

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions — 155

Tax holiday for EOUs

1626. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Oriented Unit (EOU) have demanded that they also be given a Tax holiday on par with SEZ's;

(b) if so, the specific demand in this regard;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) what other steps Government would take to create adequate incentives for EOU's to meet their challenges in the international market; and

(e) the steps proposed to increase the incentives being given to the Export Oriented Units in the country?

FTA with China

1627. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China are going to have a Free Trade Agreement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the apex body of the Indian exporters FECO supported the move with a rider to have a negative list which should include items like textiles, auto components, leather, etc.; and

(c) the progress of talks on the FTA with China?

Grant of patents to inventions

1628. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inventions, which have been granted Patents by Government in the field of energy and automobile sectors since last two years; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for using such inventions for the all-round development in energy and automobile sectors in the country?

Priority to N.E. region for trade

1629. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded

priority to making its North Eastern region as an important Economic link with the BIMSTEC members, in anticipation that the North Eastern States could become India's link to BIMSTEC and to ASIAN countries; and

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any strategy in this regard with details thereof?

FDI in retail sector

1630. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allowed FDI in retail sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the various sectors/items in which the FDI has been allowed; and

(d) the various steps taken to save the small traders?

Subsidy on fuel for fishing vessels

1631. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has a scheme to subsidise the prices of fuel oil used in fishing vessels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the extent of this subsidy in 2003-04 given by MPEDA;

(d) whether there is proposal to expand this scheme by MPEDA; and

(e) the steps proposed by MPEDA to expand and simplify this scheme to subsidise diesel and other fuel?

India's share in World Farm Trade

1632. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double India's share in World Farm Trade;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount of agro-exports of various products for the last three years, year-wise, item-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether there are any steps to index the export potential of different agricultural crops;

(d) if so, the details of such index prepared for various crops as on date; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken as a perspective of agricultural export promotion policy to achieve the above goal ?

Proposals under IIUS

1633. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposals submitted by various State Governments under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, location-wise, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals cleared so far State-wise, location-wise;

(c) the reasons for the delay in clearing the remaining proposals; and

(d) the time by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

Financial assistance for cluster development

1634. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance for 5 projects on cluster development;
- (b) if so, which are the projects on cluster development awaiting approval of Government; and
- (c) what is the present status of the above proposal?

Assistance to leather industry for water treatment facilities

1635. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether leather industry has requested for Rs. 100 crore assistance to set up water treatment facilities at the effluent treatment plants for small tanners;
- (b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special Economic Zones

1636. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had framed India specific rules and legislation for setting up Special Economic Zones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects over Rs. 10,000 crores

into these Special Economic Zones; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Quebec bilateral trade

1637. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Quebec (Canada) is keen to attract Indian investment in their land;
- (b) what is the current Indo-Quebec bilateral trade;
- (c) whether certain Indian companies have shown interest in making investment there;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) Government's action plan to give a boost to the bilateral trade between the two countries?

AEZ for grapes in Karnataka

1638. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Karnataka Government has requested sanction of Agri-Export Zone (AEZ) for Grapes involving a financial implication of Rs. 1875.00 lakhs; and
- (b) if so, what is the present position of above proposal?

AEZ for lime and pomegranate in Karnataka

1639. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) when a proposal for establishment of AEZ for lime and

pomegranate in Karnataka was received by Government;

(b) whether the above proposal has been cleared;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of the above proposal?

Merchandized exports

1640. SHRI B.J. PANDA :
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR :
SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed \$93 billion target for merchandized exports;

(b) what is its present status and how far has the export growth been regained during the last three years;

(c) the action plan of Government to give a further boost to these exports; and

(d) what is the position of Orissa in this sector?

Protection of domestic industries outside SEZ

1641. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no provision has been made in the SEZ Act for protection of indigenous industries from the competition of SEZ units, in so far as the domestic market is concerned;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of proper restriction on the movement of SEZ products to the domestic

market, domestic industries outside the SEZ continue to struggle to compete; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative what action Government propose to take to protect the domestic industries?

WTO Ministerial meet in Hong Kong

1642. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR :
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

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

(a) whether a World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial meet was held in Hong Kong in December last;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and decisions taken therein; and

(c) whether any policy guidelines were adopted to protect the interests of the farmers in small and developing countries against the protectionist subsidies granted by developed countries for promoting their farmers' interest?

Grievances of SEZ developers

1643. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some developers have complained that the concept of single-window clearance with regard to SEZ is highly diluted and far from ideal, although the Development Commissioner has been given power, but he does not have full jurisdiction and authorities such as sales tax, provident fund, etc. to intervene in these matters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

Extension of advantages for units of Software Technology Parks of India

1644. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state whether National Association of Software and services companies have demanded extension of advantages for units in Software Technology Parks of India?

Ratification of SAFTA

1645. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the member countries have ratified South Asian Free Trade Area and if not, which countries have not yet ratified the same; and

(b) what steps have since been taken by Government and other member countries in pursuance of the terms of the agreement?

Sustainable livelihood for small farmers

1646. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation was received from the group of farmers who took part in a parallel "peoples camp" in Hong Kong during the recent WTO Ministerial meeting, seeking Government's intervention to protect sustainable livelihood for small farmers in the context of the WTO negotiations;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of protection sought for small farmers; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

Expansion of Indian deep sea fishing fleet

1647. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority has made any recommendation to expand the Indian deep sea fishing fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many deep sea fishing vessels are required according to the Marine Products Export Development Authority to meet the requirements and exports;

(d) whether the Marine Products Export Development Authority would fund some of the purchase of such boats; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Special assistance for development of tea industry in Assam

1648. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to give special assistance for the development of tea industry in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the time-frame fixed for the purpose; and

(c) whether the industry would also be required to contribute its own share for the purpose in addition to the Government's assistance and if so, to what extent?

