing Industries have been started in those States; and
- (c) the measures taken to encourage Food Processing Industries on individual basis?

### Impact of import of poultry products

2022. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that import of Chicken, meat, meat products and poultry products is affecting the domestic industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the total amount of import of poultry products in the country during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and
- (c) what steps the ministry has taken in this regard?

### Restriction on import of meat

2023. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the restriction on import of meat and meat products, imported through the livestock Importation (Amendment) Act, 2001, is WTO compatible and is provided for in the WTO Agreement; and
- (b) if not, how Government are thinking of preventing imports from other countries?

#### Karnataka proposal for research in Neera

- 2024. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Defence Food Research Laboratory, Mysore is ready to carry out research and develop a technology to preserve, protect and provide Neera as a soft drink to the consumers;
- (b) if so, whether Karnataka Government has requested to undertake research in Neera; and
- (c) if so, what is the progress made thereon?

# Export potentials for processed foods and marine products

2025. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the potential of various processed foods and marine products in India for export;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the names of food processing units using foreign brand names;
- (d) whether Orissa has got a very good potential in marine processing units;
- (e) if so, the measures taken in this regard; and
- (f) the total number of food processing units with 100 per cent export orientation, State-wise?

#### Fishing in coastal areas

### 2026. SHRI P.N. SIVA: SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fishing activities in coastal areas are very active and continuous throughout the year;
- (b) if so, whether fishing community in coastal areas is carrying on drying activities without any scientific and low cost technology;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government have identified any low cost technology for drying the fish;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether Government propose to develop a low cost technology for drying the fish, in consultation with veterinary centres, Agricultural Universities and fishing cooperatives;
  - (g) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Vacant engineering seats

- 2027. PROF. A LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have collected the data regarding the number of vacant engineering seats all over the country for the current academic year;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the number of seats available and the vacant seats, Statewise: and
- (c) the reasons behind the downfall in the demand for engineering seats?

#### Financial assistance for Hindi Teachers' posts in non-Hindi speaking States

2028. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's proposal to extend financial assistance for creation of posts of Hindi Teachers in non-Hindi speaking States, specially for encouraging Hindi teaching;
  - (b) if so, when it would start; and
- (c) if not, how the Hindi teaching in non-Hindi speaking States, especially North-Eastern States which are financially weak, can continue Hindi teaching in that area?

### Utilisation of grants by IIT, Kharagpur

2029. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether intake capacity of the IIT Kharagpur was to be increased by

- 20 per cent every year, so that within five years from 1998 the Institute would have doubled its capacity;
- (b) whether it is a fact that out of the specific purpose Plan grants of 13.80 crore received between 1995 and 1999, IIT Kharagpur did utilise only Rs. 6.95 crore;
- (c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and
- (d) what action is being taken in this regard?

#### Professional approach to education

- 2030. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that even half a century after Independence, education at primary, secondary and university levels has not achieved the desired objective of covering all school going children;
- (b) if so, whether a study has been made to identify the bottlenecks, whether it is at management level or at the dispensation level in the institutions since management level so far has been with administrative class, rather than with educationists; and
- (c) whether Government would adopt a professional approach in this regard as democratic functioning of the country is largely dependent on spread of education?

# Eligibility of N.V. Principals for promotions

- 2031. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Vice-Principals of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti have to appear in a written examination and to pass it, to be eligible for promotion to the post of Principals;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Vice-Principal candidates are not paid any TA/DA for appearing at the said examination; and
  - (c) if so, the justification, if any, thereof?

### Literacy rate among women

- 2032. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the literacy rate among women in India, State-wise;
- (b) what steps Government plan to take to wipe out illiteracy among women;
- (c) the total funds allocated for this programme for the year 2001-2002; and
- (d) by when women would not only be totally literate, but be educated also?

# National merit/rank certificate for universities and colleges

- 2033. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that all the universities and colleges in the country have been directed to get the National Merit/Rank Certificate within a stipulated time;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) the purpose of these certificates?

