

## RAJYA SABHA

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### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
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**(Ministries: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;  
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

**Total number of questions — 122**

#### **Medical examination of female candidates to the army**

571. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no provision of a lady doctor to conduct medical examination of a female candidate for recruitment in the army;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the justification of getting a female candidate medically examined by a male doctor;

(d) whether, keeping in view the growing number of women in the army, Government propose to ask the authorities to appoint lady doctors for the purpose; and

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

#### **Supply of PC-3 Orion Naval Surveillance Planes to Pakistan by U.S.**

572. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recent news reports on US decision to supply PC-3 Orion Naval

Surveillance Planes to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the veracity of the same and the likely impact on the balance of Naval forces in the region?

#### **Reduction of army in Siachen by India and Pakistan**

573. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has lately been reached between Indian and Pakistani authorities to reduce the army in Siachen;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps since taken in this regard?

#### **Violation of ceasefire by Pakistan**

574. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Pakistan is taking full advantage of the ceasefire along the LoC (Line of Control) and IB (International Border) and is building new bunkers and raising the height of old ones at as many as 200 places along the LoC to make it easy for Pakistan to target Indian positions and

civilian areas if the ceasefire fails to hold;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**Starting production of aerotyres in Dunlop units**

575. SHRI DIPANKAR  
MUKHERJEE:  
SHRI CHITTABRATA  
MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1082 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 2002 regarding production of aerotyres in Dunlop units and state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken by Government to start production of aerotyres for Air Force from Dunlop;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) by when any Group of Ministers are being formed in line with revival of Dabhol plant of Enron project to bail out Dunlop units; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Non-utilisation of funds for purchase of arms**

576. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated for the purchase of arms and ammunitions for the Defence Forces largely remain unutilized in recent years;
- (b) if so, the quantum of such funds;
- (c) the reasons for non-utilisation of funds; and
- (d) whether the non-utilisation of funds has affected the preparedness of the Armed Forces in any way?

**Attachment policy of armed forces officers to IDSA**

577. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Deputation/Study Leave/Attachment policy of the armed forces officers in Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA);
- (b) the number of serving armed forces officer(s) holding important administrative post(s) of the Institute alongwith their attachment period and reason for retention, individual-wise, as per rules;
- (c) whether Government propose to review the policy for attachment of armed forces officers to IDSA and for repatriation of long serving officers to their parent armed forces in the national interest; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Denial of benefits to unit-run canteen employees**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court declared the unit-run canteen employees as Central Government employees; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for depriving them of benefits like, DA, HRA, Bonus and Gratuity etc.?

**Rules for posting of army officers in MES on tenure basis**

579. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there exist no comprehensive rules for posting of army officers in MES on tenure basis; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two civilian officers in MES in the scale of Rs. 22,400-24,500 are designated as Additional D.G. while an army officer in the scale of Rs. 18,400-22,400 has been designated as Director General; if so, the reasons for such discrepancy; and

(c) to what extent the recommendations of Vth Central Pay Commission have been followed so far as the seniority as per pay scale is concerned?

#### **Steps for safe-keeping of ammunition**

580. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the 21st Report of the Standing Committee on Defence, ammunition worth hundreds of crores of rupees belonging to the Ministry of Defence has been kept for years in a highly unsafe manner, posing a grave risk to human life and causing a huge loss to the exchequer;

(b) whether it is a fact that out of 4.5 metric tonnes of ammunition about 0.93 lakh metric tonnes is still kept in the open, covered only by tarpaulin or kept under a tent; and

(c) the action Government propose to take for safe conservation of ammunition?

#### **Pakistan's efforts to push terrorists into J&K**

581. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan had stepped up its efforts to push terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the army

has foiled four major infiltration attempts from across the Line of Control in the first six days of November in which 11 militants, mostly Pakistani nationals have been killed; and

(c) if so, in the light of these, whether the decision to reduce ground armed forces in Jammu and Kashmir is justified?

#### **Shortage of higher ranking officers in the army**

†582. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a shortage of higher ranking officers in the Indian army and youths are not interested to join the army;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any measures for raising the present facilities like pay and allowances etc. to motivate the youths; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-recovery of killer landmines**

583. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some killer landmines planted by the Indian army in the Kassowal Enclave, along the Indo-Pak border, two years ago are nowhere to be traced;

(b) whether it is a fact that army sappers have met no success in recovering the M-16 'jumping jack' mines from some minefields, despite countless rounds of manual and mechanical demining; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take in this matter?