FDI in townships in SEZs

1649. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 100 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in

townships does not apply to projects located in Special Economic Zones;

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

(c) the extent of FDI available for townships in SEZs?

Separate Tobacco Board for non-Virginia tobacco

1650. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to form a separate Tobacco Board for non-Virginia type of tobacco in the country;

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

(c) whether Government are aware that non-Virginia tobacco is an important crop in many States like Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, etc.;

(d) whether any survey has been done on the export potential of non-Virginia tobacco and its potential; and

(e) the details of steps proposed to bring the crop under active Government supervision?

Increase in transaction cost of shrimp to US market

1651. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether shrimp export market faces major problems due to the huge increase in transaction cost of shrimp to US market and the adverse climatic conditions to stock shrimp seeds in farms;

(b) if so, the steps taken to resolve the above problems as on date; and

(c) the total export of shrimp to various

countries and the foreign exchange received for the last three years, country-wise and category-wise?

Private investment in heavy industries

1652. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified such heavy industries wherein the private sector investment is likely to be allowed in the near future;

(b) whether any of industries are located in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds likely to be invested by the private sector therein?

Strategies adopted at Valetta, Malta to protect farmers' interests

1653. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

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

(a) whether in view of the fact that in most of the developing Commonwealth countries including India over 60 per cent of the people depend on agriculture for their livelihood, a strategy was evolved at the recent meeting of the Commonwealth countries a Valetta in Malta, to provide for livelihood security for the farmers by removing distortions in international trade rules under the WTO regime, which are created by developed countries through huge domestic support and export subsidies to protect their farmers;

(b) if so, the details of such strategy; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken by Government in the light of this strategy?

(d) the details of the non-tariff barriers faced by the Indian exporters in UK market?

Affairs of CMC

1654. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spices Board, in the month of February, 2006, asked the Cardamom Marketing Corporation (CMC) at Vadanmedu, Idukki district, Kerala not to conduct any Cardamom auction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether CMC is in serious financial crisis due to mismanagement and diversion of funds to other areas;

(d) if so, the details of action taken including those to protect investors' investment in CMC;

(e) the financial dues of CMC to banks and non-banking financial institutions' as on date; and

(f) the steps taken to proceed with Cardamom auction as on date?

Discussions during visit of UK Commerce Minister

1655. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Minister of Commerce, UK, visited India;

(b) if so, the issues discussed between the two countries;

(c) whether India raised the issue of definition of 'whisky' by UK because when Indian whisky is exported to UK, it is termed as rum or gin and not as whisky and thereby creating a lot of problems for the exporters; and

Tax free import of vegetable oils

†1656. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted tax free import of vegetable oils and other commodities;

(b) whether this is causing financial losses to the domestic industrialists and manufacturers; and

(c) the reasons for not adopting uniform tax policy for the industry?

Suggestions of PHDCCI

1657. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Progress, Harmony and Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry has recently suggested to Government that functions of various Ministries related with manufacturing sector should be coordinated by a unified body to help reduce the transaction cost of manufacturing operation and ease the procedural bottlenecks by offering single-window facility to businesses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have examined the suggestions and taken any decision thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Export of iron-ore

†1658. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries which are making efforts to receive iron-ore from India;

(b) the details of raw materials which can be imported by India as per its requirement from the relevant countries;

(c) whether Government will hold talks with the relevant countries in this regard and if so, by when;

(d) the names of the countries therein alongwith the quantity of iron-ore being exported to them at present; and

(e) the quantity of raw iron being exported to Japan from Bailadila Mines in district Bastar, Chhattisgarh on the basis of the contract made in this regard alongwith the period of the said contract?

Export of leather and leather products

1659. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any growth was recorded in export of leather and leather products during the last three years;

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

(c) the target fixed and the achievements made in this regard;

(d) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to boost the exports of leather/leather products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Anti-dumping action against cheap chinese raw silk

1660. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of remedial measures taken so far, in connection with anti-dumping action against cheap chinese raw silk exported by China to India and to prevent imports of raw silk at low price under duty exemption channels and diverting a major quantum of the same to domestic market instead of exporting under- finished products, ruining the entire silk producing farmers and finished silk products producing industries of India and paving a way for foreign exchange reserves crisis; and

(b) if not, the reasons for not having taken remedial measures so far?

Growth Centres and Industrial Development Centres

1661. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Growth Centres/ Industrial Development Centres functioning at present, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of such Centres proposed to be set up during the next three years, State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the fund allocated for the aforesaid purpose;

(d) whether any time-bound programme has been formulated to complete these Centres;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Free Trade Agreement with European Union

1662. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.K. put forth a proposal before the Government of India for entering into Free Trade Agreement with the E.U.;

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

(c) if so, how the Indian interest would be protected ?

Outcome of Hong Kong round of WTO negotiations

1663. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hong Kong round of WTO negotiation did not yield the desired results;

(b) whether another round of WTO negotiation is likely to take place to revolve the difference between developed and developing countries;

(c) if so, the reasons for failure of negotiations at Hong Kong;

(d) whether it is a fact that US-EU were not prepared to reduce subsidy in agriculture sector;

(e) if so, the reason for insisting not to reduce subsidy in agriculture sector; and

(f) when the other round of WTO negotiation is likely to take place?

