

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the December 8, 2003/Agrahayana 17 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries; Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

#### Growth rate of Industrial Production

485. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual growth rate of Industrial production has ever been calculated;

(b) if so, the annual growth rate during the years 2000-2001, 2002-2003;

(c) whether Government have identified the areas with continuous increase in productions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the rates where decline in the production has been registered during the said period?

Manufacturing of Cheapest CTV and refrigerators

486. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become the cheapest manufacturing base for colour televisions and refrigerators in the world, beating even China by a few dollars in the race; and

(b) if so, the factors responsible for the progress?

Trade fair in Beijing

487. SHRI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trade fair of Indian made items was organised in Beijing recently as a result of follow up action of Prime Minister's recent China visit; and

(b) if so, the details of the successes achieved as a result thereof?

Benefits of US generalised system of preferences

488. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether India has managed to convince Washington to restore the benefits under the US generalized system of preferences for about 850 agricultural, chemical and pharmaceutical products from the country;

(b) if so, whether the US Government

\was urged to bring these items within the purview of the GSP scheme;

(c) if so, the US Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether the GSP is extended by the US to 140 developing countries, including India; and

(e) if so, to what extent this decision has been implemented and helpful to India?

Growth rate of Industrial Production

489. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of industrial production has declined after 1996-96;

(b) if so, the trends in growth of industrial production since 1991-92;

(c) the reasons for decline in the industrial production in recent years; and

(d) the steps taken to boost industrial production especially capital goods and consumer durables?

Deeper Economic ties between India and Germany

490. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany is very keen to develop deeper economic ties with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the annual trade between India and Germany during the last three years; year-wise and sector-wise; and

(d) the reasons behind Germany choosing India, instead of China and South Africa?

Export of Mangoes from Andhra Pradesh

491. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mangoes produced in Andhra Pradesh have tremendous potential for exports;

(b) the exports of mangoes from the State during the last three years and foreign exchange earned in US dollar terms year-wise; and

(c) the incentives Government have extended for the growth of mango production in Andhra Pradesh?

Export of Spices

492. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Southern States of the country are major spices supplying States for export of spices;

(b) if so, the details of the contribution made by the Southern States in export of spices during the last three years, year wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps the spices Board and Government have taken to boost production of spices in Southern States so that more exports of spices are made?

Opening of Nathula Pass for commercial purpose

493. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the silk route through Nathula Pass in Sikkim would be fully opened for commercial purpose;

(b) whether Government would talk with China for opening the 4th commercial route via Arunachal Pradesh by still well Road; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof?

Trade between India and Singapore

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

(a) the anticipated increase in quantum of bilateral trade in monetary terms between India and Singapore after the Comprehensive Economic Co-operation Agreement, as compared to the trade during the last two years;

(b) whether new areas of trade would also merge; and

(c) if so, the details of the areas and the anticipated trade potential for the coming two years in respect of new areas?

India for new alliances with Asean and other countries

495. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the failure of the WTO Ministerial Conference at Cancun and the threat issued by the US of bypassing TWO for bilateral trading arrangements, Government are contemplating to forge new alliances with ASEAN and other countries such as China, South Korea, Japan etc.;

(b) if so, whether any bilateral alliances are being worked out; and

(c) the details of steps taken in this regard?

Transit Business facility through Bangladesh

496. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning for providing transit business facility through Bangladesh and whether Bangladesh Government have been contacted on this

issue;

(b) if so, the progress made so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rejection of Tea consignments of Germany

497. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some German buyers have started rejecting the tea consignments on the ground that these do not meet the stringent EU pesticide norm on the presence of ethion;

(b) whether it is a fact that the German buyers have alleged that the ethion content in the tea exceeds the acceptable limit as specified in the EU pesticide norms; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reduce the ethion content in the tea consignments?

Hazardous Dairy products from New Zealand

498. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hazardous butter oil and other dairy products and infant foods are entering into the country from New Zealand in the absence of any Sanitary and Phytosanitary checks (SPS);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Centre for Trade in Agriculture and Agro based industries (CITA) has filed a petition before the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) urging for imposition of anti-dumping duty; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check inflow of cheap butter oil and other dairy products?

Cold-chain complexes for fruits/

vegetables

499. SMT. BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a country-wide network of cold-chain complexes to meet the requirements of fruits/vegetables for both export and domestic markets;

(b) if so, the proposed location thereof;

(c) whether India is the world's second largest producer of fruits and vegetables; and

(d) if so, the reasons for India's nearly share of 0. percent of the global market for these items?

Upgradation of infrastructure

500. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared a Rs. 675 crore scheme for the upgradation of infrastructure in industrial locations; and

(b) if so, the details these and the industrial areas selected for this purpose?

Infrastructural facilities

501. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to uplift the infrastructural facilities to increase the competition among the domestic industries;

(b) if so, salient features thereof;

(c) the amount proposed to be allotted under the scheme; and

(d) by when the scheme is likely to be complemented?

Export of fish and fishery products

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

(a) whether exports of fish and fishery products are earning foreign exchange;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign exchange received during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise, category-wise and countries to which export is done.

