

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the April 9, 2003/Chaitra 19, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;  
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—155

#### Coal mining in existing coal blocks

†2782. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of coal mine blocks in the country where coal mining is not being done at present;

(b) if so, the number of such blocks by the end of December, 2002;

(c) the names of States where such blocks existed along with the number of such blocks in each State; and

(d) the estimated quantity of coal reserve in these blocks?

#### Rehabilitation of ECL miners

2783. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eastern Coalfields Limited (E.C.L.) has decided to shed off 68,000 miners by shutting down operation in 64 mines;

(b) if so, the mines which are likely to be closed down and the reasons for taking such decision;

(c) whether the ECL has chalked out any alternate plan/scheme for the welfare of the families out of those employees which are likely to be affected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### Privatisation of coal mines

2784. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plans of privatisation or disinvestment of coal mines;

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the steps the Government propose to take in case of loss-making mines;

(d) investment that the Coal Ministry plans to make in the Tenth Plan; and

(e) the profit making coal mines?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Policy with regard to closure of coal mines**

†2785. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a new policy with regard to the closure of coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the coal mines have to give guarantee to Government that they themselves would bear the expenditure related to the closure of mines;

(d) if so, the purpose behind giving emphasis on such financial guarantees;

(e) the nature of financial guarantees sought from various mines; and

(f) the details of the policy for ensuring protection of environment?

**Coal reserves in the country**

2786. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the question of coal reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the zone-wise details thereof alongwith the location at which the exploration is going on at present;

(c) whether any further survey has been undertaken and more coal reserve areas found during 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Mafia nexus with CIL officers**

2787. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for losses suffered by CIL;

(b) whether it is a fact that several high ranking officials working in various coal mines of CIL are responsible for causing losses to coal mines;

(c) whether Government have examined the possibility of their connivance with Mafia; and

(d) action proposed to be taken in the matter?

**Maintenance of roaster in Cantonment Board, Agra**

2788. SHRIANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that instructions were given to Cantonment Board, Agra for maintaining a separate roaster for reservation of SC/ST employees in promotion posts;

(b) if so, whether such roaster is now being maintained by Cantonment Board, Agra;

(c) what is the number of SC/ST employees in the Cantonment Board, Agra at present; and

(d) the details of the proportionate representation of SC/ST employees in recruitment and promotion posts in Cantonment Board, Agra?

**Space vehicle**

2789. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has under consideration the proposal to manufacture twin engine medium range combat aircraft and a cost effective space vehicle; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Modernisation of Vizag Airport**

2790. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Minister while laying the foundation stone for the 191.52 crores modernisation-cum-expansion project at Vizag airport has pointed out that Vizag would become a gateway of India;

(b) if so, whether the work on this project has been started;

(c) if so, by what time the project is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Defence Ministry has contributed Rs. 141.52 crores for this project; and

(e) at what stage is the work at present?

**Purchase of scorpene submarines**

†2791. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase six scorpene submarines from a French Company namely D.C.N., C.S.F. Thomson Company;

(b) whether Government are aware that this company has been supplying submarines to Pakistan since long and has registered a very bad record besides being involved in kickbacks; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) above are in affirmative, the reaction of Government thereto alongwith details thereof?

**Area of coastline under Indian Navy**

2792. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total coastal line which are under the Indian Navy in the country; and

(b) the number of offshore patrol vessels hovercraft that the Ministry have to patrol the coast?

**Receipt of IL-78 refuellers**

2793. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has received IL-78 air-to-air refuellers;

(b) if so, the number of IL-78 to be inducted into the Indian Air Force;

(c) whether any special training for the Indian pilots are required for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Advertisement regarding purchase of bullet proof jackets on the website of MOD**

†2794. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 766 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state:

(a) the reasons for displaying the technical and commercial proposal for light bullet proof jackets by a brief information on the official website of the Defence Ministry;

(b) the reasons for not advertising the same through the National dailies in the whole country; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether it is also a fact that requisitions slips have also been sent to such firms/companies which don't possess the requisite technical capabilities?

**Steps to minimise effectiveness of coast guard**

2795. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to make the coast guard force more effective; and

(b) are our Coast Guard Stations and Personnel adequately equipped keeping in view the fast changing profile of maritime criminals?

**Rehabilitation of people affected in Gajraj project**

†2796. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to allot substitute land to the people whose land will be acquired in ongoing Gajraj project (Prakalpa) in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the measures being planned by Government in this regard?