Implementation of SAFTA

†1664. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the implementation of South Asia Free Trade Area Treaty (SAFTA), which was formed by six countries of South-Asia region, all the concerned countries except Pakistan have collectively completed the formalities of its implementation;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of India has consented upon to implement it from 1st January, 2006, while on the contrary Pakistan is making unnecessary delay in its implementation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

High mortality in retired soldiers

1665. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study, soldiers die early after they hang up their boots compared to Government servants who retire later and live longer;

(b) if so, the reasons cited for the above situation in the said study; and

(c) whether Government had constituted any expert committee to ascertain the reasons therefor and remedial measures?

Recruitment of physical unfit in the Army

1666. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, during 1999-2000 and 2003-04, 1608 recruits were declared

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medically fit at the time of their enrolment in the Army by Recruiting Medical Officers but were subsequently declared medically unfit during the second medical examination conducted at the Training Centres and 1083 out of 1608 recruits were invalidated on grounds of organic diseases and physical deformities which pre-existed even before enrolment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for not detecting the same by the RMO during recruitment; and

(c) whether the matter has been inquired into and if not, the reasons therefor?

Steps to keep the army young

†1667. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 1985 a recommendation was made to this effect that the period of 17 years for the postings of 'fighter' soldiers at front be reduced to 7 years to keep the army 'young';

(b) whether it is also a fact that a suggestion was made to Government that after 7 years those soldiers be sent to the para-military forces;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon and the quantum of financial burden likely to be borne by the Government as a result thereof;

(d) by when a final decision will be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the reasons for delay in this regard?

Purchase of Boeing 737 P8A multi-mission maritime aircraft

1668. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since the PC-3 Orion maritime surveillance aircraft is hanging fire, the Indian Navy has expressed its interest to buy Boeing-737 P8A multi-mission maritime aircraft to replace the ageing PC-3 orion platform; and

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping P8A multi-mission maritime aircraft and the reasons for delay in getting PC-3 orion from USA?

Establishment of Ski Village in H.P.

†1669. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been entered into with any foreign company to establish a Ski Village in around 100 acres of land of Manali and adjacent area in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this Ski Village will be constructed in border area, where at present logistics and arms through Leh-Laddakh, Lahol Spiti etc. are supplied to the soldiers guarding the borders of our country;

(c) if so, whether it has been ensured that it will not cause any security threat to the country; and

(d) whether no objection certificate has been obtained from the Ministry of Defence?

Mandatory AIDS test for recruits in army

†1670. SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

contemplating to make AIDS test compulsory in future for the first time for the applicants before recruiting them in the army; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Infiltration attempts by terrorists

1671. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltration attempts made by terrorists from Pakistan to cross the LoC for terrorist activities into India;

(b) the comparable figures for three previous years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the terrorist infrastructure is still intact in Pakistan specially PoK?

Setting up of new terror camps by Pakistan

1672. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has set up new terror camps and have revived terrorist training camps;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that terrorists are now infiltrating through non-traditional routes;

(c) if so, the details of such routes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to counter such acts of Pakistan?

Maintenance of NH 22 by GREF

†1673. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National

Highway No. 22 connecting Himachal Pradesh is the only such road which connects tribal district Kinnaur and Indo-Tibetan Border with the country and which is maintained by General Reserve Engineer Force;

(b) if so, whether the GREF is finding it difficult to maintain it due to scarcity of money and manpower; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider to assign the work of maintenance of the above highway to Public Works Department and provide it with sufficient Central aid for the purchase of heavy machinery etc.?

Payment for land acquired for Seabird Project

1674. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has acquired 75 hectares of land required for extending the runway of the Airport at Seabird Project, Uttar Kannada District and transferred the same to Defence Department;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Government to pay the cost of the land worth Rs. 20 crores;

(c) whether the cost of land has been paid to Karnataka Government; and

(d) since the land has been given by the Karnataka Government, whether the Airport will be allowed for civilian purposes?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Air station at Rathnagiri,
Maharashtra**

1675. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an air station is likely to be set up at Rathnagiri in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction; and
- (c) by when it would be operational?

**Boosting framework of defence
document with US**

1676. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for further boosting the framework of defence document with US signed last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the status of the framework?

**Medical examination of
recruits**

1677. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that failure of Regimental Medical Officers (RMOs) to carry out proper medical examination of recruits at the time of their selection resulted in wasteful expenditure on their training till discharge, besides an infructuous expenditure of Rs. 2.63 crores on pay, allowances and ration on recruits before their invalidation; and
- (b) if so, what action does Government propose to take to recover the expenditure from RMOs, etc.?

Theft of computers from DRDO

1678. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government registered a case *vide* FIR No. 235 dated 9th October, 2003 with the Police Station, Civil Lines, Delhi, against the incident of theft of large number of computers from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);
- (b) if so, the present status of the case;
- (c) whether investigations into the theft have also been entrusted to IB and RAW;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) whether DRDO has conducted any in-house investigation especially to ascertain the nature of data stored in the computers so stolen, besides fixing accountability for the incident; and
- (f) if so, the findings thereof?