(c) whether new taxes would be imposed by USA on the imported fish, as per quality of fish, fish processing unit and fish catching methods adopted by the exporting country, under the recent anti-dumping act passed in USA; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to maintain high quality in exporting centers of country and protect fishery export industry from adverse impact of above Act?

Sub-standard cement

503. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement manufacturing companies have been manufacturing substandard cement and not adhere to the BIS specifications;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such companies;

(d) whether Government have made BIS norms mandatory for cement industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Trade Policy

504. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal put forwarded by ASSOCHAM for formulation of National Internal Trade Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Plots allotted by Noida Export Processing Zone

505. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of export units which were allotted plots/factory by NOIDA Export Processing Zone;

(b) the number of Units in existence as on the 31st March, 2001 and the number of units which are not functional;

(c) the amount of lease-rent outstanding so far against these units and the number of allotments cancelled; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

FDI in Gujarat

506. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign capital in Gujarat has decreased after March, 2000;

(b) if so, the percentage thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Differences in WTO meeting at Cancun

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

(a) whether at the WTO Ministerial level conference held in September last at CANCUN, a joint declaration at the end could not be issued due to major differences between the developed and developing countries;

(b) the areas of differences between the two sides and how this stalemate is likely to affect interest of the developing countries

which form a big majority of the human race; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government in cooperation with other developing countries to resolve the crisis especially if there are backdoor economic restrictions and pressures on them?

Indo-Asean Summit

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

(a) the names of the countries with which India was able to negotiate and enter into trade agreements during Indo-Asean Summit held in Bali in October last along with the details in each case;

(b) whether India has been able to create a Free Trade Area as a result of the negotiations during the Summit; and

(c) if so, the main thereof and the gainst expected to the concerned countries on reciprocal basis?

Indian MNCs Index

509. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared an Indian MNCs Index to determine to what extent Indian MNCs have globalised their organizations;

(b) if not, whether Government have any proposals to prepare to the same;

(c) the details of the efforts made so far in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken to overcome the bureaucratic bottlenecks for MNCs globalisation?

Package for SEZs

510. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will

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the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to given incentive package for Special Economic Zones in a bid to maintain the export growth momentum during the second half of the fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this package scheme is likely to be announced?

Increasing the cap on FDI

511. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering a proposal to make 76 percent as the maximum allowable FDI in any sector;

(b) whether the proposed move would have effect retrospectively or prospectively;

(c) whether Government are also thinking of removing mandatory divestment condition; if so, the reasons therefor?

Free Trade area between India and China

512. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China are going to set up a free trade area;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposed joint Study Group on economic co-operation would identify the areas of trade in goods, services, investment and joint production ventures;

(c) the annual trade, in terms of dollars, between India and China during the last five years; year-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a trade target of US dollars 10 billion by 2004; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Water Born Disease

513. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of water born diseases in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the number of such diseases amongst the children during the above period?

Raids at medical store in AIIMS

514. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the dates on which the medical store of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences was raided during the last three years indicating the irregularities detected, therein;

(b) the arrangements made to do away with those irregularities; and

(c) the persons found guilty and action taken against them?

Resolution of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare

515. SHRI VJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the unanimous resolution adopted by the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare to (i) include drinking water as a food item under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and (ii) to impose death sentence for manufacture and of spurious drugs that cause death or grievous injuries;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement these decisions and the time-frame therefor; and

(c) whether the existing enforcement agencies would need augmentation or

strengthening to achieve these objectives?

Free treatment of HIV positive children

516. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a special provision for free treatment of HIV positive children below 14 years of age, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of such HIV afflicted children, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken so far in pursuance thereof?

Sale of abortion Pills

517. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that abortion pills are sold at various places in the country; and

(b) if so, the nature of cases that have come to notice and the measures taken to stop this menace?

Use of old anti rabies vaccine

518. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that instead of using new vaccine for prevention of Rabies disease caused by mad dogs bite, old vaccine is being used in the Government hospitals;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the said inquiry and the action taken against the guilty persons?

Janani Suraksha Yojana

519. SMT. SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Janani Suraksha Yojana" has been started for women in order to bring down maternal mortality rate and infant mortality rate by providing the facility of safe child-birth;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds made available for providing basic facilities at block level for successful implementation of this scheme in BIMARU States?

Shortage of drugs in Safdarjung Hospital

520. SHRI SURESH KAMLADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Safdarjung Hospital is running short of essential drugs which are of regular use for the patients and the patients are asked to bring them from the market;

(b) if so, the action being taken/proposed to be taken; and

(c) whether authorities of the Safdarjung Hospital had informed Government about the shortage earlier?

False Reporting of Sterilization Targets

521. SHRI RAUKAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many instances of false reporting of sterilisation targets by the members under the Family Welfare Scheme without actually performing the operations have come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the system evolved to confirm that the sterilisation operations have actually been performed;

(c) the amount involved in the false figures or fake operations in different States; and

(d) the steps taken to correct the records

and to take action against the defaulters?

Amendments in law to tackle fake drugs

522. SHRI ANA DESHMUKH:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering changes in law to take sale of fake drug in the country;

(b) if so, whether the WHO has pointed out that 35% fake drugs are made in the country;

(c) whether one in every four drugs sold in Delhi is believed to be spurious and fake drugs accounts for Rs. 400 crore in the capital;

(d) whether according to WHO at present fake drugs markets is estimated to be worth Rs. 4,000 crore, about 20% of the drugs market;

(e) if so, whether Mashelkar Committee on spurious drugs and drug regulatory revamp has submitted its report to the Centre; and

(f) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Standards for potable water

523. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no set standards for drinking water; and

(b) if so, the action taken to enforce standards in this regard?