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### **National War Memorial**

†584. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI M.A.M. RAMA-  
SWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the replies to parts (b) and (c) of Unstarred Question 1050 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether Government are considering to build a National War Memorial; if so, the scheme formulated in this regard;

(b) the dates on which the Ministry of Defence had sent communications to the Ministry of Urban Development for allotting a plot acceptable to defence authorities;

(c) the response of the Ministry of Urban Development; and

(d) the present status in this regard?

### **Soldiers killed during shooting practice**

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

(a) the number of soldiers killed during the shooting practice in the country particularly in Bareilly from 1st January, 2000 to 31st October, 2004;

(b) what were the causes for their deaths;

(c) whether any compensation was paid to the families of the deceased; and

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

### **Replacement of ageing Air Force and Naval fleet**

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

(a) whether Navy and Air Force need to add to their dwindling fleets;

(b) if so, their demands; and

(c) the action taken to add ships and jets to replace ageing fleets?

### **Test fire of Dhanush**

587. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Dhanush', the indigenously developed short range ballistic missile, was test fired from the Bay of Bengal off the Orissa coast recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that 'Dhanush' is the naval version of the surface to surface missile system Prithvi-II; and

(c) if so, when 'Dhanush' is expected to become operational?

### **Financial clearance of specialised clothing for soldiers at Siachen and Kargil**

588. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the army has asked for three sets of specialised clothing for soldiers at 16,000 feet at Siachen and Kargil but have not yet got financial clearance for the third set;

(b) whether it is a fact that the third set is required for soldiers who may have to be rushed in, in case hostilities break out and to start the acclimatisation process for the next batch, once the soldiers currently at the Northern Command make their way to Siachen and Kargil;

(c) whether it is a fact that total amount required for three sets of winter clothing a year is Rs. 142.2 crores out of the Defence budget of Rs. 72,000 crore; and

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(d) if so, the reasons for delay in according the financial clearance?

**Shortage of special clothing and equipment for troops at high attitudes**

589. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:  
SHRI AJAY SINGH  
CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported shortage of special clothing and equipment for troops deployed in high attitude regions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Army Headquarters to ensure adequate and timely availability of the same?

**Upgradation of IAF**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF Chief has suggested downsizing and simultaneously upgrading IAF to make it more effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

**MBT Arjun**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Army has directed Armoured Corps to compare Arjun with Russian-made T-90;

(b) if so, whether the tests are over; and

(c) the number of Arjun MBTs inducted so far into the Indian Army?

**Increase in infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir**

592. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir is improving;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the infiltration in the valley has increased since January, 2004; and

(d) if so, the reasons for improvement of the situation in the valley?

**Atrocities on women**

593. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of atrocities on women are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of cases reported during the last three years; and

(c) the details of action taken to prevent such incidents?

**Implementation of Foreign Citizens Act**

†594. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign citizens Act, 1946 is applicable on a few States only;

(b) whether Government propose to implement this law in all States including Assam in order to check infiltration of foreign nationals;

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

**Meeting of CMS of Naxal affected States**

595. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he held a meeting of Chief Ministers of naxal-affected States, like Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decisions taken at the meeting for development in Naxal-affected districts, particularly the tribal areas, in these States;

(d) whether there is need for a long term strategy to tackle the Naxal problem instead of merely treating it as a law and order situation; and

(e) if so, the assistance the Central Government have promised to provide to each of these Naxal-affected States in this regard?

**Advance payment of security related expenditure to States**

596. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government used to re-imburse the amount spent by State Governments on Security after the expenses had been incurred, as a result of which the police functioning in many States had been hampered on account of paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have now taken a decision to provide Security Related Expenditure to States in advance to help them to further strengthen and modernize the police force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Naxalites violence in Uttar Pradesh**

†597. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that recently some armed naxalites had blasted a P.A.C. truck at Chandoli in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details regarding number of soldiers killed alongwith the number of injured in the said incident;

(d) whether Government have formulated any plan for taking concrete action to keep a check on recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Discontinuation of sale of Census Commissioner's report**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of the Census Commissioner's report was discontinued in early September, 2004; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Separate Ministry for Disaster Management**

599. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received

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any report on Disaster Management, which recommends a separate Ministry for Disaster Management; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take in this regard?

#### **Findings of Justice Nanavati Commission**

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

(a) whether Justice Nanavati Commission appointed to probe the 1984 riots has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action Government propose to take on the findings?