National Defence University

1679. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Defence University and National Institute of Nano-technology as well as visa centre in Punjab in the near future;
- (b) if so, by when and what shall be its activities;
- (c) how far it would improve the national defence position; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to set up a similar university in Uttar Pradesh, if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Relaxation of physical standards for recruitment in defence forces

1680. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to relax the physical standards for recruitment to various posts in the defence forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Indian troops for Golan Heights under UNDO Force

1681. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that group of 185 officers and troops have left Golan Heights along with other countries as a part of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian contingent is separately conducting peacekeeping operations; and

(d) if so, the reasons behind separately carrying out operations when the troops are sent under United Nations Disengagement Observer Force?

Export of Akash, Trishul, Nag and Brahmos

1682. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organisation, after getting approval from Government, has decided to export Akash, Trishul, Nag and Brahmos, to other countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many countries in Africa, Gulf and South East Asia are very keen in purchasing the above missiles;

(c) if so, whether the DRDO has prepared any action plan for export of these missiles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Training of IAF pilots by RAF, UK

1683. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Indian Air Force pilots have successfully completed fast jet flying course from RAF, UK, to fly Hawks which India is going to get from UK;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is going to send any additional pilots to UK for training;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when India is going to receive the first batch of Hawks from UK?

Replacement of obsolete warships

†1684. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of warships have become obsolete and there is a need to replace them;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Defence has formulated any scheme for replacing the said warships and for modernization of Navy fleet;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Deployment of defence forces
personnel under UN peace keeping
missions**

1685. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indian defence forces personnel are deployed in foreign countries under UN peace keeping missions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their terms of deputation;

(c) whether these personnel can be recalled on exigencies of work in the country; and

(d) if so, the terms and condition of such withdrawal?

**Army Recruitment Camp in
Srinagar**

1686. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been overwhelming response to a recent army recruitment camp in Srinagar by local youth aspiring to join the 'home and hearth' force, now under formation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether more than 12,000 youths, including Kashmiri Pandits, lined up at the recruitment camp, to fill 80 posts in Territorial Army; and

(c) whether Government would consider deploying local forces to guard the LoC in Kargil area?

Safety performance of IAF

1687. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is seeking international cooperation to improve its safety performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the IAF was in critical situation because of low fleet serviceability; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Smuggling through coastline of India

1688. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent admission by Indian Navy Chief in a recent news report that incidents of piracy, terrorism and smuggling of illegal goods are happening through coastline of India, and that such instances are difficult to detect;

(b) if so, whether Government propose any action to curtail or stop piracy and smuggling through its coastline;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of submarines

1689. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into agreement with France for purchase of Submarines for the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether it is outright bilateral agreement or culmination of a competitive bidding process;

(c) if competitive bidding process, details of parties, nature of their respective bids and reasons for their elimination;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of involvement of agents, if any, in the 'pre' and/or 'post' agreement proceeding in India and overseas?

Review of recommendations of Sarkaria Commission

1690. SHRI N.R. GOVINDA-RAJAR:
SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the recommendations of Sarkaria Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received number of suggestions from various State Governments on the Sarkaria Commission Report-1983; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Talks on Kashmir issue

1691. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any breakthrough has been managed to be achieved by Government in their talks with the organizations in the Jammu and Kashmir towards reaching a solution on the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial assistance for Welfare Associations

1692. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Welfare Associations duly registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 in various Sectors and Blocks of Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, Sector-wise and Block-wise;

(b) whether any of them are in receipt of the Financial Assistance for the Welfare of such Associations from Government or any other source through NGOs working for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof Sector-wise and Block-wise?

Blueline/DTC buses involved in accidents in Delhi

1693. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Blue Line other private buses and DTC buses, separately, involved in serious accidents in Delhi during 2004 and 2005, for which their permits were cancelled/suspended and their crew apprehended;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives and were seriously injured as a result of those accidents; and

(c) the *ex-gratia* payment made in respect of those who died and were seriously injured and the rate thereof?

Illegal trade of nitro-glycerin explosives

1694. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal trade of nitro-glycerin

based explosives being reported from Kerala during the year 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details of above cases reported for last three years, district-wise, year-wise, category-wise;

(c) the action taken in detail and the number of cases registered as on date;

(d) whether above illegal trade has any, international/inter-State network; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Comprehensive policy to deal with naxalism

1695. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any workable comprehensive policy to deal with the Naxal menace, instead of dealing it piece-meal, bit by bit or sector/State-wise;

(b) if so, the broad features thereof; and

(c) whether Government have assessed the estimated number of the Naxals and districts the menace is spread over, if so, the details of such estimates and their sources for funds?

Compensation to labourers died/ injured at Jasola, Delhi

1696. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers who lost their lives and were seriously injured at the under construction mall site at Jasola Vihar in South Delhi on 24th December, 2005, when the loose earth piled up near the site caved in;

(b) whether any compensation was paid

by Delhi Administration or by the persons whose negligence caused the tragedy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of other action taken for the relief and rehabilitation of the affected workers?

Bangladeshi immigrants living under false names

1697. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Bangladeshi immigrants are residing in various parts of the country under false names and have managed to get citizenship of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to counter this dangerous trend which besides eating into the valuable resources of the country also poses a serious security threat?

Increase in rape cases in Delhi

†1698. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of rape are increasing day by day in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been an increase of nearly 21 per cent in the incidents of rape of women in 2005 as compared to that of 2004;

(c) whether it is also a fact that innocent girl children and minor girls are also becoming victims of rapists; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof alongwith the measures for its prevention?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Policy for granting citizenship to Pak nationals

†1699. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taking advantage of laxity of Indian laws and negligence of Government agencies, many Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals are making their living in India;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the number of applications from Pakistani nationals pending currently for Indian citizenship together with the State-wise details thereof; and

(d) Government's policy for providing Indian citizenship to these Pakistani nationals?