**Re-employment of ex-Servicemen**

2797. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-Servicemen who have been provided re-employment in the Central Government, State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Para Military Forces, Defence Security Forces and other organisations from Rajasthan and other States during the last three years, year-wise, sector-wise;

(b) steps taken for the rehabilitation of war related disabled ex-Servicemen during the said period;

(c) whether provisions have been made to relax the age limit and educational qualifications for the re-employment of ex-Servicemen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Compensation to farmers in J&K, Punjab and Rajasthan affected by landmines**

2798. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): SHRI B.J. PANDA: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural land bordering Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan where mines were laid by security forces have been restored to farmers by now;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the present status;

(c) the loss of crop and the number of farmers who would not reap and sow crop due to mines;

(d) has any compensation been paid to farmers for the loss of crop; and

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

**Unjustifiable enhancement of rent of Shakti Nagar Colony, Agra**

2799. SHRIANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Cantonment Board, Agra has served notices to the tenants of Shakti Nagar Colony, Agra Cantt., notifying the enhancement of their rent twenty times against existing rent *w.e.f.*, October, 2001;

(b) if so, whether any additional facility has been provided to the tenants or any maintenance etc., has been carried out against this enhancement;

(c) whether any resolution, justifying the reasons of enhancement was passed by the Cantt. Board, Agra, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether legal opinion of the Law Ministry was obtained for such enhancement of rents; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Export of defence supplies to foreign countries**

2800. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export orders for defence supplies secured and complied during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; indicating the items ordered, and supplied;

(b) the countries to which such supplies were made; and

(c) the countries with which defence supply deals are under negotiations, indicating the items to be supplied?

#### **Merger of Defence Civilian Pockets of Secunderabad Cantonment into Municipal Corporation**

2801. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to merge some of the Defence Civilian Pockets

of Secunderabad Cantonment area into their respective neighbouring Municipal Corporation and Municipalities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Induction of new missiles, tanks and aircrafts**

2802. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what new missiles and tanks have been inducted in the army during the last one year;

(b) what new missiles and aircrafts is likely to be added in the Army, Air Force and Navy in next three years; and

(c) other details in this regard?

#### **Proximity of Pakistani Artilleries to International Border and LoC**

†2803. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani forces have brought their Artilleries nearer to the International Border and Line of Control;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a horrifying atmosphere among the inhabitants of border area as the neighbouring country has targeted its artilleries towards Indian region; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Reduction of forces along LoC**

2804. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any plan for reduction of the forces along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Intrusion by Pakistani UAV**

2805. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a Pakistani unmanned aerial vehicle intruded into Indian airspace over Poonch District of Jammu and Kashmir on the night of 24th February, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Radar System in the area could spot it before it returned to Pakistan;
- (c) if so, why it could not be intercepted and shot down when it was still over Indian airspace;
- (d) how many such violations by U.A. Vs. from Pakistan have been detected during the last three years; and
- (e) the action taken to ensure that such violations of Indian airspace do not take place?

### **Setting up of defence Industrial Projects in Kerala**

2806. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up any defence related Industrial Projects in Kerala;
- (b) whether Government have received any proposal for setting up defence industrial units from any sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has taken decision on the same?

### **Ratifications of convention on torture**

2807. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for which India has not accepted the convention against torture and other crimes, inhuman degrading treatment, inspite of recommendations of the NHRC;
- (b) the response of Government thereon; and
- (c) by when it would be enforced?

### **Insurance cover for devotees of Dakshineswar temple**

2808. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of insurance cover for devotees of Dakshineswar temple;
- (b) if so, whether it is proposed to introduce insurance cover for devotees visiting important and famous temples considering terrorist threat there;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Inclusion of 'Maithili' language in VIIIth schedule**

†2809. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to include the "Maithili" language, which is spoken by a large number of people in several districts including "Mithlanchal" of Bihar, in the eighth schedule of the constitution;

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(b) the details of the Committee constituted to include the different languages in the eighth schedule and whether 'Maithili' is being considered by the Committee for the said purpose; and

(c) if so, the progress in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Success in resolving insurgency in Assam**

2810. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have achieved any remarkable success in resolving the insurgency and militant problems of Assam; and

(b) the Government initiative in case of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB)?

#### **Objectives for constituting Hindi Salahkar Samitis**

†2811. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives behind constituting Hindi Salahkar Samitis in various Ministries;

(b) the names of Ministries where this samiti has been constituted and the names of those where it is not constituted or re-constituted indicating the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure the constitution of samiti and its regular meetings in all Ministries?

#### **Measures to curb lawlessness in Delhi**

2812. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned "lawlessness that rings Delhi, Terror stalking high in the capital, travel to capital after dark at your own peril as several gangs have appeared their net of terror in the border areas" appearing in the press:

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to control crimes; and

(c) any kind of action Plan to win confidence of the public in the matter?

#### **Tension on Indo-Bangla Border**

†2813. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing tension on the Indo-Bangla Border;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking in this regard; and

(c) the total number of casualties among security personnel and civilians so far in the ambushes took place on the border?

#### **Crimes against Dalits**

2814. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in every two days murders and arson on the Dalit Community occur almost throughout the country; and

(b) the role played by police to check such crimes and violence against the weaker sections?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Illegal guest houses in Delhi posing security threat**

2815. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that illegal guest houses in the capital are posing security risk;

(b) if so, whether militants and criminals are hiding in such illegal guest houses; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such illegal guest houses and to nab militants and criminals?

