

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May 8, 2002/Vaisakha 18, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—122

Achievements of CIL

4383. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA:
SHRIMATI SHABANA
AZMI:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state what are the Coal India Limited's achievements with respect to the targets fixed in terms of net profit, coal production, off take, productivity and capacity augmentation, during the last three years till date (year-wise)?

Infrastructural status on coal sector

4384. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it was ever considered to award infrastructural status on coal sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Survey regarding effect of coal mines dust on human health

4385. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Western Coalfields Ltd. recently conducted a survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State to investigate effect of coal mines dust on human health;
- (b) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) what remedial measures have been taken in case it is harmful to health?

Setting up of a coal mine at Jayankondam, Tamil Nadu

4386. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to set up a coal mine at Jayankondam in Tamil Nadu considering its ample potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Community development works by
CIL and BCCL**

4387. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIL and BCCL have undertaken any community development works in coal producing States like Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the districts where such works have been undertaken, State-wise;

(c) the nature of developmental works so undertaken; and

(d) the amount spent on these developmental works, district-wise, so far?

FDI in the mining sector

4388. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVU-KKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has chalked out any plan to boost the flow of foreign direct investment in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up exclusive Regulating Authority for the country's mining industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accidents in coal mines

†4389. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mine-wise/year-wise accidents occurred in coal mines in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of workers killed in the above accidents;

(c) whether Government have given any compensation to the workers who lost their lives during the above period; if so, the number of the workers to whom compensation was given and the amount of compensation given to them;

(d) whether some of the cases related to the compensation to the workers killed in accidents are still pending for disposal; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Statutory benefits to contract
labourers in MCL**

4390. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how many labourers are engaged in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Ib Valley and Talcher by various contractors;

(b) whether these contract labourers are getting minimum statutory benefits such as Provident Fund, ESI etc.;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure minimum statutory benefits to the labourers engaged at various coalfields across the country?

**Amount spent by MCL on
advertisements**

4391. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total money spent by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) on advertisement, press and publicity during the last three years, year-wise;

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(b) whether MCL are following the respective guidelines/rules while giving advertisements;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gold deposits in Bastar

†4392. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "sone ka Bhandar mila Bastar Mein" published on page number 10 of 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 6th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the quantity of gold expected in this area;

(c) the special steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of local people effected by extraction of the gold; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increased activities of Pakistani and Chinese armies on border

†4393. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides the activities of the Pakistani Army, activities of the Chinese Army have also increased on the Indian Border after the bitterness crept in the Indo-Pak relations;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction; and

(c) the results thereof?

Brahmos missile

4394. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Russia have jointly developed the Brahmos missile;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it will be inducted into the armed forces?

MIG-21 aircraft crash in Jodhpur, Rajasthan

4395. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force MIG-21 aircraft crashed on 13th December, 2001 shortly before landing at a forward airbase, 70 km. from Jodhpur, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether in spite of giving assurances, number of MIG-21 crashes have taken place during December, 2001 to January, 2002;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for air crash of MIG-21;

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted; and

(e) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to prevent the MIG-21 air crashes which are taking place on a considerable rate for several years?

Development of Naval Variant of LCA with the US Cooperation

4396. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

of India has sought cooperation from the US in the development of Naval Variant of LCA;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India sought cooperation in any other field; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Retirement of Air Marshals in IAF

4397. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that IAF has retired four of its Air Marshals during last one year;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that all of them belonged to a minority community; and
- (c) if so, whether it is a mere coincidence or is there more in it as feared in the minority community circle?

Elections to Cantonment Boards

4398. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the High Level Committee has reviewed scenario of all cantonments across the country as reported in the Indian Express dated the 23rd February, 2002;
- (b) if so, the findings of the Committee;
- (c) whether Government have postponed election in all Cantonment Boards;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when, the election will be held?

Recommendations of Committee on optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees

4399. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1089 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 2001 and state:

- (a) whether the said Committee has since finalised its recommendations on optimum utilisation of AFHQ employees;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations made and decisions taken by Government thereon;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the areas of difference among members of the Committee and what efforts have been made to resolve them?

Purchase of AN-38 Transport Planes from Russia

4400. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has entered into a deal with Russia for purchasing Antonov AN-38 Transport Planes for the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any joint project with Russia underway for developing transport aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details and targeted time for developing this aircraft alongwith the estimated expenses on each of the aircraft?