Recognition to Medical Colleges

524. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Government have accorded recognition to eleven medical colleges without any inspection by the Medical Council of India;

(b) if so, the details of such colleges and their location; and

(c) the reasons for which Government did not feel it necessary to take recommendations of Medical Council of India for granting recognition to these colleges?

Expenditure on Health Care

525. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 165/- is being spent by Government for per capita medical treatment;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this amount is far less in comparison to the other countries the world such as Japan, America, England, France and China; and

(d) if so, the comparative details thereof?

Monitoring of Ultra Sound Diagnostic clinics

526. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to strictly monitor the illegal activities of ultrasound diagnostic clinics to prevent female foeticide in the different parts of the country;

(b) the details thereof

(c) whether Government proposes to give directions to the State Government for



the Constitution of district level committees to monitor such illegal activities;

(d) if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

Life Savin Medical equipments in Hospitals

527. SMT. KAMLA MANHAR:

SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hospital are not having lie saving medical equipments as compaed to the private owned super specialty hospital in the NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for not having life saving medical equipments in different Government hospitals in the Capital;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Governemnt have not cleared several proposals recomending for purchase of life saving medical equipments from abroad, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Governemnt propose take to equip to Government hospitals with the latest equipments?

Reassessment of Family Planning Measures

528. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGHLIBRA:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently assessed the various family planning measures adopted and their impact to control the population explosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) te nature of incentives being given to the persons who adopt family planning methods to control population?

Dengue Epidemic

529. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

SHRI BACHIANI LEKHRAJ:

DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a spurt in the number of cases of dengue reported across the country, as compared to prvious years;

(b) if so, the details of such cases registered and consequent deaths recorded during the last three and so far this year, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken to coordinate with the States to ensure advance action for better sanitation and disease srveillance, especially n the more ulnerable areas, during/aroudn monsoon period every year; and

(d) the details of any Central action drawn up/campaign proposed to be launched to eliminate the disease?

Worms in Chocolates

530. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports appeared in various electronic and other media on worms in the chocolates packets of cadbury sold in various parts of the country viz/Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram etc. during 2003;

(b) if so, action taken, if any,

(c) wether there are ay proposals for preventing such incidents in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disease Surveillance System

531. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public health authorities failed to predict, prevent the recent outbreaks of diseases in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact there is no disease surveillance system in the country to provide early warning signals of outbreaks of diseases; and

(d) whether the lack of Epidemiological Intelligence with Government is responsible for the hundreds of deaths in the underprivileged sections of the society?

Cases of spurious drugs

532. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of adulterate/spurious/fake medicines registered in the country during the current years;

(b) the action taken against the manufacturers of these drugs; and

(c) the steps taken to contain manufacturing of such drugs and the results thereof?

Mashelkar Committee report on spurious drugs

533. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mashelkar Committee set up to look into spurious drugs has submitted its report;

(b) if so, recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether Government would bring a comprehensive Bill before the House to amend the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps Government have taken/proposed to take to upgrade to Central Drug Standard Control Organisation to the level of the Central Drug Administration?

CGHS Dispensary in Gurgaon

534. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS dispensaries presently functioning in Gurgaon;

(b) whether Government intend to open another CGHS dispensary in near future for the residents of sector-56 and nearby areas; and

(c) if so, by when?

Contraceptive pill for Men

535. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that scientists all over the world have developed a contraceptive pill for men which is said to be 100 per cent effective and free from unpleasant side effects; and

(b) if so, whether the Indian scientists have also developed a similar pill and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hospitals

536. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big and small Government hospitals functioning in the

country;

(b) the number of persons hospital provided with medical facility in the country and the average thereof in Uttaranchal; and

(c) the details of the steps likely to be taken to extend the availability of medical facilities during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

#### Persistence of Polio cases

537. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether persistence of polio cases in India inspite of 'Pulse Polio Programme' is posing a problem to the rest of the world;

(b) if so, the analysis of the causes; and

(c) the remedial action proposed in this regard?

#### Herbal Contraceptive Pill

538. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Scientists have developed world's first herbal contraceptive pill;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to patent the drug as well as to popularize it?

#### Quacks

539. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the practicing by quacks has been completely abolished in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the alternative arrangement made for the poor, destitute labourers of the forlorn areas who were availing the services of quacks under

compulsion of financial scarcity;

(c) the reasons for the number of quacks being on the rise everyday, and whether trained doctors refuse to go to remote and poverty stricken areas, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action beign taken by Government in this regard?

#### Delay in reimbursement of medical claims

540. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that long delays are caused by the Director, CGHS in making reimbursement of medical claims to the retired Government officials causing immense hardships to them;

(b) the normal time taken in making reimbursement of medical claims and whether any complaints including from the Members of Parliament have been received for long delays in making reimbursements;

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

(d) the number of medical claims submitted before the 10th September, 2003 still pending for a decision and when these would be finalised and payments made to the claimants?