### Computer as means of education

- †2034. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to introduce computers as one of the main means of teaching;

- (b) whether Government have formulated any perspective scheme to add computer literacy with the present teaching system; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Women Commissions in States

†2035. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether women's commissions have been constituted in all the States in the country;
- (b) if not, the names of States in which these commissions have not been constituted;
- (c) whether Government are going to take any specific steps to constitute women's commissions in all the States; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Villages without schools in Rajasthan

2036. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many villages in Rajasthan are without any school; and
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to make arrangements for education in all the above said villages?

### Publications by ICSSR

†2037. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Social Science Research has brought out many publications during the last ten years;

- (b) if so, whether it was not necessary to bring out these publications in Hindi;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether such sort of error is a violation of Rule 11 of official language rules; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether the Council is not accountable to the Society and the people as all the publications of such sort have to be brought out in Hindi also?

#### Termination of research scientists

2038. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "UGC ignores H.C. Stay, sacks nine" published in the Sunday Times of India dated 4th November, 2001;
- (b) whether the scientists were terminated as part of discarding UGC Research Scientist Scheme, 1983 meant to boost Indian Research; and
- (c) the reaction of Government thereof to honour stay order of Delhi High Court?

### Nutritional support to primary education

2039. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centrally funded scheme for nutritional support to primary education aims to improve nutritional status of school-going children and enrolment/ retention at primary stages;
- (b) whether, according to CAG Report, out of the total targeted 11.5 crore children, only about 2.18 crore children were provided cooked/processed food; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Food Corporation of India held up supplies of foodgrains to States on account of failure of the Ministry to make payment and if so, the reasons for delay in payments to FCI?

#### Sanskrit speaking course in Universities

2040. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the U.G.C. has sanctioned grant-in-aid to universities to start Sanskrit speaking course;
- (b) if so, the names of Universities which have started the above course;
- (c) the names of Universities which have not started the above course and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Universities are to have academic collaboration with Sanskrit Bharati, New Delhi, for identifying teachers and conducting the above course?

### Staff in Modern Indian Languages Sections, Delhi University

2041. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Modern Indian Languages Section in Delhi University do not have full staff;
- (b) the reasons for which the post of professor of Telugu has not been filled;
- (c) whether admissions for M.A. in Telugu have not been done for the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for the neglect of Telugu language?

#### Development of rural women in Jharkhand

2042. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are implementing Rural Women Development and Empowerment Scheme in Jharkhand; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

### UNICEF projects in Rajasthan

2043. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether United Nation Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) would implement several projects for children in Rajasthan from 2003 to 2007;
  - (b) if so, what are the details thereof;
- (c) whether such projects would be implemented in other States also;
  - (d) if so, by when; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Number of Madarsas

2044. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

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

- (a) the number of Madarsas in the country, State-wise and Union territorywise, from 1997 to 2001;
- (b) the financial assistance given to Madarsas during that period, State-wise and Union territory-wise;

- (c) whether the Madarsas are established under the provisions of Article 30(1) of the Constitution;
- (d) whether it is a fact that instead of teaching communal harmony, communal hatred is being taught in some of the Madarsas, particularly in border States; and
  - (e) if so, Government reaction thereto?

### Scarcity of children's literature

- †2045. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Children remain deprived of the Child literature due to its scarcity and they remain ignorant of the culture and traditions of the country;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government have taken any steps to remove the shortcoming?

### Gujarat districts under DPEP

- 2046. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of districts of Gujarat brought under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP);
- (b) the details of funds received and utilised from external sources for the programme during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, till date;
- (c) the total amount allocated and spent in the State during the above period;
- (d) the achievements made under the programme; and
- (e) whether any case of bungling has come into the notice of the Central Government?

#### Funds under NLM to HP

- 2047. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of funds allocated and provided to Himachal Pradesh under the National Literacy Mission during the last five years;
- (b) whether any target has been fixed by Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details of achievements made so far in the State; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in East Godavari district

- 2048. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have chosen East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh to launch Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), aimed at achieving the goal of universal elementary education;
- (b) if so, when this scheme is going to be launched; and
  - (c) the main features of the scheme?

#### Inclination for basic sciences

- 2049. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many students are now not opting for basic sciences and this could lead to deterioration in improving the technology eventually; and
- (b) whether it has been suggested that a scheme be worked out whereby gifted

students are selected and given scholarships to continue their studies of basic sciences and their progress is watched, so that they can be provided suitable positions in the national labs and other scientific institutions?