Report of price negotiation Committee on acquisition of AJTs

4401. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price negotiating

Committee on acquisition of Hawk AJTs submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has put its foot down on the acquisition of AJTs because of its having American sub-systems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Visit of the US delegation to India in March, 2002

4402. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of United States of America visited India in the month of March, 2002;

(b) if so, the subjects of mutual interest which were discussed with them;

(c) the agreements reached during the visit and other details in this regard; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

Delivery of 5 SU-30 Aircraft by Russia to India

4403. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia was to supply 5 SU-30 Aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, the number out of them which have been delivered to India; and

(c) when the remaining aircraft are likely to be delivered?

Lack of logistical support to troops in Indo-Pak border

4404. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that our troops on Indo-Pak border have been facing acute logistical shortage including water besides posing sanitation problem in Rajasthan where temperature had recently crossed 40 degree mark; and

(b) if so, whether Government had reviewed the state of mobilisation of our troops on border and if so, with what result?

Purchase of Thermal Imagers from a black listed firm

4405. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a black listed firm has been given orders to the tune of 50 crore for purchase of Thermal Imagers for the Defence Department;

(b) if so, why such steps were taken knowing fully well the consequences of such deals; and

(c) how many such firms have been black listed and what steps are being taken to prevent such transactions in future?

Soldiers killed in Operation Parakram

† 4406. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 soldiers were killed by 15th March, 2002 during the 'Operation Parakram';

(b) the number of military vehicles and accessories got damaged so far;

(c) the circumstances in which those soldiers were killed and equipments and vehicles damaged; and

(d) whether three Armed Forces are participating in this 'Operation Parakram'?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Diversion of funds for Jawans to a school

4407. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news captioned "5 Crore for Jawans goes to school for bigshots" published in the Indian Express dated 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Turnover policy for AFHQ civilian employees

4408. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1991 a policy providing for Compulsory turnover of AFHQ employees on completion of prefixed tenure in one office was formulated;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said scheme/policy;

(c) whether the said policy has been changed/amended thereafter;

(d) if so, the details of such changes and the purpose sought to be achieved;

(e) whether there are instances where persons having completed the laid down tenure are continuing in the same office on one pretext or other; and

(f) if so, steps proposed to be taken to ensure strict adherence to the laid down policy?

Cadre review/ *in-situ* promotions to AFHQ civil and clerical service

4409. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry out cadre review/grant of *in-situ* promotions in respect of posts belonging to AFHQ Civil Service/Clerical service;

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

(c) the current status thereof and likely time by which the same will be finalised?

Allotment of NCC units to Sainik Schools of Maharashtra

4410. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government has been requested by the State Government of Maharashtra for the allotment of NCC Units to 16 Sainik Schools of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and steps taken for providing NCC Units to the 16 Sainik Schools of Maharashtra?

Implementation of road communication projects by BRTF in North East

4411. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise deployment position of Border Roads Task Force in the North East States;

(b) the rate of success of Border Roads Task Force in implementing the road communication projects;

(c) whether Government propose to further strengthen the BRTF for speedy implementation and improvement of road communication programme in the North East Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Unwarranted interference hindering
AJT deal**

4412. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a statement attributed to him in the Hindustan Times dated 20th February, 2002 captioned "Interference delaying AJT";

(b) if so, whether the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer is actually being delayed due to unwarranted interference from certain quarters;

(c) if so, what is the nature of source of such unwarranted interference; and

(d) when Government propose to finalise the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer?

**Demand for Manipur Regiment in the
Army**

4413. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the people and the State Government of Manipur for a Manipur Regiment in the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the action so far taken by Government; and

(c) how long it will take for the demand to materialise?

**Recruitment of Civil Engineers as
ASW in MES**

4414. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that degree holders in Civil Engineering are directly recruited as Assistant Surveyor of Work in Military Engineering Service;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that they are required to pass final examination from Institute of Surveyors before considering them for promotion to SW rank;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the number of such Assistant Surveyor of Work in Military Engineering Service who are still waiting for promotion in the absence of passing final examination from Institute of Surveyors;

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider this case on merit; and

(e) if not, why?