#### Improvement of Cancer and Mental Health care

541. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sanction Rs. 60 crores for improvement of cancer and mental health care in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan; and

(c) the details of the proposals to improve

health care service in Orissa under the above project?

Specialised thereapy centre of Ayurveda

542. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Karnataka to establish specialized therapy centre with hospitalisation facility for Panchakarma/Kshar Sutra therapy of Ayurveda;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of grant-in-aid sought for and released to the state during 2003-04?

HIV positive pregnant women

543. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that Karnataka has most HI positive pregnant women in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated number of pregnant women infected with HIV in the State;

(c) the amount provided by Government to the State during 2003-04 to take up AIDS preention programmes;

(d) wether Bill Gates Foundation has sanctioned any amount to the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hazards posed by Imported condoms

544. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of hazards posed by imported condoms;

(b) if so, the details of fake condoms sold by chemists/druggists dring the last one year;

(c) whether several units ae manufacturing these fake condoms with

foreign brands printed on them and are circulating for sale in Delhi; and

(d) if so, whether any raids have been conducted on the manufacturers of these fake condoms, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Baby Stealing incidents in hospitals

545. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that newly born babies are being stolen from Government Hospitals frequently during the last one year;

(b) if so, the number of such babies stolen in various Government hospitals, hospital-wise; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to prevent babies swapping in Government hospitals?

B. Barooah Cancer Institute

546. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a plan to save and improve the B. Barooah Cancer Institute at Guwahati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Health Schemes for Sernios Citizens

547. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the health schemes launched by Government for providing medical assistance to the Sernior Citizens/Pensioners during the last two years;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce any new health schemes to provide better medical facilities to the Senior Citizens/Pensioners in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Admission in medical colleges

548. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow some medical colleges to admit students inspite of negative inspection reports by the Medical Council of India (MCI);

(b) if so, the names of such colleges and reasons for overriding the recommendations of MCI; and

(c) the details of the applicants where the MCI has not cleared the setting up of colleges in various states as on 31 October, 2003 with the reasons therefor;

## Permission of Vaidyas to practice

549. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons enrolled as Vaidya by the State Medical Council of Ayurved and Unani upto year 2001 are eligible to practice in various parts of the country as Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has admitted that these Vaidyas are in the definition of Registered Medical practitioners (writ petition NO. 394-Phoolsingh Vs State Government of Haryana); and

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

## Hepatitis A and B vaccination

†550. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are launching a nationwide campaign against Hepatitis A and B;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is no arrangement for free vaccination of Hepatitis A and B in CGHS dispensaries and other Government dispensaries;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, Government would necessary arrangement in this regard?

## Mental patients

551. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mental patients in the country;

(b) whether the disease is coming down or increasing; and

(c) the percentage of population i.e. male, female, children suffering from such disease?

## Spurious drugs trade

552. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bhagirath Palace in Delhi is considered to be the mecca of spurious drugs trade in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the growth of this business and the details of the people indulging in this business which has ruined the lives of several thousand innocent persons; and

(c) the number of raids conducted by the enforcement staff to detect the network of spurious drugs dealers during the last 3 years in the area and the number of persons arrested in those cases?

## Population explosion

†553. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether population explosion is a major hindrance in development policies, if so, the steps taken so far by Government for creating awareness/spreading education

among public with regard to need of norms regarding population control and small family;

(b) the result thereof;

(c) the States which have fulfilled targets of population control; and

(d) whether any proposal is under Government consideration to stop financial assistance to such states so that they can achieve the target?

AIIMS status to Calcutta Medical College

554. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade the Calcutta Medical College to the status of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) functioning in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Forecast on population growth

555. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecological Society of India has forecast population growth rate of 55 per cent in the States like U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan and Orissa during the period of twenty years, 1996 to 2016;

(b) if so, the growth rate recorded during 1996-2003 in these and other states; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to curb the growth rate in tune with NPP?

CGHS dispensary

556. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government employees residing in Pushp Vihar and the adjoining areas of Khapur, Badarpur, Dr. Ambedkar nagar etc. and whether all are getting CGHS benefits from Dispensary No. 78 for the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that test laboratory facilities are not available in that dispensary causing a great inconvenience to the CGHS beneficiaries; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to open test laboratories in near future, so that beneficiaries may get proper benefit in time?

Medical Council of India

557. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the functions of the Medical Council of India;

(b) the guidelines for opening of new medical colleges or increasing seats; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure compulsory inspections before permitting opening of new medical colleges or increasing seats in the existing medical colleges?

Basic Minimum Services Programme

†558. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the basic-services provided under the basic minimum service Programme by Government;

(b) the number of villages in Bihar where primary health centres have not been opened so far;

(c) the funds allocated to Bihar as additional central assistance for the Basic Minimum Service Programme during the

last three years;

(d) the amount earmarked by the State Government during the last two years for primary health centres and the amount provided as central assistance for this purpose; and

(e) the amount utilized for primary health centres?

#### Family Planning Programme

559. SHRI HACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many states Family Planning Programmes targets are not achieved within the contemplated period; and

(b) if so, the action or steps Government have taken/proposed to take in this respect?

#### Availability of AIDS drugs

560. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN-SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that AIDS drugs are not affordable; and

(b) the steps taken to make such drugs available?