# National policy for empowerment of women

2050. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that workplace is no cakewalk for women, and the NDA Government's latest National Policy for Empowerment of Women notwithstanding, India's huge female work force continues to receive a raw deal across the country;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government have taken so far or propose to take to safeguard against exploitation of women, to protect their honour, and to ensure them remunerative salaries, in view of the fact that women are a vulnerable section of the workforce?

#### **National Nutrition Mission**

2051. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to establish National Nutrition Mission;
  - (b) if so, what would be its composition;
  - (c) what are its objectives; and
  - (d) by when it would be set up?

#### Undertakings for Senior Professors/ Readers in CHIs

2052. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Senior Professors/Readers in Central Hindi Institutes are forced to sign an undertaking when posted to Delhi/Hyderabad, to the effect that they would not claim for inchargeship;

- (b) the names and designations of the Professors/Readers posted in Delhi/Hyderabad and other Centres from whom such undertakings have been taken on the behest of acting director, togetherwith the names of Centres where juniors are incharge; and
- (c) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

### Neglect of social science in Universities

2053. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that social science is being neglected and marginalized in Universities and natural sciences, engineering and other trade-based sciences are growing at the cost of the other;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government have any agenda to declare as, or set up more Universities, as Central Universities;
- (d) whether the Utkal University occupies a strategic place and has the potential to be declared as Central University; and
  - (e) if so, the action taken so far?

### Raids on KV offices in Bhopal

2054. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI had raided the offices of Kendriya Vidyalaya number 1, Bhopal, last month, following complaints of numerous irregularities;

- (b) if so, the details of the irregularities and the complaints looked into;
- (c) whether action has been taken against any officer by CBI or KVS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Promotion of literacy

2055. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what new initiatives have been taken by Government so far to enhance literacy rate and to reduce gap in male and female literacy rate in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that country's literacy rate has been enhanced to 63.58 per cent and female literacy is up by 14.8 per cent;
- (c) if so, whether any special focus has been given on promotion of literacy among adult women, Scheduled Castes/ Tribes and Backward Classes in the country; and
- (d) whether Government have any schemes to utilise the services of recently retired TGTs/B.Eds in Union Territories/States like Delhi, Rajasthan and Orissa?

#### **Smart Schools**

†2056. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to establish Smart Schools all over the country, in order to provide quality education, by making use of computers and other technological devices;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the number of smart schools to be set up in each State, State-wise; and
- (c) the norms prescribed to establish a Smart School in a particular place?

#### **Computer Education in Madarsa**

†2057. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether Government have introduced a scheme to provide computer-education in Madarsas in the country, after modernising them;
  - (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) whether it has been implemented;
- (d) if so, the number of madarsas and the names of States in which computer education has been initiated?

### National Resource Centre for Women

2058. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3883, given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th April, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether Government have since finalised the proposal to set up a National Resource Centre for Women (NRCW); and
  - (b) if so, the details of the proposal?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Backing up of technical institutions without AICTE approval

- 2059. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether relevance of the monitoring bodies like the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been questioned by many authorities, as many multinational companies are backing up institutes without AICTE's approval; and
- (b) if so, the action proposed to ensure that education system does not turn into a business?

### Research period for Ph.D. degree

- †2060. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the minimum research period for awarding Ph.D. degree in various Universities affiliated to the University Grants Commission;
- (b) whether there is any provisions to reduce this period; and
- (c) if so, the University-wise details thereof particularly with reference to Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra and the University of Delhi, Delhi?

# **Encouraging students for studying science**

- 2061. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the initiatives being taken to attract young students for taking science as career;
- (b) whether any effort is being made to encourage students at 10th level to take science as their career; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Schemes to rehabilitate sex workers

- 2062. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to start some schemes for employment and income generation for the sex workers, in order to encourage them to reintegrate into the society;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to eradicate child prostitution and their rehabilitation?

# Admission of Central Government employees' children in Central Schools

- †2063. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that children of officers/employees of Central Government are unable to get admission in Central Schools;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government have any plan so that such children can get admission in more and more Central Schools?