**Illegal construction in Kanpur
Cantonment Area**

4415. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that unlawful and illegal constructions are going on in the military land in the Kanpur Cantonment area causing heavy financial loss;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to stop such illegal construction for commercial use including one being done at Pandit's Upvan Mahatma Gandhi Park, Kanpur Cantonment;

(c) what action has been taken against the local defaulting officials of the Military land and Cantonment Board at Kanpur; and

(d) the time by when Government propose to demolish such illegal constructions there?

Resignation of Air Marshal Manjit Singh Sekhon

4416. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Marshal Manjit Singh Sekhon has been asked to put in his papers by the Air Force Chief;

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

(c) whether Air Marshal Sekhon has since complied with this directive; and

(d) if not, what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken with regard to the matter?

Purchase of Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) from Poland

†4417. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to purchase Armoured Recovery Vehicle (ARV) from Poland; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Live shells and explosives sold as garbage by defence forces

†4418. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that at times even live shells and explosives are auctioned in the garbage disposed off by the defence forces;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at times the said shells get exploded at shops or any other places;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to order an enquiry as whether terrorists are making use of such shells or explosive materials?

Purchase of entertainment articles by Eastern Army Command

4419. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Eastern Army Command authorities purchased vehicles, T.V. and VCR worth over Rs. 6.79 crore out of Rs. 10 crore given to it for fighting militancy during period of three years beginning 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against the officer found guilty; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that stock of 32800 bulletproof 'Patka' bought by the above mentioned command between 1995 and 1998 was also found to be defective and if so, the details thereof and what action Government have taken in this regard?

Contracts with M/s RVZ, Russia for supply of various types of ammunition

4420. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two contracts were signed with M/s. RVZ, Russia for supply of various types of ammunition in August, 1999 and December, 1999 at a total cost of Rs. 402.76 crores;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the residual shelf-life of ammunition supplied was drastically low as stated in the CAG Report on OP-VIJAY, the Kargil Operation; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the reasons for selection of these short life ammunition?

Increase in the cases of dowry and human rights violation in U.P.

4421. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of dowry and violation of human rights are increasing in U.P.;

(b) if so, whether these cases have been registered maximum in Shahganj and Khutahan Police Stations in District Jaunpur;

(c) if so, the details thereof, case-wise;

(d) whether any dowry-case was registered from any woman of village Korwalia in Shahganj Police Station; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken against the guilty person?

Proposals submitted by State Government for direct talks with Naxalites

4422. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh and other State Governments have approached the Central Government proposing direct talks with Naxalites (PWG) and other militant and terrorist groups operating in the respective States or around and across State borders;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals made by each State Government; and

(c) the Government's response and reaction thereto?

Vigil in villages along the Bengal borders

4423. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the police and intelligence agencies have stepped up vigil in villages along the border with Bangladesh and Nepal in North Bengal following reports of suspicious movements of some people in these areas in the wake of the conflict in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has agreed to provide all help and assistance to the State Government of West Bengal in unearthing subversive activities on Bengal border;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent these activities have been checked on Bengal border?

Counter-insurgency operations by CRPF

4424. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Reserve Police Force have taken over counter-insurgency operations in the country along with Rashtriya Rifles of the Army and the Border Security Force;

(b) if so, whether it is in the process of upgrading its weaponry and communication systems;

(c) if so, whether they are also trying to start an in-house training school; and

(d) if so, to what extent these steps have helped to check the counter-insurgency operations in the country?

Assistance provided to villagers in the border areas

4425. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the month of December, 2001 thousands of villagers in States along the border with Pakistan had headed for the interiors;

(b) if so, whether in spite of the security forces in Punjab, Rajasthan, and Jammu and Kashmir have been trying to convince villagers that the situation has not escalated to an alarming level but they left their places; and

(c) what sort of help was provided by the States as well as the security agencies to these villagers?

Sale of hazardous chemicals in Delhi

† 4426. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether hazardous chemicals being used in manufacturing explosives on the large scale are being sold in Delhi unabatedly;

(b) whether Government propose to consider to ban/check the sale of these hazardous chemicals in view of attack on the Parliament; and

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

Visit of Home Minister to Nepal

4427. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Home Minister visited

Nepal to shape a joint Indo-Nepal strategy to curb terrorism in the region;

(b) if so, whether Nepal had also assured India that a detailed report on the ISI activities in the Himalayan Kingdom will be compiled by the Nepalese Government and shared with India; and

(c) if so, to what extent Nepal and India have agreed to curb the activities of Pakistani ISI and also agreed to have a joint action on terrorists in both the countries?