Separate Statutory Board for Konkan region

1700. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request from the State Government of Maharashtra for establishment of a separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan is pending with his Ministry for the last 12 years;

(b) if so, the latest position of the case; and

(c) by when it is likely to be approved?

Implementation of Assam Accord in totality

1701. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by

Government to implement the Assam Accord in its totality; and

(b) the details thereof?

Establishment of Cyber Police Stations in States

1702. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging State Governments to establish Cyber Police Stations;

(b) the States, if any, which have established Cyber Police Stations;

(c) whether Government have any scheme to assist the State Governments proposing or willing to establish such police stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Strength of women in security forces

†1703. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women in the security forces of the country;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to enhance the participation of women in the security forces;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Foreigners engaged in business activities in Goa

1704. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners engaged in business activities in Goa;

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- (b) the countries of their origin;
- (c) whether these activities are monitored by the State and Central Government agencies; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Communal violence on cartoon controversy

†1705. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that communal violence/riots have broken-out/are breaking-out in the country due to cartoon dispute of prophet Mohammad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the States where the aid violence/riots have taken place and the steps taken by Government to stop them?

Use of hi-fi technique in violent activities

†1706. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have been successful of late in carrying out violent activities by using high fidelity (hi-fi) technique in the country;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to strengthen armed forces to tackle this situations; and
- (d) if so, the annual expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Persons imprisoned without trials

1707. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some persons continue to be in custody for long years without any case or trial against them; if so, the number of such persons in custody in different States/UTs, for over three years; and
- (b) whether a man has been set free from custody in Assam after 54 years of custody on January 9, 2006 with the intervention of the Supreme Court and granted relief of Rs. 3 lakhs besides pension of Rs. 1000/- per month?

Progress report on Delhi Police

1708. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police Commissioner presented a progress report in respect of Delhi Police in first half of January 2006; if so, what are the salient features thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that he failed to acknowledge the need for better police work in areas such as forensics and case management at court level in a bid to restore the credibility of the police; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

Entry routes of terrorists in India

†1709. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the terrorist are coming to India from

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Pakistan through safe routes as well as by Samjhota Express and buses in the wake of heavy snowfall;

(b) the system for identifying the visitors not going back to Pakistan even after the expiry of period of their visa and for their repatriation; and

(c) the procedure being adopted to get certain information in respect of visitors coming to India before permitting visa to them?

Begging on Delhi roads

1710. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether begging in Delhi, particularly at the road crossing and moving buses continues unchecked, thereby increasing the chances of road accidents in the national capital;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of beggars apprehended during 2005 and so far during 2006 and those sent to beggar homes?

Smuggling from neighbouring countries

1711. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of smuggling of equipments from the neighbouring countries especially, Nepal is continuing unabated in connivance with the police authorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how does Government propose to check this dangerous trend which is posing a challenge to the economy of the country?

Harassment of tribal woman in Madhya Pradesh

1712. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum was submitted on February, 2006 regarding the harassment of tribal woman in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details and action taken on the above incident; and

(c) the number of cases registered against harassment and sexual harassment of women including tribal women for the last three years, year-wise, category-wise, State-wise?

Terrorists active in Punjab

1713. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reports that terrorists have again become active in Punjab in the recent past;

(b) whether Centre has sought any report from Punjab Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Earthquake in Sikkim and Uttaranchal

1714. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loss of life and property suffered as a result of earthquake in Sikkim in 14th February, 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a similar earthquake came in Uttaranchal on 15th February, 2006 on Indo-China border;

(c) if so, the details of loss suffered in Uttaranchal;

(d) the details of the action taken/to be taken by Government for the protection and rehabilitation of the people in both the places; and

(e) the financial and medical assistance provided so far?

being asked for, in the requests received by the Delhi Police under the Right to Information Act;

(b) whether the information asked for is being furnished; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, the time taken to process each request?

Training budget of Delhi Police

1715. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the training budget of Delhi Police;

(b) what are the norms prescribed for training in general; and

(c) whether there is lack of training in any way affecting the performance of Delhi Police?

Vacant posts in NDMC

1716. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of posts are lying vacant in various departments of the New Delhi Municipal Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for the non-filling up of these posts and how this is affecting the efficiency of the working of the NDMC?

Information sought from Delhi Police under Right to Information Act

1717. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of information

Corruption in Traffic Department and Traffic Police

1718. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a large scale corruption in the Traffic Department of the NCT of Delhi and the traffic police causing harassment and coercing money from the traffic operators for one reason or the other;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measure Government intend to introduce to check the rampant corruption in the Transport Department and to prevent unnecessary harassment of the citizens?

Computerisation of Police Stations by NCRB

1719. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of computerisation of police stations across the country undertaken by National Crime Research Bureau;

(b) by when the drive will be completed;

(c) whether any part of the criminals database will be made accessible to the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Streamlining of immigration system at airports

1720. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to create a separate organization solely to supervise immigration activities and airport duties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the present system there are long delays and a lack of professionalism at airports and ports related to immigration;

(c) what are the proposals under consideration to modernize and make efficient the present system at airports and other points of entry; and

(d) the details of an action plan to streamline the present inefficient system of immigration?