# Withdrawal of National Curriculum of NCERT

2064. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

- Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand by Chief Ministers/Education Ministers of eleven States at a meeting convened on September 2, 2001 by West Bengal's Chief Minister that the National Curriculum frame work brought out by the NCERT should be withdrawn;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) whether the West Bengal Chief Minister, accused the Centre of vitiating the secular traditions by measures like saffronisation of education, and has sent a resolution to that effect; and
- (c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government?

#### Harnessing natural resources

2065. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what steps Government have taken so far to harness natural resources, indicating the technologies developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years in the fields of Energy from Sea; Minerals from Sea and drugs from plants;
- (b) what budgetary allocations have been made for this purpose during the same period and the expenditure incurred year-wise and location-wise; and
- (c) what are the details of achievements made so far in harnessing natural resources?

# Double line on Ghaziabad-Moradabad rail route

2066. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to lay down double line on Ghaziabad-Moradabad rail route; if so, the time schedule and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government are aware that both the passenger and goods trains run late by several hours due to single rail line there, resulting in undue delay in transportation of goods; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to make specific provisions in the Budget to convert this line in the next two years; if not, the reasons therefor?

### Vacant posts of Supervisors in Delhi Railway Division

2067. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of posts of Chief Supervisors/Supervisors (ticketing) lying vacant in Delhi Railway division for the last five years;
- (b) what are the reasons for not filling up these posts; and
- (c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Railways in this regard?

# Vacant posts of 'C' and 'D' categories in NF Railway

2068. DR ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of posts of 'C' and 'D' categories lying vacant in NF Railway for the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that several posts in NF Railway, belonging to these categories under Scouts and Guides and Sports quota, have not been filled up during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the specific reasons for not filling these posts; and
- (d) the effective measures being taken to fill up these posts under Scouts and Guides and Sports quota?

# Import of coaches made by latest technology

†2069. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have imported coaches made by latest technology, during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (b) if so, the country-wise number of coaches imported and the total amount incurred by the Railways thereon; and
- (c) the details of policy formulated by Government to manufacture such coaches in the country itself?

#### Rail accidents

†2070. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Division-wise details of rail accidents during the last six months;
- (b) the number of persons killed and injured in these accidents and the amount of compensation paid to their family members;
- (c) the main causes of the said accidents and total loss suffered by the Railways, as a result thereof; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

### Laying of Kanpur-Kasganj Broad Gauge rail line

†2071. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of laying Kanpur-Kasganj broad gauge rail line has been going

on for the last many years; if so, by when it is likely to be completed;

- (b) whether guidelines have been issued to execute the work at the earliest;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Upgradation of Kurla, Bandra Terminus

2072. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any Plan to improve or upgrade the conditions and facilities at Kurla Terminus and Bandra Terminus in Mumbai; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation**

2073. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mumbai Vikas Corporation has started functioning;
- (b) if so, the number of projects taken up by the Corporation so far;
- (c) whether the said Corporation is monitoring MUTP;
- (d) if so, the present status of MUTP;
- (e) by when the project is likely to be completed?

# Work assigned to the staff of new Zonal Railways

2074. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Minister of Railways had set up seven new Zonal Railway Head Quarters in 1996, to coordinate the development work of the Railways in States;

- (b) whether this involved setting up of an organisation of 1200 railways officers and staff, at a cost of Rs. 40 crore per year;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that no particular job has been assigned to these seven new Zonal Head Quarters; and
- (d) if so, what are Government's views on this matter?

#### Railway Safety Fund

2075. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned, on a one time basis, Rs. 17000 crore for the Railway Safety Fund:
- (b) whether this amount is to be spent on track renewals, modernisation of assets, strengthening of bridges, etc.;
- (c) whether 65 per cent to 70 per cent of rail accidents are attributed to human error; if so, whether this safety fund would also address to the human factor in rail accidents; and
- (d) if so, what are Government's views on this?

#### Flat wheel detection system

2076. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to develop a flat wheel detection system to identify faulty wheels on rolling stock, which cause permanent damage to track and often lead to train accidents;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to meet the problem of sudden impact caused by flat wheels on rolling stock, which is the main cause of fractures on the tracks?

### Additional track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai

2077. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to provide an additional track between Ahmedabad and Mumbai;
  - (b) if so, the details of the proposal;
- (c) the time frame envisaged for completion of the same; and
- (d) the budgetary provision made and proposed for completion of the said project in the proposed time frame?