Pakistani nationals arrested in Delhi for non-possession of passport and visa

† 4428. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Pak-nationals arrested in the capital city of Delhi and other parts of the country during the last five months on account of not possessing valid passport and visa; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to check entry of such foreign citizens/nationals into India specially from the Nepalese border adjacent to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

Idol thefts in the country

4429. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of idol thefts in the country;

(b) how many of them were recovered; and

(c) which State accounts for the maximum number of thefts?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Pakistani Nationals staying in India
without valid visa**

4430. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani Nationals
who came to India with valid visa papers
but went missing and did not return to that
country after the expiry of visa period;

(b) the number of such persons in the
country, State-wise;

(c) what steps have been taken or are
proposed to be taken to trace them and send
them back; and

(d) the details in this regard?

**Use of red-beacon fitted cars by
terrorists**

4431. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the various intelligence
agencies have alerted the Delhi Police on
the use of red-beacon fitted cars by terrorists
as reported in the Statesman dated 19th April,
2002;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Police has
since taken any steps to trace all the beacon
fitted cars in and around Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the letter heads of the Home
Minister were stolen and used as
authorisation for red-beacon by some
executives in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof and steps taken
to check such acts?

**Meeting with West Bengal Chief
Minister**

4432. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of West
Bengal has recently met him and apprised
of growth of ISI modules, proliferation of
madarsas and infiltration of Bangladeshis
in the State as reported in the Statesman
dated the 20th April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the growth of ISI
modules and madarsas have increased in
the country during the last few months, if
so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken
on the views of the CM of the West Bengal?

Arrests made under POTO

4433. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons arrested under
prevention of Terrorism Ordinance since
October 2001 State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some State
Governments have refused to implement
POTO in their States; and

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

**Ratio of male and female officers in
Delhi Police**

† 4434. SHRI DEVI PRASAD
SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Officers and
personnel in Delhi Police, separately;

(b) what is the ratio/number of males
and females in both these categories,
separately; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) if this ratio is below the target the reasons therefor?

Arrangement for Shopping and Parking in INA Market, New Delhi

4435. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INA market has turned into a slum Market in which there is no proper arrangement for shopping and parking;

(b) whether Government propose to construct an ultra modern double-storeyed market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants, vegetable and non-veg items; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Arms and ammunitions seized from Madarsas

4436. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large caches of arms and ammunition have recently been seized from two madarsas in Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh and Surat in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some people associated with Surat's Jamia Islamia Talimuddin Madarsa have been detained;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and

(d) what further action is proposed to be taken to prevent the madarsas from indulging in anti-national activities?

Outcome of the peace negotiation with BLT

4437. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the peace negotiation with BLT in the matter of providing the Sixth Schedule Status to Bodos and other tribes of Assam specially those residing in the North Bank of Brahmaputra; and

(b) by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

Role of Central and State Governments in tackling terrorism in the North-East

4438. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing insurgencies in some States of the North-East are considered as mere law and order problem to be dealt with by the respective State Governments;

(b) the comparative role played by the State and the Central Governments in dealing with insurgencies;

(c) whether any definite policy and programme have been evolved to bring the insurgencies, to an end; and

(d) if so, the details of the policy and the programme?

Security arrangements near residential premises of MPs

†4439. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security arrangements near residential premises of Members of Parliament at New Delhi, have been relaxed;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, whether it is a fact that presently there is no patrolling team of Police near residential premises of Members of Parliament; and

(d) if so, whether the Government is serious towards the M.Ps. security and details thereof?

Robberies in south bound trains

4440. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing train robberies, especially in the south bound trains; and

(b) if so, details of the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to stop such robberies in future?

Forensic Science and DNA testing

4441. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Forensic Science and DNA testing are crucial in solving criminal investigations;

(b) whether none of the Universities in the country offer postgraduate/advanced study facilities in Forensic Science except two Universities in the country;

(c) whether the country is lagging behind in DNA testing facilities which are available only at Kolkata and Hyderabad; and

(d) the steps being taken to upgrade Forensic Science study and DNA testing facilities in the country?