#### **Census figures of all community in the country**

601. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Census Commission of India has submitted its report on the population of each community in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report contains the latest figures of each community of Jammu and Kashmir;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the population rate of migrants from Kashmir has decreased since 1990; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Delay in release of Census Report**

602. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that release of Census Report was delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have constituted an enquiry Committee in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Increase in criminal activities in the country**

603. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of criminal activity is on the rise in the country, particularly against women;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the dominant cause for such crimes;

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

(d) what measures are proposed to be taken to ensure safety and check exploitation of women in general and employed women in particular?

#### **Simplification of visa rules between India and Pakistan**

†604. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to simplify the visa regime

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for the tourists, doctors, scholars and recognized journalists of Pakistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pakistan has also expressed its desire to simplify visa regime for Indian tourists, journalists, doctors and scholars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Foreign assistance to NGOs operating in Uttaranchal**

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

(a) the names of the NGOs working in Uttaranchal which receive financial assistance from foreign institutions and other source to implement the schemes; and

(b) the amount received by above NGOs till date from foreign institutions and other sources, organization-wise alongwith the amount received from the indigenous sources?

#### **Cheating with foreign tourists**

606. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale cheating of foreign tourists by tour operators have been reported in Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the tourists were cheated and forced to go to Kashmir by unscrupulous operators;

(c) what steps Government have taken to prevent harassment of foreign tourists; and

(d) what are the various facilities that have been offered for these tourists?

#### **Weapons acquired by terrorist**

607. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North-East outfits viz. ULFA and NDFB are acquiring large number of sophisticated weapons of foreign origin through Bangladesh whereas our police force are provided with only ordinary equipment; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for the Police modernization in North-East and the measures taken to stop the supply of weapons to these rebels?

#### **Grants to States for upgradation of prison administration**

608. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government supplement and release grants on the recommendations received from the Eleventh Finance Commission for upgradation of prison administration;

(b) if so, the details of the funds received from EFC, supplemented by Government and released to the State Governments during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that full grants have not been released to some States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard and the targeted date for settlement of the claims?

#### **Regrouping of ULFA in Bangladesh**

609. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recent spate



of bombings in Assam the North East have shown that the terrorist activity there has been unaffected by the Bhutan operations against ULFA;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ULFA have regrouped in Bangladesh with the tacit support of the Government there;

(c) have ULFA and the anti-Indian Jehadi Organisations in Bangladesh joined hands; and

(d) if so, whether ULFA would be proceeded against as an anti-National Organisation?

#### **Concern over illegal immigration in NE States**

610. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that census report 2001 on religion has created much concern in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ethnic groups fear that they are being taken over by illegal immigrants from Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to check the immigrants from neighbouring countries?

#### **Talks with PWG by Andhra Pradesh**

611. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States like West Bengal have questioned a Southern State's decision to invite the Peoples War Group for talks, which did not have federal sanction or the approval of other States; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government to Andhra Pradesh's decision to talk to Maoist rebels who are intensifying operations in Jungles in several States?

#### **Law to deal with communal violence**

612. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 814 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st July, 2004 and state by when the proposed bill is likely to be brought forward?

#### **Rape cases against policemen**

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

(a) the total number of cases of rape lodged against the policemen and administrative officers during the last two years along with the State-wise details thereof; and

(b) the cases of crime and rape against the women lodged in Delhi during the last two years and the number of cases in which the culprits have been arrested?

#### **Bearing of expenditure on modernization of H.P. Police**

†614. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh Government in view of the State being a border State and the possibility of terrorists' entry from the sides of Jammu and Kashmir borders and in response to a proposal from Union Government for modernizing the police, had requested to bear hundred per cent expenditure to be incurred on four bomb detection and

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disposal squads and modernization of the police; and

(b) if so, the present status of the same?

#### **Co-ordination of naxal affected States**

615. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government emphasis the co-ordination of various State Governments which are affected by left extremism to tackle the spree of violence; and

(b) if so, the details of initiatives taken so far in this regard?

#### **Reduction in infiltration in J & K**

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

(a) whether infiltration in J&K has reduced; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years?

#### **Assam villages on the Bangladesh side of the fence**

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

(a) the number of Assam villages with population thereof which are on the Bangladesh side of the fence on the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) whether these villagers can have access only during day time with the neighbouring villages etc. under strict surveillance of the authorities manning the border and feel highly inconvenienced and humiliated; and

(c) if so, what steps are proposed to rectify the faulty fencing so as to ensure normal life for these villagers and by when that is likely to be achieved?