#### Hurdles in the export of drugs

561. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is undue delay for issuing NOC for export of drugs;

(b) the number of such applications pending for more than two months as on date; the reasons for the delay and whether it is also a fact that it is causing delay and cancellation of export orders thereby damaging credibility the exporters; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the process?

Institute like AIIMS under Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojna

†562. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up hospitals in the backward areas of the country on the line of All India Institute of Medical Science in the next three years under the Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely expenditure on the said work?

#### Private Hospital in CGHS panel

563. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names with addresses of the Private Hospital and Private eye Hospitals included in the panel for reference by CGHS, Begumpet Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that CGHS, Bugumpet Authorities are harassing the beneficiaries by not permitting them to exercise their choice of selecting any Private Hospital, where they are confident of getting better treatment and service;

(c) if so, whether Government would initiate any action against the authorities;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of the rules and regulations of CGHS with regard to reference of patients to Private Hospitals?

#### Trial of vaccines to control HIV

†564. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and a number of high level organisation in the country have considered on giving a call to the youth (males and females) to come

forward voluntarily for the experiment of vaccines being developed to control HIV;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the said process is likely to be initiated; and

(d) the details of the success achieved so far?

Radiation therapy machines

565. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Radiation Therapy Machines in AIIMS and LNJP Hospitals are lying idle for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not putting them in operations condition; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

Protection of Patients' rights

566. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered appointing impartial ombudsmen for observers in Government hospital to protect patients' rights and ensure staff accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the existing machinery to keep a watch on the negligence or improper/inadequate treatment given to patients;

(d) whether the existing machinery is working satisfactorily; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to fine-tune the mechanism for providing better services to the patients and also to ensure greater accountability of the hospital staff?

Radiotherapy department of Safdarjung Hospital

567. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the

Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Radiotherapy Department of the Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, has been shut down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the alternative arrangements made to provide radiotherapy treatment to the cancer patients, especially the poor who can not afford private care;

(c) the number of patients who were under treatment at the time of closing down the Department, and the advice tendered to them for further treatment; and the average monthly new patients registered at the Radiotherapy Department during the last three years?

Cancer research

568. SMT. KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that research on cancer is still in a primitive stage in the country because of huge resource crunch with Government;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to augment the financial resources in order to have more research facilities on cancer with latest state of the art technologies; and

(c) whether the National Cancer Congress was held in September, 2003 in Delhi and if so, the decisions taken at the Conference?

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose All India Medical Institute

569. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any budget provision for construction of the Netaji Subhas



Chandra Bose All India Medical Institute in Orissa and by when the construction would be completed; and

(b) whether government have any proposal to start the outdoor treatment in selective departments in rented house till construction of the medical building is completed?

UNFPA report on HIV/AIDS

570. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the recent report by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) entitled 'The State of the World Population 2003' has highlighted alarming trend of increasing spread of HIV/AIDS among the young people, particularly, young girls;

(b) whether Indian data is in line with the global trends; and

(c) if so, the special programme Government propose to reverse the trend?

HIV infection in Delhi

571. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a recent survey by the Delhi Government shows that the population is at a high risk of containing HIV infection;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons affected by HIV, State-wise; and

(d) the efforts made by Government of contain HIV infection?

Ban on anti-diabetic drugs

572. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after 32 years Government have banned the anti-diabetic drug; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

New medical course

573. SHRI P. PRACHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considered a proposal to introduce a three year medical course to build up a special cadre of doctors capable and willing to serve in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the views points of the various State Governments have been elicited with regard thereto and if so, their reaction in the matter?

Appointment of principal at Vaddhman Mahavir Medical College

574. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to appoint a full time regular principal at Vardhman Mahavir College , Delhi;

(b) whether the Principal would be from teaching sub-cadre of CHS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss making Heavy Industries

†575. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 49 heavy industries are being run in the Public Sector;

(b) if so, the number of such industries which are incurring losses for the last several years;

- (c) the loss as on the 31st March, 2003;
- (d) the amount invested in these loss making industries;
- (e) whether Government have formulated any scheme to disinvest the loss making industries; and
- (f) if so, the details of the industries selected for disinvestment?

HMT ancillary industrial sheds

576. SHRI RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of transfer of ownership of HMT ancillary industrial sheds to individual licence holders has been pending with Government since 1997;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is lot of restiveness amongst nearly 48 entrepreneurs who had earlier served the HMT; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to resolve the issue?

Units of HMT

577. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the output in the various units of HMT, separately;

(b) whether Government are aware that for quite some time the Ranibagh unit of the HMT has been giving a very low output for want of raw material and working capital in comparison to its set capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the output of the unit confirming to its capacity?

Government directors in PSEs

578. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of government directors on the Boards of several Public Sector Enterprises exceeds the prescribed limit of two;

(b) if so, the Public Sector Enterprises which have more than two government directors;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that the inclusion of large number of government directors on the Boards of such enterprises militates against the principle of autonomy in the management of the enterprises; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken by Government for reducing the number of government directors to the prescribed limit of two?