Madarsas in the country

4442. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of madarsas operating in Delhi and in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether reports have been received by Government that some foreign agencies are funding these madarsas and funds are being diverted for Jihad;

(c) whether Government has probed the rise in number of madarsas and increase in their income of late; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Percentage of communities in the population

†4443. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is State-wise details of percentage increase or decrease in the population of three main communities of India namely Hindu, Muslims and Christians in North Eastern States of the country in the census of 2001 *vis-a-vis* the census of 1991?

Special courts in Tihar Jail

4444. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Jail authorities have *inter alia* proposed for holding of special courts in the Tihar Jail so as to curtail the expenditure and the difficulties on transportation of under trials from Jail to courts and back; and

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(b) whether it has also been proposed introduction of video conference between Magistrates and under trials to reduce the cost?

Subversive activities of NGO working with Tihar inmates

4445. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "NGO stoking on communal passions in Tihar Jail" appearing in Hindustan Times on 2nd April, 2002;

(b) whether it is true that an NGO working with Tihar inmate is indulging in subversive activities and inflammatory write-ups are being circulated among Tihar inmates;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether an enquiry has been conducted in the matter, if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) what action is contemplated against the culprits?

Increase in number of Jhuggies near Sarojini Nagar and Laxminarain Temple in NDMC area

4446. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDMC are aware that the number of Jhuggies behind newly constructed NDMC Flats Palika Gram Phase-I, Sarojini Nagar and also over the nearby Laxminarain Temple is constantly multiplying as a result the atmosphere of these areas has got polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether NDMC/Government propose to do plantation there after removing these jhuggies and raising barbed wire fencing in fixed time-frame; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take for keeping these areas clean and green?

Cases of fake visa in Delhi

† 4447. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of dealing in fake visa came to notice in Delhi during last one year and first four month of this year;

(b) the details of the action taken against the offenders involved in these cases; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to unearth such types of rackets?

Madarsas along international border

4448. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a T.V. team "Aaj Tak" conducted a survey of madarsas and exposed a ring of madarsas along the international border of India in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jammu to Tripura;

(b) if so, the whether prior permission is required to open madarsas;

(c) if so, number of madarsas registered in border area;

(d) whether the nationality/citizenship of all teachers, staff, students as well as management are being verified by field verifications at least randomly; and

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(e) if so, whether any random survey has been done in this connection and how many madarsas are operating without registration?

Involvement of NGOs in setting up projects for rural electrification using solar energy

†4449. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to encourage those Non-Government Organisations/Companies which are taking interest in setting up projects for rural electrification using solar energy;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received in this regard;

(c) whether Government or Government bodies have started rural electrification through solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Providing cheaper power

†4450. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many sources in the country through which power on cheaper rates can be generated by proper management;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that these sources are being ignored by Government;

(d) if so, steps being taken by Government in view of continuous increase in consumption/dependency of power; and

(e) the details thereof?

Proposals of State Governments for setting up Solar Power Plants

4451. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from various State Governments for setting up solar power plants during last two years;

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

(c) the details of the proposals approved, State-wise and cost of each project; and

(d) by when, the remaining proposals are likely to be cleared?

Pending energy policy Statement

4452. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether renewable Energy policy Statement is pending since long;

(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?

Tapping of wind energy

4453. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether actual tapping of wind energy is only 1080 MW whereas the potential is about 45,000 MW;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to harness this sector of energy?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of bio-mass plants

4454. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-mass plants set up in the country upto the 31st December, 2001 with State-wise break-up;

(b) the size of the plants and total capacity of power generation of these plants during the last three years;

(c) the subsidy component involved in setting up each of these plants;

(d) whether Government have undertaken any plan for popularisation of consumption of energy through bio-mass plants in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Popularising Non-Conventional Energy Sources

4455. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by Government to popularise non-conventional energy sources;

(b) how far Government have been successful in its efforts; and

(c) the strategy to be adopted during the Tenth Five Year Plan to popularise non-conventional energy sources?