### Wagon orders

2078. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wagon orders for this year have been placed on wagon manufacturing PSUs in September, 2001 only;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay in placement of orders;
- (c) if not, the actual date of placement of orders;
- (d) whether any compensation has been sought from the Railways for financial loss caused to these companies, because of the delay in placement of orders; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Task force on sanitation in the Railways

- †2079. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to constitute a three-tier task force for sanitation in the Railways;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Issuing of concession forms to students for rail travel

2080. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that concession forms issued to students for rail journeys are being misused at large scale;
- (b) if so, whether some persons have been recently apprehended travelling on the basis of the above forms;
- (c) if so, whether Government have taken any action, so far, in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Jabalpur-Gondia gauge conversion project

†2081. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 756, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 2001 and state:

(a) by when the gauge conversion work on Jabalpur-Gondia rail line would start from Jabalpur;

- (b) by when the gauge conversion work of the whole project would be completed;and
- (c) the amount allocated in the current financial year?

### Use of recycled rails

- 2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recycled rails are used by the Railways;
- (b) whether this is in conformity with safety norms;
- (c) what are the reasons for taking such unsafe action; and
- (d) what steps are proposed to be taken to stop this?

# Time bound promotions to DMOs in Railways

2083. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given two time-bound promotions to General Duty Doctors, but the specialists recruited directly as DMOs in 1988-89 have been denied the same, contravening the Notification issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare *vide* letter No. A-45013/13/90-CHSV dated the 4th November, 1991, Para 7.9 and 10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether the judgement of CAT dated the 21st March, 2001, to give DMOs two time-bound promotions, remains unimplemented; and
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### Bedi Port-Rozi pier rail line

2084. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether development of Bedi Port needs infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not constructing rail line from Jamnagar Bedi Port to Rozi pier;
- (c) the distance of the above rail line; and
- (d) whether it is a very short distance; if so, by when the rail line would be constructed?

# Construction of new B.G. line from Coimbatore to Irugur

- 2085. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the total estimated amount for construction of new broad gauge rail line from Coimbatore to Irugur in Southern Railway;
- (b) what is the amount allocated for the project for the current financial year; and
- (c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

### Railway Safety Review Committee

2086. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway Safety Review Committee has recommended Government to provide a one-time grant for removal of tracks, bridges, rolling stock and signal gears in a fixed time-frame:
- (b) whether Government instead of propose to privatise the Railways and run on commercial lines; and

(c) if so, what are Government's final views in the matter?

#### Rail over-bridges in Assam

2087. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct rail over-bridges at various stations in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and their present status;
- (c) if not, whether Government would conduct a survey of the requirement in the near future; and
- (d) the number of accidents at various stations that took place due to absence of rail over-bridges?

# Railway stations vulnerable to terrorist attacks

2088. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any survey to identify the railway stations in various Zones which are vulnerable to terrorist attacks;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what measures have been taken by Government to meet any eventuality?

# Construction of rail line beyond Kumarghat

2089. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the construction work of the rail line on a 20

kms. stretch on Kumarghat-Agartala sector, beyond Kumarghat upto Manu, is nearing completion;

- (b) whether sufficient funds have been allocated so that the work is not delayed;
- (c) whether Government propose to fix a deadline for commissioning of this part of the line; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Progress of Railtel Project**

2090. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the progress made so far about Railways Railtel Project for a 62,000 km. trade network, to bring low connectivity to PCs in all corners of India, has been miserably below expectations;
- (b) whether the Railtel Corporation of India Limited, launched in 2000, has been without a head and the only permanent Railtel Official at a senior level is the Company Secretary, aided by Directors (Finance and Projects) who are just OSDs; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred so far on the project, the targets fixed for the project for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the percentage achievement thereof?

# Doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore rail line

2091. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Railways to approve the doubling of Ramanagaram-Mysore rail line;
- (b) what is the estimated cost of the work:

- (c) whether the Karnataka Government has offered to share 50% of the cost; and
- (d) if so, the action, if any, taken to take up the above work?