Performance of Automobile Industry

579. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the turnover of the automobile industry, both in Public and Private sector, in the country;

(b) the number of automobile of various categories produced during the current financial year along with the value in units and amount;

(c) the export of the automobiles in terms of units and value during the current financial year; and

(d) the increase/decrease in the industry's performance as compared to the last financial year?

Continuous losses in Prasar Bharati

†580. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Prasar Bharti has been incurring continuous losses due to the functioning of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether these losses are being made up by Government for the last few years; and

(c) if so, the amount of losses has compensated by Government upto the 31st March, 2003?

Exemption of films from entertainment tax etc.

581. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines for exemption of films from entertainment tax/duty to the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that various State Government have exempted films from entertainment tax/duty despite failure to fulfil prescribed conditions;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Exclusive news channel by doordarshan

582. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a news channel has been introduced on Doordarshan recently like other private channels;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment before launching this channel that Doordarshan would not suffer any financial loss as a result of introducing

this channel; and

(c) if so, the details of the assessment and the additional amount required by Doordarshan each year as a result of launching this channel; and

(d) the income likely to be generated by this channel?

Roll out of CAS

583. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Electronics and TV Manufacturers Association has urged Government to ensure a quick roll out of Conditional Access System as it would enable the viewers to pay less for their monthly cable bill;

(b) if so, whether almost all the States have opposed this move;

(c) whether any modification in the Cable TV Act is being considered;

(d) whether Government are considering to set up a Broadcasting Regulatory Authority as the Group of Ministers on Telecommunications has decided to put on hold the Convergence Bill; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Launching of broad range of media products

584. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Walt Disney Company proposes to set up office in India to launch a broad range of media and entertainment products;

(b) whether this project has been cleared by Government; and

(c) whether the company would launch Disney Channel for Children in the country, as a pay channel or other-wise?

New DD news channel

585. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new DD news channel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of private software productions to be beamed on this channel and the details thereof like the number of sponsored programmes, names of the production companies, duration of their programmes, the names of the major programmes of those private production units and the salient features of the agreement that have been worked out?

Introduction of set top boxes in Chennai

586. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the set top boxes have been introduced in Chennai; and

(b) if so, the impact thereof indicating the number of units sold and the reduction in the average price paid by the consumers?

Violence in TV serials

† 587. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 124th report of the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development concern has been expressed on the trend of domestic violence being legalized due to increasing physical, psychological and verbal violence in the TV serials;

(b) if so, the steps Government are going to take to check the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Censor Board to check vulgarity in music channels

† 588. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a Censor Board to have a check on vulgar music videos being shown on television channels every day in abundance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the effective steps Government are going to take to have a check on vulgar music videos?

Use of digital storage system

589. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan failed to ensure proper use of digital storage system during the year 2001-02 and if so, the reasons therefor:

(b) the amount spent in purchasing these equipments and the over payment made, if any;

(c) whether Doordarshan allowed additional free commercial time with banking facility on national channels against programmes telecast on Doordarshan International channel; and

(d) the loss caused as a result thereof?

Entertainment sector

590. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some major changes are contemplated for entertainment sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;  
 (c) whether the two Committees appointed for the purpose have since submitted their reports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tariff for cable channels

591. DR. PRABH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fix tariff for cable channels;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether the task force has submitted its report to Government;

(d) if so, what are its recommendations; and

(e) the details of the development in cable T.V. industry that prompted Government to consider for bringing CAS in the country, and whether it is in public interest and the criteria thereof?

Setting up of Interim Broadcast Regulator

592. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the radio broadcast policy committee in its drop report has recommended setting up of in Interim Broadcast Regulator till the Convergence Commission is set up;

(b) if so, the Government reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the details of the recommendations made by the committee?

Interest of consumers under CAS

593. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have shelved the Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the absence of any clear-cut directions the cable operators are exploiting the consumers; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of consumers?

Film Broadcasting Policy

594. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan propose to modify the Film Broadcasting Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

DTH licence to ASC Enterprises Ltd.

595. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Set Top Box (STB) provided as Dish TV, a Unit of ASC Enterprises Limited is inter-operable and in compliance with the specifications laid down by Government through Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS); and

(b) if not, the reasons for not cancelling DTH licence given to ASC Enterprises Limited and imposing a penalty of Rs. 50 crores as provided in the guidelines?

Electoral Reforms

†596. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to make certain changes and amendments in election system;

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

(c) whether any changes in election system, especially with regard to selection of candidates by political parties, is also under consideration?

Exclusion of MPs from the List of public servants

597. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bring forward a legislation to exclude Members of Parliament from the list of public servants whose conduct can be probed into by vigilance agencies in corruption cases;

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

(c) whether any alternative agency is likely to be put in place for the purpose; and

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

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

598. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has criticised 14 States which have defaulted in setting up of the requisite number of Fast Track Courts despite procuring full Central grant for the purpose;

(b) whether the Supreme Court had given six-week deadline in September, 2003 to establish the requisite number of FTCs and had warned the defaulting States to 'either do it now or face the consequences' of refunding the central grant;

(c) if so, the latest position in this regard;

(d) the difficulties faced by them; and

(e) whether the Supreme Court's order of refunding Central grant has been implemented by them or not?