Alternative fuels for surface transport

4456. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is implementing a broad-based programme on alternative fuels for surface transport;

(b) if so, the details of such programme;

(c) whether the Ministry is thinking of deploying electric vehicles in large numbers, especially in urban areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shortage of power in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun

4457. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute power shortage in Athurwala Vistapeeth, Dehradun area of THDC;

(b) whether Government propose to install a transformer near Raturi Tent House, Athurwala, Vistapeeth Dehradun to help obviate power shortage in the area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Counter guarantee for energy generation projects

†4458. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given counter guarantee for energy generation projects;

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

(c) whether Government propose to review these projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Non-cooperative attitude of States
towards power reforms**

†4459. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have adopted non-cooperative attitude towards power reforms and do not appear to be serious thereon;

(b) the kind of cooperation, the Centre have expected from the States;

(c) whether Government are concerned over the investment not being made by the domestic and foreign investors in absence of the reforms in that sector; and

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

**Study of ARRPEEC to boost the
hydro-power generation**

4460. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study of the Asian Regional Research Programme in Energy, Environment and Climate (ARRPEEC) has stressed the need for a major boost to the hydro-power generation in the country;

(b) if so, whether any action plan has been adopted to promote this strategy for conservation of hydro-carbons and fossil fuels and controlling Green House Gases (GHGs) for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan and thereafter; and

(c) the details of such an action plan?

Restoring fiscal health of SEBs

4461. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved a strategy for relieving the heavy liabilities of

the State Electricity Boards and help them to restore fiscal health;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to implement the same; and

(c) the extent and details of support given to Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh Electricity Boards?

**Identifying transmission circles as
model circles**

†4462. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified certain transmission circles to convert them as model circles;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these circles are where situation is already in very good condition;

(d) if so, whether need of the hour is to identify areas which are not in good condition;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for not identifying these areas; and

(f) the steps being taken by Government with regard to such areas?

Meeting of Heads of SEB's

†4463. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had recently convened a meeting of Heads of SEBs regarding improvements in power distribution;

(b) if so, the details of issues raised in the meeting and SEB-wise details of views expressed by heads of SEBs in this regard; and

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(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

Progress regarding setting up of Kota Thermal Power Station Unit VI

4464. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made in setting up of the Kota Thermal Power Station Unit VI (IX 195 MW);

(b) whether TEC (Techno-Economic Clearance) for the same has been issued by the Central Electricity Authority; and

(c) by when, the unit is likely to be commissioned?

Evaluation of DPC Plant

4465. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic lenders of the Enron promoted Dabhol Power Company have contemplated to send an expert group of technical officials to DPC plant to evaluate the current status of 2184 megawatt power plant;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the Dabhol Mangement has shifted sensitive plant equipment and silicon chip from the DPC Plant without the permission of Financial institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Mandatory recycling and reuse of water in thermal plants

4466. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recycling and reuse of water is mandatory in thermal plants to avoid land degradation and water contamination;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it will be made mandatory;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misutilisation of funding by NE States

4467. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of diversification and misutilisation of financial assistance provided by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to some North-Eastern States for purchase of energy meters;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted by the Government for misutilisation of Central Government funding for purchase of energy meters by North-Eastern States;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) what is the amount of financial assistance provided to North-Eastern States during the past three years for energisation of villages, etc.; and

(f) how much amount has actually been utilised by these States so far with complete details thereof?

**Measures for rehabilitation of Tehri
Dam Project affected families**

† 4468. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3269 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) the details of other additional measures for the rehabilitation of project-affected families as per the recommendations of Hanumantha Rao Committee and the details of the amount increased which is to be spent on general approved plans of rehabilitation; and

(b) whether any evaluation of its effects on the groups opting for rehabilitation has been carried out, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Good-will allowance to the
shopkeepers of Tehri town**

† 4469. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have paid hefty amounts in form of good-will allowance to the shopkeepers of Tehri town falling in the submerged areas of Tehri Hydro Power Project and as a result of which the outsiders who had taken shops on rent or who were working as hawkers therein have been greatly benefited in comparison to the owners of land and buildings who are in fact original residents and discontentment has grown in them;

(b) whether bungling has been committed in this regard and whether the Government will inquire into whole of this episode and provide the benefits of good-will allowances to the owners of the land and buildings as well; and

(c) so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

**NTPC's proposed Thermal Power
Projects**

4470. DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has proposed to set up a series of new Thermal Power Projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other Southern States have requested the Union Government to set up new power plants in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other Southern States; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Permanent Construction in the
submerging areas of THEP**

† 4471. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that concrete or permanent constructions are being carried out at the unuseful places in the submerging areas of the Tehri Hydro Electric Project;

(b) whether Government have prohibited construction in the submerging areas, if so, whether persons engaged in construction work would face difficulties in getting compensation; and

(c) the Government's policy in order to avoid difficulties arising out of such disputes and what arrangements have been made to make people aware of all this?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Fire at Patratu Thermal Power Station
in Jharkhand**