#### Retrieval of bogies

2092. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made extensive arrangements to retrieve bogies at the earliest at the time of accidents or during exigencies; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Multi-model Rail Traffic System in Hyderabad and Secunderabad

2093. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether South Central Railway proposes to launch Multi-model Suburban Rail Traffic System integrating with road traffic, in twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad;
- (b) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government to consider the proposal;
- (c) if so, by when, this system is likely to be operational;
- (d) whether this system is likely to be introduced at other places also; and
  - (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### Jammu-Udhampur rail link project

2094. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jammu-Udhampur rail link project, which started 12 years back, still remains to be completed;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what steps are being taken to get it expedited?

#### Loss due to tourist train in Gujarat

- 2095. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that introduction of Royal Orient, a tourist train, on Gujarat-Rajasthan MG section, resulted in a loss of Rs. 13,73 crore during 1994—2000;
- (b) if so, what is the quantum of loss during the year 2000-2001;
- (c) what is Government's reaction in this regard;
- (d) whether the economic viability assessment of the tourist train was not gauged before introduction of the train; and
  - (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Unproductive Railway Zones**

2096. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the seven new Railway Zones are proving unproductive;
- (b) if so, the names of those Zones and the expenditure being incurred on them;

- (c) whether the CAG Report of March, 2000 had remarked that creation of the new Railway Zones would lead to uproductive investment; and
- (d) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to make them productive?

### Gauge conversion of Quilon-Shenkottai Virudhu Nagar

- 2097. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) at which stage the gauge conversion of Quilon-Shenkottai Virudhu Nagar stands at present;
- (b) by when, the entire process is likely to be completed;
- (c) whether Government would consider to commence the work from the end of Quilon; and
  - (d) the reaction of Government thereto?

# Inferior quality meals in railway canteens and trains

†2098. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the canteens run by the Railways at North Avenue and South Avenue, New Delhi, as well as in the Shramjeevi and Lichhvi Express trains, serve inferior quality meals and breakfasts to MP's, their guests and passengers, which is not commensurate with their price;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken to upgrade quality in the two canteens in Delhi as well as in both the above trains?

# Passengers travelling on roofs of coaches

†2099. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise number of passengers found travelling on the roofs of coaches during the last two years; and
- (b) what steps Government propose to take to prevent such travel?

### Interim Speed Certificate for Rail Rolling Stocks

2100. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the definition of Interim Speed Certificate issued to rolling stocks, prior to issuance of final speed certificate;
- (b) whether the rolling stock become eligible to operate, after issuance of the Interim Speed Certificate, with some restrictions; and
- (c) if so, why the newly imported 140 T crane stationed at New Jalpaiguri could not be put into rescue operations at Gaisal accident on 2nd August, 1999?

#### Unmanned level crossings in Karnataka

2101. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of unmanned level crossings in Karnataka; and
- (b) what steps have been taken to prevent accidental deaths on these crossings?

#### Ongoing railway projects in Assam

- 2102. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) the present position of various ongoing railway projects in Assam; and
- (b) the details of targets achieved in this regard, so far?

# Without trial installation of Raksha-Kavach by the Railways

2103. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Raksha-Kavach, an Anti-Collision Device (ACD), has been developed by the Research and Design Standards Organisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including its efficacy and costing;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the ACD is proposed to be installed shortly in all the trains even before it has undergone the usual extensive user trials or is tested and approved by the Railway Board; and
- (d) if so, the specific reasons for the undue haste in installing an untested and doubtful device?

# Purchase of locomotives under BOLT scheme

- 2104. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the purchase of 49 AC/DC locomotives under Build, Own, Lease and Transfer (BOLT) scheme would result in the outgo of funds to the tune of Rs. 811.91 crore;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) whether it is a fact that replacement of those locomotives under Depreciation Reserve Fund, where funds were available, have cost only Rs. 292.04 crore; and
  - (c) if so, what is Government's reaction?

### Transplantation centre in Hyderabad

- 2105. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Department of Science and Technology has come forward to help in setting up a transplantation centre in Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government have agreed to provide all types of facilities and financial help for setting up of this centre;
- (c) if so, what is the total cost of this project;
- (d) how much financial assistance the centre has agreed to provide; and
- (e) what would be the main functions of this centre?