Enforcement of fundamental duties of the citizens

599. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has directed sometime back that Government should take up in right earnest necessary steps for enforcement of fundamental duties of the citizens as enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Right to strike

600. SHRI JIBON ROY:

SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include 'Right to Strike' as 'Fundamental Right' and amend the Constitution accordingly; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on Assembly polls

601. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenses to be incurred in conducting the Assembly polls in all the four States, State-wise;

(b) how many battalions of Para Military forces are being employed to conduct smooth polls; and

(c) whether the Photo I-card would be mandatory in their current polls?

Proxy voting for defence personnel

602. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of defence personnel who have requested to the Election Commission to send them proxy forms for voting in five States going for election in November, 2003; and

(b) the details of the formalities to be performed by proxy voters before the election?

Competition Commission

603. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of the newly created Competition commission as on date; and

(b) the functions of the Commission?

Declaration of assets by candidates

604. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce compulsory declaration of the properties owned by candidates including their relatives seeking election for Parliament, State Legislatures or Municipal and Panchayati Raj bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, it is proposed to be made effective?

Pending cases in Family Courts

605. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of pending cases in Family Courts; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to get the

cases decided speedily?

Cases pending with Karnataka High Court

606. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the cases of different categories pending so far with the Karnataka High Court; as on date; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to clear all the pending cases?

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

†607. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued instructions to the State Governments for setting up of the Fast Track Courts with a view to dispose-off numerous long pending cases in lower courts;

(b) if so, the number of States which have constituted the said Fast Track Courts so far and the reasons given by the other States for not setting up the same; and

(c) whether Government propose to take action against such States which have not constituted the said Fast Track Courts?

Vacant posts of Judges

608. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the vacant posts of judges as on date, in Supreme Court, all High Courts, District Judge Courts and other courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases are pending in the court because of a number of vacancies and also

more holidays in judiciary;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fast Track Courts created by Government also could not achieve the goal; and

(d) whether Government have any action plan to develop the infrastructure to dispose of the pending cases at least in one year?

Uniforms Civil Code

609. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the need for uniform civil code has gained momentum during the past some time; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Evaluation of maritime security measures

610. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have re-evaluated maritime security measures keeping in view the warning International Maritime Organisation in the wake of rising terrorist threats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures adopted for inspection of cargo before and after shipment; and

(d) whether these measures and delaying shipment of cargo?

Vallarpadam transshipment hub of Cochin

611. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Vallarpadam transshipment hub of Cochin;

(b) how many parties have put in their bid for this project;

(c) by when this project would be completed and what is the cost involved in this project; and

(d) what benefits would accrue to the country from this project in the next five years?

Vallarpadam Container Terminal in Kerala

612. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of Parliament and other authorities of Kerala have submitted various representations recently for the Vallarpadam Container Terminal in Kochi;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the amount allotted for construction of the Vallarpadam Terminal;

(c) whether a few companies have submitted proposals for construction of the Terminal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the proposals of the above companies would cause further delay in the construction processes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for an early construction of the Terminal?

Paradip Port Trusts

613. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Paradip Port Trust would be required to handle a large volume of oil traffic when a crude pipeline would be laid between Paradip and Haldia, if so, the status of the pipeline;

(b) whether it is also a fact that once the pipeline is commissioned, it will boost the port's traffic by 10—12 m. tonnes straightway; and

(c) how far it will help to create additional employment opportunities in the area?

Functioning of NMC and NMFDC



614. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minority Commisison and the National Minority Financial Development Corporaiton work in tandem with State Minority Commission and the State Minority Financial Development Corporations;

(b) if so, the details of the inter relationship;

(c) whether every state has Minority Commissions/Minority Financial Development Corporations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects for backward and weaker sections

615. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects running in Assam for the welfare of the people belonging to the backward and weaker secutions of the societies;

(b) the number of the projects undertaken in the State during the last three years and the details of the amount spent thereon; and

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

Unemployment allowances for the disabled

616. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment allowance for the disabled is one theprovisions of the persons with disabilities (equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation) act, 1995;

(b) whether this provision is under implementation at the Centre and the States-level;

(c) if so, the details thereof with the number of the disabled being given unemployment allowance, State and UT-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hostels for backward class students

617. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has granted recognition to more than 155 new aided hostels for backward class students which did not fulfill pre-requisite conditions;

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

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Project proposals from NGOs

618. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the project proposals received from the Non-Government Organizations during the last three years;

(b) the details of the proposals which were sanctioned and thereafter found unaccountable during the above period; and

(c) the present status of each pending proposal and the likely date for their clearance?

Grants to Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram

619. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

sanctioned grant during the last three years to the Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram for the welfare and education of tribals in various States;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned, Scheme-wise, year-wise, and State-wise;

(c) whether the sanctioned grant has been released to the Ashram directly or through the State Government or district administration; and

(d) whether the Ashram has submitted utilization certificates?

Grants-in-aid to various organizations

620. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the organizations which have been given grants-in-aid by Government during the last three years;

(b) the areas of their operation and the amount disbursed to them during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the purpose for which this grant-in-aid was given to these organizations and also the community and antecedents of these organizations?

Lavana Caste as ST

† 621. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assembly of Himachal Pradesh has unanimously passed a resolution for declaration of the people belonging to Lavana Caste of Himachal Pradesh and engaged in cow rearing as scheduled caste;

(b) whether the Assembly of Himachal Pradesh and its M.Ps have many times requested orally and in writing to Government that the people of Lavana Caste be declared as scheduled caste; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the latest position of the same?