4472. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incident of fire took place at Patratu Thermal Power Station of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the reasons of the fire;

(c) the loss caused due to this fire;

(d) whether adequate safety measures exist in the plant to combat fire; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Completion of 1st phase of THEP

†4473. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of 1st phase of Tehri Hydro Electric Project is likely to be completed by December, 2002;

(b) whether it is also a fact that apart from Tehri Nagar about 85 revenue villages also come under fully or partially submerged areas;

(c) the number of fully submerged villages, displaced persons, standard families, places where these persons are to be rehabilitated and portion of land acquisition in this region; and

(d) what are other details in this regard?

**Introducing high concentration and
Slurry disposal system in the thermal
power plants**

4474. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to introduce high concentration and Slurry disposal system, which is popular abroad in thermal power generation plants, because this system needs only one third of land for ash disposal, on experimental basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Procuring money from the Canada
Government for power reforms**

†4475. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are trying to procure money from Canada for power reforms;

(b) if so, whether Government have had any discussion so far with Canada Government on this subject; and

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

**Electrification of all the villages in
Rajasthan**

4476. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Rajasthan that have not yet been electrified;

(b) whether there is any plan to allocate special funds to the State Government so that all villages can be electrified; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Power capacity addition programme during Tenth Five Year Plan

4477. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working Group on power for the Tenth Five Year Plan worked out a power generating capacity addition programme of 51000 M.W.;

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

(c) whether the target includes nuclear and other non-conventional energy sources; and

(d) if so, what in the capacity addition during the Tenth Five Year Plan through nuclear and other non-conventional energy sources?

Incentive package to Private Parties/ IPP for setting up hydro power projects

4478. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has devised/ formulated any incentive package to private parties/Independent Power Producers for setting up hydro power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme for development of small hydro projects of 3 to 25 MW capacity has been launched;

(d) whether private parties are being involved in the scheme;

(e) if so, the number of private parties who have come forward to set up projects; and

(f) the number of projects approved and total power capacity likely to be added by these projects?

Recovery of outstanding dues of REC from SEB's

4479. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has initiated legal action for recovery of outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to assist in realising the over dues from SEBs?

Power generation by DVC

†4480. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power is being generated by the Damodar Valley Corporation;

(b) if so, the total installed capacity of the Corporation for power generation;

(c) what percentage of the installed capacity is being used for power generation by the Corporation; and

(d) to whom the generated power is being sold out alongwith the rate thereof?

Amguri Power Project of Assam

4481. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have been finally taken on Amguri Power Project in Assam;

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- (b) whether it will be downsized; and
- (c) whether it is abandoned altogether?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in U.P.

†4482. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of constructed/under construction roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the stage of work pertaining to linking of Jafrapur village under Kurebhar Vikas Khand of the district with canal route and Galibaha-Chamurakha-Jafrapur with pucca road under the said scheme;
- (c) the reasons for delay in the construction of abovesaid road which is the only alternative for Jafrapur and the nearby villages; and
- (d) by when the work pertaining to construction of road will be completed?

Metalling of Badiyara-Devidhar road in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh

†4483. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Badiyara-Devidhar road section in the district Shimla, Himachal Pradesh has not been metalled for the last twenty years;
- (b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme under the Rural Development Programme to metal the said road; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Financial allocations to Panchayats and Nagar Palikas

4484. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the allocations made to Panchayats and Nagar Palikas during the last two years in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether it is a fact that they are facing financial crunch; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the situation?

Financial assistance for rural infrastructure programmes

4485. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted financial assistance for rural infrastructure programmes in the different States of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Diversion of PMGSY funds

†4486. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that massive funds have been provided to the States by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that States have spent the same for other purposes following which desired results could not be achieved and the same has also been reported to have been diverted for payment of salary at various places; and

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(c) the State-wise details thereof and the number of new roads constructed district-wise and the number of roads repaired?

Storing surplus water from monsoon rivers for human and agricultural use in villages

4487. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme for storing surplus water in every village from monsoon rivers in the country for the use of agricultural and human consumption;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Publication of Directory of Rural Technology

4488. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Rural Development has published the Directory of Rural Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Directory has been made available throughout the country in rural areas;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard?