#### **Recruitment in CISF from Andhra Pradesh**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the CISF is not recruiting adequate number of people from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a poor record of recruitment from Andhra Pradesh;

(c) what is the present system and details of procedure and policies for recruitment in CISF; and

(d) what steps will be taken to rectify the poor recruitment record of CISF in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Special assistance to Tamil Nadu**

619. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that border States are given special assistance because of their vulnerability and need for patrolling etc.;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that Tamil Nadu is having a long open coast that is vulnerable warranting strict visit round the clock; and

(c) whether Government would provide special assistance to Tamil Nadu in view of the additional cost involved in protecting the coast, on the line of border States?

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**Relief to tackle natural calamities**

620. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to tide over the recurrent natural calamities like drought and floods, on different parts of the country in general and Andhra Pradesh, in particular;

(b) whether Government have set up any Committee to rush relief for the affected States in time;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Assistance sought by Tamil Nadu from NCCF**

621. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the Central Government to depute a Central team immediately to assess the damage caused by floods in the State in the last few weeks;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought an assistance of Rs. 411.73 crores from the National Calamity Contingency Fund for relief and restoration works; and

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

**New law to contain terrorism**

622. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to enact a new law to contain terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Amendment in Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998**

623. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few States running their own lotteries have framed rules, as a protective measure, to monitor and control sale of lotteries organised by other States in their territory;

(b) whether Government propose to amend the existing Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998 restricting the rule making powers of the States only to lotteries of their own State; and

(c) whether the Centre would bring about a one-time tax-at-source to be shared between the Centre and the State concerned to avoid multiple tax slabs on lotteries imposed by different States?

**Review of Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958**

624. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per media report, it is a fact that Government had decided to constitute a five member committee to review the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to replace AFSPA, 1958 by a new law in places where the AFSPA, 1958 is in implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Draft bill on communal harmony**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sent a draft Communal Harmony Bill to Law Ministry for its vetting;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed bill;

(c) whether any consultations have been held with the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Damage due to natural calamities in Nagaland**

626. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have received any proposal from Government of Nagaland on damage of properties/ agricultural crops etc. due to natural calamities during the current year; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to redress the problems faced by victims of such affected areas in the State of Nagaland?

**Conference of Relief Commissioners**

†627. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 810 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether a conference of Relief Commissioners was held in March, 2003

in accordance to the advice given by Ministry of Home Affairs to State Governments in December, 2002 to deal with national calamities; if so, when and whether the review of the steps taken by State Governments was made therein;

(b) if so, whether Commissioners found the system satisfactory; and

(c) if not, the suggestion made in this regard?

**Commission enquiring into disappearance of Netaji**

628. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Netaji Enquiry Commission appointed several years back to inquire into the mysterious disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from India is still at work;

(b) if so, when it is likely to submit its report;

(c) whether any new information has been brought to Commissions' notice throwing light on the subject matter of the inquiry and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are considering to give an extension to Commission to complete its work and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Exclusive security organisation for airports and ports**

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to form a separate security organisation exclusively for airports and sea ports and other entry points to the country;

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(b) whether it is a fact that more personnel are required in the future for airport security from all angles;

(c) whether any steps are proposed to be taken by Government to meet this demand for specialised security services at airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, whether Government propose to utilise only the CISF for all such duties?

**Notification for declaration of Tamil as classical language**

630. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether notification for declaring Tamil as classical language has been issued so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when notification is proposed to be issued?

**Appointments on compassionate grounds in para-military forces**

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

(a) whether Government have a policy of compassionate appointment of dependents of the BSF and other para-military services;

(b) if so, whether there is a uniform policy for the BSF, the CISF and other para military forces;

(c) whether it is a fact that the response is very poor from the top management to the appointments under this category;

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to simplify such procedures and

methods to grant employment on compassionate grounds; and

(e) the time schedule for such matters to be resolved?

**Bio-fuel extracted from herb**

632. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that researchers in the country have invented alternative source of automotive bio-fuel extracted from herbs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including outcome of the trials up-to-date?

**Proposals from HP Government pending under consideration**

†633. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh are under consideration of the Ministry, which mainly include setting up of a Solar Energy Research Centre at Shimla, to giving capital subsidy on four projects under Capital Subsidy Scheme for small hydropower projects, payment of outstanding amount under Integrated Energy Programme and 50 per cent reimbursement of the amount spent by Government of Himachal Pradesh on setting up of a Evacuited Tube Collector Type Solar Water Heating System in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, since when the same are pending and by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.