Literacy among tribal girls

622. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate among tribal girls is very low;

(b) whether Government have started any projects in those low literacy areas;

(c) whether these projects were to be fully assisted by the Central Government; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many Institutions, which were imparting education in such area did not receive the full amount (grant) as per the rules?

Employment schemes for STs

† 623. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the centrally sponsored schemes being run by Government for creation of employment opportunities for the persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the schemes for STs women have been formulated separately;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of people benefited by these schemes during the last two years State-wise?

Vocational Training Centres for tribals

624. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any Vocational Training Centres for the tribal in the country;

(b) if so, the number of centres and the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated for these centres, State-wise?

Modernisation of government presses

625. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to modernise all the Government of India Presses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Presses modernised so far and the amount spent thereon;

(d) whether the percentage of capacity utilisation is low and cost is more;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the rates of government presses are 50 percent higher than the market; and

(g) if so, the reasons for this dismal performance?

vision to turn Mumbai into Shanghai

626. DR. KARAN SINGH:

DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister spelt out a vision to turn Mumbai into Shanghai of India;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a blue-print for realising the said vision, if so, the sector-wise lay-out thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

Towns selected under AUWSP

627. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

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RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved water supply schemes for 901 towns under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme upto July, 2003;

(b) if so, the towns selected in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the cost of these schemes and the amount released to each town in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the amount earmarked and released to the State during the Tenth plan?

Encroachment on public land

628. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 29 plots meant for schools, hospitals and dispensaries have been encroached in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the encroachment has taken place after the plots were handed over to the Government of Delhi by DDA;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made to get these plots free from encroachment?

New towns under IDSMT scheme

629. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified new towns for development under the centrally sponsored scheme for the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns during the current financial year, Statewise;

(b) the allocation for development of new towns during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the number of towns developed with basic facilities for proper sanitation, health centres, electricity, drinking water facility, schools and colleges since 1979-80 to March 2003 Statewise?

CPWD services in VP House and MP Flats

630. SHRI SK. KHABHI URDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that CPWD services to the residential flats, bungalows for Members of Parliament in V.P. House, North and Sought Avenue, Ferozshah Road have been deteriorated ever since job services have been handed over to the contractors who have developed close proximity with the engineers of CPWD;

(b) whether Government are also aware that nothing is made available immediately for the replacement of old, broken chairs, old curtains, sofa-set, repair work and so on and MPs have to wait for days together; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

Government accommodation to spouses

631. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the event of retirement or death of the Central Government employee the accommodation allotted to him/her is allotted in the name of his/her spouse; who are in government employment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the spouses of Government employees who are working in autonomous organisations are not granted H.R.A. because of sharing accommodations with their spouses and are also not entitled for allotment of government accommodation in their names in the above circumstances; and

(c) if so, the justifications therefor and what remedial steps Government propose to take to remove the anomaly?

Gap between platform and coach on metro metro stations

†632. SHRI MOTILLA VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the gap between the platform and the coach on the newly made four metro stations in Delhi is more than the prescribed norms which can cause an accident at any time;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to rectify the defect as well as to make it accident free; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Violation of Master Plan of Delhi

633. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has violated the Master Plan;

(b) whether the Master Plan was mandatory; and

(c) whether any court case is pending against the violation?

Services of British Company for metro rail trails

634. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fact that Delhi Metro Rail Corporation had engaged the services of a Britain-based company to certify the conduct of trials on 4.5 KM new Tis Hazari-Tri Nagar section, instead of the Indian Railways Research Development and Standardisation Organisation thus incurring avoidable expenditure in foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor (technological or otherwise) and how much outgo of foreign exchange was involved?

Power supply to Dwarka sub-city

635. SHRI KARENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of power in the National Capital Region is affecting adversely the requirements of power supply for the developmental work in Dwarka sub-city;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to augment generation of power, its supply and distribution to Dwarka sub-city for its additional power requirements;

(d) whether an independent power sub-station is likely to be commissioned for meeting the power requirements of Dwarka; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Extension of metro services

636. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme to extend the Delhi Metro Railway section from Delhi University to Central Secretariat up to All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

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

(c) the time schedule therefor?

Urban Reforms Incentive Fund

637. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set October 15 as the target date for the State Governments to sign the memorandum of agreement for availing the central assistance under the Urban Reforms Incentive Fund;

(b) if so, whether only eight states have signed MoA with the Centre, so far;

(c) if so, the States who have not signed this MoA so far;

(d) by when these States are likely to sign the same; and

(e) by when this fund would be utilised for urban reforms?

Encroachment in Jank's tomb area in Paharganj

† 638. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some anti social elements have encroached upon Jank's tomb area illegally in Paharganj Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government are taking steps to remove the encroachments made upon the adjoining areas of the tombyard alongwith a number of illegal constructions made thereupon?

Shortage of water supply in Dwarka sub-city

639. SHRIU P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an acute shortage of water supply in the various housing colonies in Dwarka sub-city in South West Delhi in the recent past;

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

(c) whether the position has since improved; and

(d) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to address the problem of acute scarcity of water supply on a permanent footing?