#### Biotech parks in Ludhiana

- 2106. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether world-class biotech parks are being planned in different cities;
- (b) whether Government propose to have such high-tech parks in Ludhiana, keeping in view the industrial growth of the city; and
- (c) if so, by when the work is likely to be started and the amount earmarked for the purpose?

# Poly-herbal formulation for asthmatic patients

- 2107. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, a laboratory under the control of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, has developed a poly-herbal formulation for asthmatic patients;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new medicine has been given a clinical trial and if so, with what results; and
- (d) what steps are proposed to be taken to permit sale of the medicine on a commercial scale, in order to provide relief to millions of bronchial asthma patients in the country?

# US tactics against Indian steel exporters

- 2108. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the US administration's tactics to provide protection to the US steel industry have caused trade disputes and protests by exporters;
- (b) whether the Indian Steel Delegation to Washington told the US administration that Indian exporters would be greatly affected due to this;
- (c) if so, the main points discussed with the US administration;
- (d) to what extent the US administration has agreed to look into the complaints of Indian steel exporters;

- (e) whether Government have also taken up this issue with the US Government; and
- (f) if so, what is the reaction of US Government?

#### Production of iron ore in A.P.

- 2109. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) what is the share of Andhra Pradesh in the production of iron ore in the country;
- (b) how much iron ore was produced in the State during the last three years, yearwise.
- (c) who were the end users of this iron ore; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to increase the production of iron ore in the State?

#### Revival of MECON

- 2110. SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have fully explored the potentials and means of revival of MECON;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of employees of MECON who availed VRS during the last three years, category and level wise;
- (d) whether major problems in viability of MECON arose due to accumulation of huge un-recovered outstanding payments from its clients over the past years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the status of recovery of outstanding debtors payments, as on date; and

(f) the programme under implementation, if any, for revival of MECON within a time-frame?

#### US taxes on Indian steel imports

### †2111. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the US Government has imposed heavy taxes, to discourage import of Indian steel in that country;
  - (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this step of the US Government would make export of steel from India to America impossible; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereon?

### Revival of Salem Steel Plant

2112. SHRI GAYA SINGH: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering a proposal to seek private investment for revival of Salem Steel Plant; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

#### Retrenchment of SAIL employees

†2113. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

employees of Steel Authority of India are being continuously retrenched for the last three years; and

(b) if so, the number of employees working in all the units of Steel Authority of India during March, 1998 and during March, 2001?

# Reviving Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd.

- 2114. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received a fresh proposal for revival of the sick Indian Iron and Steel Company Ltd.;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have examined the proposal; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

# Working conditions of employees in NSFs

- 2115. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Tribune on November 6, 2001 regarding improving the working conditions of Joint Secretaries/Asstt. Secretaries, associated with various National Sports Federations;
- (b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether Government have received any representation from the employees of National Sports Federations;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) what remedial steps Government propose to take to improve the service conditions of these employees?

# Supply of non-banned and herbal medicines by SAI

- 2116. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether before participation in any major international competition the Sports Authority of India had been supplying Ayurvedic medicines to athletes to boost their performance;
- (b) whether the positive test found in the weight lifter is because of non-banned substances and herbal medicines;
- (c) if so, what are the facts of the case; and
- (d) the steps being taken by SAI to resolve the issue?

### Fine on cricket players

### 2117. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that six Indian cricket players have been fined for breaching the International Cricket Council Code at port Elizabeth;
- (b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government propose to issue any directions against this kind of unjustified order, keeping in view the dignity of Indian cricketers;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Panels selecting sports awards

- 2118. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) the present composition of the panels for selecting sports persons for various categories of Awards, including the Arjuna Awards;
- (b) the details of the special contribution made or role played in sports by each member included in these panels;
- (c) the criteria generally followed in inducting new members to these panels; and
- (d) the names, with sports background, of members who have been inducted into such panels during the last three years?

#### Scheme for retiring sports persons

- 2119. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that a number of our former outstanding sports persons in various disciplines are living in chill penury and are even reported to be selling their sports medals/trophies due to lack of fruitful alternative avocations after their sporting career is over;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to institutionalize avenues for such outstanding, retiring sports persons in need of financial help and/or rehabilitation; and
- (c) the details of existing welfare schemes or proposals to create special central corpus fund for the purpose?

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