Extortion letters to Delhi traders

†1721. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that traders in Delhi are getting letters for extortion through speed post;

(b) if so, the number of persons who received such letters during the last three months and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to apprehend the criminals and the outcome thereof?

Galiara Yojana around Shri Harmandar Sahib, Amritsar

1722. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of construction of Galiara Yojana around Shri Harmandar Sahib (Golden Temple), Amritsar; and

(b) the amount so far released and utilised for the project?

Border Area Development Programme

1723. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that development activities in 699 km. long Indo-Bhutan border area, are miserably poor particularly in health and education sector;

(b) if not, the programme undertaken under the BADP in the current year for the Indo-Bhutan border area;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work under the Border Area Development Programme cannot be executed in the reserved forests falling within the border area; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps taken for those areas?

Naxalism in States

†1724. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 12 States of our country are affected by the naxalism;

(b) whether it is a fact that the States that had been provided necessary funds from the Centre for undertaking development work, modernization and controlling police, have not fully utilized this amount; and

(c) if so, the yearly financial details of the amount allocated and released to the States for other heads including

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modernization of police so far since the year 2000 and the amount spent by them and the action taken by Central Government in this direction?

Naxal violence

1725. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in naxal related violence in the last two years, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to contain increasing naxal violence?

Killings of SCs/STs

†1726. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered during the last six months in the Union Territories and in the other parts of the country in regard to the murders of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people;

(b) the number of criminals caught out of said cases and number of criminals punished by the courts; and

(c) whether there has been an increase in the cases of murders of persons of these categories?

Non-utilisation of funds meant for development of tribal and naxal affected areas

†1727. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to punish the States which do not spend

the funds meant for development schemes in the tribal and naxal affected areas;

(b) if so, the States which don't have spent aforesaid funds; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any action plan to give a better look to this scheme; if so, the details thereof?

Training of terrorists in Bangladesh

†1728. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the hijackers of Indian aeroplane IC-814, who was arrested has disclosed that Bangladesh has become a safe but patronised centre for terrorists;

(b) whether it is a fact that terrorists who enter India are trained by Pakistan in various centres of Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this direction and the details thereof?

Recruitment of surrendered militants in para-military forces

1729. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the surrendered militants of the erstwhile Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) have been recruited by the CRPF and Assam Rifles as a step in conformity with the peace accord;

(b) if so, how far such personnel would be suitable for maintenance of law and order, protection of country's sovereignty and particularly how far their instinct could permit for counter insurgency operations;

(c) what is the experience with them on these aspects; and

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(d) will it not be better and desirable, (without taking a risk) to rehabilitate them in different fields instead of recruiting them in our armed forces?

Enquiry into Delhi bomb blasts

†1730. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry into Delhi bomb blasts case has been completed;

(b) if so, the outfit found guilty for this incident; and

(c) the action taken so far against the culprits?

Phone tapping of MPs/CMs

1731. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephones of several political leaders including Members of Parliament, Chief Ministers of States are being tapped for the past more than a year;

(b) if so, the names of such leaders and on what grounds their telephones are tapped; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for tapping of telephones as per direction given by the Supreme Court in its judgement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Lives lost in police action in Orissa

1732. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of tribals lost their lives in police action in Jajpur in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of casualties and the injured;

(c) whether competent authorities conducted any enquiry to the incident;

(d) if so, the details of the finding thereof; and

(e) the action against the guilty, if any?

Introduction of Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill

1733. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Ministry is going to introduce Foreign Contribution (Management and Control) Bill to consult the laws relating to acceptance and utilization of foreign contribution/donations or foreign hospitality by individuals and association;

(b) whether it is also a fact that voluntary sector is up in arms with Government over the proposed legislation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also true that recently Government banned some of the NGOs from accepting donations through foreign sources;

(e) if so, the details of NGOs that have been banned from the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) the reasons therefor?

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Fencing at Indo-Pak borders

1734. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of barbed fencing along Indo-Pak border in Tehsil Ranbir Singh Pura in Jammu Sector of J&K has been completed; and

(b) if not, how much land still remains for barbed fencing in R.S. Pura?

Compensation to farmers affected by border fencing

1735. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers whose land are under fencing in the border areas of J & K especially in R.S. Pura Tehsil have not been paid compensation as on 31st December, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when full and final compensation is likely to be given to such farmers?

Labour conference

1736. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister addressed the labour Conference some time back;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some papers were circulated during the Conference about changes being considered for the labour reforms; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what action Government have taken thereon?

Taking over of E.S.I. Hospital by Goa Government

1737. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa has offered to takeover the E.S.I. hospital situated in the Ponda taluka of Goa;

(b) the details of the proposal made by the Goa Government;

(c) whether Government are considering the proposal;

(d) whether there are differences of opinion between the State and Central Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-payment of dues to public sector employees by CPSUs

1738. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 1365 crores as on 30th June, 2004 have not been paid by various Central Public Sector Undertakings to public sector employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to pay statutory dues to workers of PSUs?

Scheme to promote harmonious relation between labour and management

1739. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made at the recently held National Executive

Committee meeting of FICCI at Kolkata to the effect that Labour Policy should be formulated without hire and fire scheme to promote harmonious relation between labour and management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reaction of Government thereto?

Filling up the vacancies in ESIC

1740. SHRIMATI BRINDA
KARAT:
SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of medical, para-medical and other vacancies exist during 2005 in the Employees State Insurance Corporation;

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

(c) the reasons for keeping such posts vacant for a long time; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to fill these vacancies and by when these vacancies would be filled up?