Build, operate and maintain water schemes

4489. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural Development Ministry have initiated any programme on 'build, operate and maintain' basis in water schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts identified for this scheme alongwith the funds made available to them, separately; and

(d) the present status of the scheme with details of the extent of work done and money spent by each of these districts, separately?

Conference of Editors on Rural Development Schemes

4490. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently held a Conference of Editors regarding Rural Development Schemes of Government;

(b) if so, the outcome of Conference and the issues discussed therein;

(c) whether Government propose to revamp all rural development programmes for targetting the people who are really in need and also extend the reach of the schemes to the poorest of the poor;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Central help to States to fulfil share of matching grants

4491. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to help the States, which are facing acute financial crisis, to fulfil the targets of matching grants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to change the existing matching grants for development works and employment generation programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Poor condition of Pauri-Satyakhal-Bara-Dehalchauri-Srinagar road

4492. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constructed a light vehicle road from Pauri-Satyakhal-Bara-Dehalchauri-Srinagar while the sanction was for heavy vehicle road and the said road is in a dilapidated condition causing a lot of inconvenience to the poor villagers;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to take this road under the 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' for further reconstruction; and

(c) if so, whether Government would like to issue any guideline to the State Government for further repairing work and if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds provided to Andhra Pradesh for rural water supply under PMGY

4493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central funds have been provided in Andhra Pradesh under the drinking water supply component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) to accelerate rural water supply in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many habitations have so far been provided with drinking water supply in the State under PMGY, with district-wise details thereof?

Provision of safe drinking water to North East States

4494. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 26.62 per cent population in the eight North East States are partially covered and 2.3 per cent have no access to safe drinking water facility;

(b) if so, the targets fixed during the current fiscal year for this purpose; and

(c) by when the safe drinking water would be available to each of the rural habitant in the North Eastern States?

Functions of DRDA

4495. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the District Revenue Development Authority (DRDA);

(b) whether Audit Report of several districts reveal the ambitious schemes on paper only; and

(c) the district-wise and category-wise number of beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh under DRDA Schemes?

Conversion of dry latrines into wet latrines

4496. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted a definite time-frame for conversion of dry latrines into wet ones in the rural areas of the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken to demolish all the dry latrines in rural areas of the country?

Responsibility for cultivation of barren land

†4497. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the responsibility for making the entire wasteland in the country cultivable has been entrusted to an institute by Government by integrating all the existing plans;

(b) if so, the name of such institute and the reasons for giving preference to the above institute for such responsibility; and

(c) by when the wasteland is targeted to be made cultivable together with the area of the same?

Issuance of BPL cards to the poor

4498. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poorest of the poor in all villages have been issued the BPL Cards;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that several BPL Card Holders belong to creamy layers and BPL; and

(c) the action proposed for proper audit to ensure issue of BPL Cards to all needy?

Irregularities in rural projects

4499. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of

irregularities have been detected in the implementation of many rural projects across the country;

(b) if so, the details of such irregularities, State-wise;

(c) what stringent measures are being contemplated against such defaulting States; and

(d) what steps are being taken to monitor such rural projects till the completion of such projects?

Setting up Steering Committee to look into the CII-Accenture Study on Textiles

4500. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Steering Committee to look into points raised by CII-Accenture study on textiles;

(b) if so, whether most of the demands of textile industry were met in the budget and some issues remained unaddressed;

(c) if so, what are the issues that this Steering Committee will go into; and

(d) by what time it is likely to submit their recommendations?

Textiles Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme

4501. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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have drawn up a plan for the modernisation of 24 textile centres under the Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme;

(b) whether the textile industry is facing severe competition not only in exports but also in the domestic market due to imports from the neighbouring countries; and

(c) if so, how the modernisation Plan is expected to help in reviving the textile industry in the matter of exports?

Textiles mills in public/cooperative sector in U.P.

4502. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of textiles mills in public and cooperative sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of workers working in these mills, sector-wise; and

(c) the details of facilities being granted by the mills to the workers in this regard?

Design Centre in AP

4503. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Design Centres are functioning in Andhra Pradesh for the development of handicrafts in the State;

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

(c) what precisely is the function of these Centres;

(d) whether Government propose to increase the number of Design Centres in the State; and

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

Contract farming for cotton

4504. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce contract farming for cotton;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with name of the States where it would be tried in the first instance; and

(c) the steps taken to provide quality seeds to farmers in order to ensure quality cotton in the catchment areas?

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