Persons registered in the employment exchanges

1741. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the registers of the Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st December, 2005, category-wise;

(b) the number of persons who got employment through the employment exchanges during the last three years ending

31st December, 2005, year-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for improving the functioning of employment exchanges for better results?

Double entry book keeping for maintaining its account by EPFO

1742. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation plants to switch over to double-entry book-keeping for maintaining its accounts; and

(b) if so, whether the comptroller and Auditor General of India has approved such switch over?

Vacancies of Presiding Officers in CGITs

1743. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRIMATI BRINDA
KARAT:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Central Government Industrial Tribunals (CGIT) are not having Presiding Officer as on 31st October, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of cases pending in different CGIT during 2002-2005; and

(d) the steps taken/proposes to take by Government to expedite the Court proceedings?

Stagnation in PF officers cadres

1744. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy stagnation in the cadre of UDCs and Section Supervisor level as many personnel have not got the promotions since five years in the reserved category like SCs/STs in Provident Fund Officers in the States/U.T.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts filled during the last five years in the said categories in SCs/STs so far;

(d) the number of posts still vacant in SCs/STs in each State/U.T.;

(e) the specific reasons for not filling up the posts even though lying vacant; and

(f) the stringent and serious steps to be taken by Government to fill up the vacant posts?

Technical University for labourers

†1745. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are trying to set up a technical university for labourers in India on the lines of developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of recommendations made by International Labour Organisation (ILO) in this regard; and

(d) the form in which said universities exist in the developed countries?

Commission for protection of children

†1746. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a commission for protection of children from atrocities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Private placement agencies in Andhra Pradesh

1747. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of private placement agencies in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is true that private placement agencies are located primarily in the cities;

(c) whether the Ministry has issued any guidelines for regulation of the functioning of the private placement services; and

(d) if so, the details of the guidelines?

Medical facilities for farmers and agricultural labourers

1748. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of farmers and agricultural labourers in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of medical services available to this Community in the States;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce separate medical facilities for

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them on the pattern of Employees State Insurance (ESI); and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by Government to ensure fulfilment of medical need of this community?

Compensation to Child Labourers

†1749. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been recommended in the CAG report that payment of Rupees Twenty Thousand should be made to child labourers as compensation;

(b) if so, the number of child labourers who have been given this compensation so far; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof?

Facilities to the labourers

1750. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labourers having labour-cards in different States;

(b) the number of them are agricultural labourers;

(c) whether the labourers are entitled to benefits of child education, pension, medical assistances, housing facilities etc.; and

(d) the steps to be taken in order to provide these facilities to all categories of labourers?

Rehabilitation of child labour

†1751. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of child labourers in the country at present as per Government record;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the measures taken by Government for their rehabilitation;

(d) the foreign aid received by Government in this regard during the last three years; and

(e) the details thereof?

Vocational training amount youth

1752. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vocationally Trained among the youth in labour force is much less against other developing and developed countries;

(b) the percentage of those in labour force as per the current Economic survey; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to impart Vocational Training among the youths in labour force?

Ban on child labour

1753. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as on 31st December, 2005;

(b) whether the number of child labour has been increased/decreased, State-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the details of action taken by Government against the employers of child labour, State-wise during the last three years, year-wise; and

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(d) by when a complete ban on child labour is likely to be accomplished?

Setting up a Gram Bazar

†1754. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering upon to set up a Gram Bazar for the marketing of handicraft products and other items which are made by rural artisans;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assessing monthly expenditure of farmer families in rural areas

†1755. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monthly expenditure of Rupees 2770/- has been assessed with regard to farmers families in rural areas whereas their average income is Just Rs. 2115/- p.m.;

(b) if so, facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that this difference between income and expenditure is rising since last few years; and

(d) if so, the details with regard to such difference in the year 1990-91 and 2001-02 and 2005?

Allocation for TSC

1756. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had increased allocation for TSC under CRSP from Rs. 400 crore to Rs. 700 crore in 2005;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and the works undertaken;

(c) whether Government had also sanctioned Total Sanitation Campaign projects in 62 districts in 2005;

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(e) whether Government have provided so far toilet facilities to 50 lakh households and 31,566 schools;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Government had also launched "Nirmal Gram Puraskar" an incentive scheme for Panchayati Raj Institutions; and

(h) if so, the present status thereof, State-wise?

PMGSY

1757. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States failed to claim their share of funds from the Centre under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the details of the States failed to spend the amount released to them under PMGSY;

(c) the details of the villages with population of over 1000 which have not

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been connected with road State-wise; and

(d) the steps to make PMGSY successful?

Funds allocated and released under NFFWP to Assam

1758. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of funds allocated and released to Assam in the 2005 under NFFWP and the total funds released for the districts under Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD);

(b) the number of schemes completed and yet to be completed in the BTAD area and number of districts to be included in the NFFWP within BTAD in the current financial year; and

(c) the report of Government whether monitoring system is really working at the ground level?

Rural habitations without proper drinking water

1759. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural habitations in the country that remain without proper drinking water facility, State-wise;

(b) the time-schedule chalked out to provide drinking water to all these rural habitations, State-wise;

(c) the number of rural habitations provided with the central assistance/through central schemes during each of the last two years, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons for not achieving the targets, if any?

Construction of road under PMGSY in Malda, West Bengal

†1760. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of villages in Malda district of West Bengal which are likely to be linked with metalled road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the current financial year;

(b) whether the Bhutani Diyara area under police station Manikchak of this district has also been covered under the said scheme since population of approximately one lakh people are deprived of the facility of transportation;

(c) if so, the details of the scheme formulated in this regard and by when this scheme is likely to be completed; and

(d) if this area is not covered under the said scheme, the reasons therefor?

Committee to review the poverty alleviation programmes

1761. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to constitute a committee to review the poverty alleviation programmes being implemented by different States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any plan to eradicate poverty and rural unemployment within a period of ten years; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government for effective implementation of these schemes/programmes meant for the purpose?

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Providing funds for potable water to States

1762. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government provides funds to the States for potable water facilities under the Rapid Village Water Supply Programme in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of habitations covered so far and likely to be covered under the said programme along with the amount to be spent therein and the time limit fixed for the same, in the State of Rajasthan;

(c) the status and achievement made under the said programme in Rajasthan;

(d) in above context, whether there is any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan is pending for consideration with the Centre; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and timeframe for its disposal?

RGNDW Mission in Rajasthan

1763. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released to the State of Rajasthan under Rajeev Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the district-wise details of projects under taken under the Mission in the State of Rajasthan during said period;

(c) what has been achieved thereby, and could it be termed satisfactory;

(d) whether grants have also been given to voluntary organizations/NGOs under the scheme, in Rajasthan;

(e) if so, the details and achievements thereof; and

(f) what steps Government have taken to ensure target oriented achievement under RGNDWM?

Conference of Union and State Ministers regarding drinking water in rural areas

1764. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any conference of Union and State Ministers was held to discuss about drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed;

(c) the recommendations made and the action proposed to be taken;

(d) whether drinking water is to be provided to all the villages under the Bharat Nirman Programme;

(e) if so, the details thereof including investment to be made; and

(f) the targets fixed and achievements made so far?

Providing drinking water to desert villages

1765. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of desert villages where drinking water facility was provided during the last two years;

(b) the funds allocated and utilized for this purpose;

(c) the number of installation of hand pumps in hilly areas, State-wise;

(d) the number of chal khals renovated, State-wise during the last two years; and

(e) the details of such chal khals, district-wise?

Bharat Nirman Programme

1766. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of housing, drinking water supply and rural connectivity under the new comprehensive and time bound Bharat Nirman Programme 2005-09 for rural development;

(b) the works executed and to be executed under each programme till 2009, State-wise; and

(c) the funds earmarked for each case, State-wise?

Amount released under RGNDWM to Assam

1767. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the amount released in 2005-06 under the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission for Assam rural drinking water supply system?

Lifting of restrictions for enrolment of BPL people

1768. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have requested Government to lift the restrictions on enrolment of people under below poverty line scheme and to enhance the annual limit for getting benefit under BPL scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on each such proposal?

Computerisation of land records in Punjab

1769. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Punjab during each of the last three years, year-wise for computerisation of land records;

(b) the funds remained unutilised so far; and

(c) by when the records are likely to be computerised fully?

Proposal for training and employment in dairy business under SGSY in M.P.

†1770. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government had furnished a proposal on 22nd October, 2003 under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana to provide training as well as employment in dairy business to those, who are living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the time by when this scheme is likely to be approved; and

(c) the present status thereof?

Increasing budgetary allocation for rural drinking water supply

1771. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased budgetary allocation for rural drinking water

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supply from Rs. 13,245 crores to Rs. 16,745 crores, under the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has also covered 34999 habitations in the first six months of 2005-06;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether Government had also earmarked funds for tackling water quality problems in the acutely affected States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Releasing of funds under TDHLWSS Scheme

1772. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has approached Union Government to release pending funds under Thrift Deposit of Home Loan Weavers Saving and Society Scheme;

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

(c) by when the funds are expected to be released?

Duty free access to US markets by textile industry

1773. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile industry has sought duty free access to US markets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

Development and promotion of handloom in Uttaranchal

1774. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government for development and promotion of handloom and other weaving varieties in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether the fixed targets have been achieved in this behalf; and

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

Closure of NTC Mills

1775. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills closed during each of the last three years; State-wise;

(b) whether the workers dues were paid to the workers of all the closed mills;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, mill-wise and the steps being taken to pay the dues to the workers without any further delay;

(d) the number of NTC mills proposed to be run continuously and modernized for the purpose, State-wise; and

(e) the reasons if any, for delay in modernization of viable NTC mills?

Creation of separate FDI cell

1776. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

create a separate FDI cell in the Ministry of Textiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed FDI cell is likely to be set up?

Enhancement of wage limit for textile workers

1777. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the wage limit of textile workers in the country;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(d) the year from which the enhanced remuneration of textile workers is likely to be effected; and

(e) the number of textile workers likely to be benefited?

Modernisation of Andhra Pradesh based NTC mills

1778. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to modernise two Andhra Pradesh based N.T.C. mills namely Tirupati Cotton Mills at Renigunta in Chittoor district and

Ananatpur Cotton Mills in Tadapati in Ananatpur district through joint venture with private companies;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far in modernising the above said mills; and

(c) the economic viability/position of these mills at present?

Funds to support handloom and powerloom sector

1779. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received proposals from Andhra Pradesh for funds to support the handloom and powerloom sector; and

(b) if so, the details and by when these proposals will be cleared by the Ministry?

Illegal dumping and smuggling of Chinese silk

1780. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal dumping and smuggling of cheap Chinese silk is affecting the sericulture industry in India; and

(b) if so, the details and action taken by Government to protect the domestic industry?

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