**Challan of vehicles**

2816. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Traffic Police has recently challaned many vehicles for alleged abuse of red beacons atop of vehicles;

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

(c) whether several VIPs who are not entitled to use red beacons fitted vehicles have been found misusing the same; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure that violations of such guidelines are properly checked?

**Infiltration of ultras along J & K borders**

2817. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels that the Gulf confrontation may jack up infiltration of ultras along the J & K border;

(b) whether there are speculations that with the upsurge in jehadi sentiments coupled with rising anti-US feelings currently on rise will find a flow-valve

directed towards the porous J & K borders and Indo-Bangladeshi borders;

(c) if so, what contingency measures are in place to combat such menace; and

(d) whether lifting of US economic and military embargo on Pakistan will abet the terrorist activities along the border?

**Arrest of persons travelling on fake passports**

†2818. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons caught while attempting to travel abroad on the basis of bogus passports and other fake documents at various International Airports of the country during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of agents apprehended by the Government so far, who are engaged in sending people abroad on the basis of bogus documents; and

(d) whether Government have taken any action against these agents alongwith the number and names against whom action has been taken so far by the Government?

**Reservation for SCs and STs in Government jobs**

†2819. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision of reservation in Government jobs in Delhi for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether Government propose to deprive the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes of this reservation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



**Withdrawal of CRPF from reserve forests of Orissa**

2820. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken that the Central Reserve Police Force is likely to be withdrawn from protection duty of the Barbera Reserved Forests in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether as per reply submitted in this house it was stated that the presence of the CRPF prevented the heavy timber smuggling in those forests;

(d) whether Union Government would give an assurance that after the withdrawal of the CRPF there would not be any timber smuggling or wildlife poaching; and

(e) if not, then why should the CRPF not continue?

**Meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samitis**

†2821. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quarterly meetings of Hindi Salahkar Samitis in Ministries are to be presided over by Cabinet Ministers as per Official Languages Act;

(b) if so, the names of Ministries that violated the Act during 2002-2003; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for making proper arrangement to do away with the negligence of Official Languages Act?

**Persons detained during Gujarat violence**

2822. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons detained in the police and jail custody during the Gujarat violence indicating the period of detention i.e. (i) less than a week (ii) more than a week and (iii) more than a month;

(b) whether Government give the above informations for Godhra and post Godhra incidents separately; and

(c) number of charge sheets that have been framed for Godhra and post Godhra incidents?

**Nabbing of travelling agents**

†2823. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the travelling agents nabbed by the police during last three years who send people abroad by forging documents;

(b) the stern action taken by Government against those agents so far; and

(c) the State-wise details thereof?

**Infiltration from Bangladesh**

2824. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Border Security Force has commented in Kolkata that infiltration from neighbouring Bangladesh cannot be stopped altogether;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to BSF policing the entire porous border is not feasible; and

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(c) whether the BSF claims that the situation on Indo-Bangladesh border is still under control?

#### **Identification of illegal immigrants**

2825. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the Census 2001 operations any effort was made to identify the nationalities of respondents living in border States like Assam, Bengal and Bihar which have large number of illegal immigrants;

(b) is it a fact that many of such immigrants have managed to procure Ration Cards and Electoral Photo Identity Cards;

(c) whether Government have worked out the extent of such illegal immigration, based on 2001 census; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Infiltration from across the border**

2826. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that infiltration from across the border and along the LoC continues unabated;

(b) if so, whether Government is aware about its implications on Kashmir;

(c) whether his Ministry officials monitoring the situation have found nothing substantially wrong with the new Government's policy of reconciliation and amnesty as reported in the Statesman dated the 3rd February, 2003; and

(d) if so, details thereof and steps taken to stop infiltration?

#### **Assessment made by Government in respect of cross border terrorism**

2827. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees with the assessment that Pakistan is organising cross border terrorism in Kashmir on a big scale after the snow melts on the mountains of Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

#### **Safety of senior citizens**

2828. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there were incidents one after the other in the past year, of elderly people getting murdered by criminals through organised burglaries; and

(b) if so, what measures were taken to ensure safety of senior citizens?

#### **Illegal immigration of Bangladeshis**

2829. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has submitted an eight-point proposal to the Central Government to check illegal infiltration along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when was the proposal received by the Centre;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(e) what other steps are contemplated to restrict the illegal immigration of the Bangladeshis into Assam?

**Security arrangements at railway stations**

2830. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to take over the security arrangements at local railway stations in Mumbai like it has at the airports due to terrorist threat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Mulund bomb blast in Mumbai**

2831. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many were killed and injured in Mulund bomb blast in Mumbai on 13th March, 2003;

(b) whether Government have found any terrorist outfit responsible for that; and

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

**Criticism for invoking POTA**

2832. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of criticism has been made about the appropriateness of invoking POTA in a number of cases particularly pertaining to Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand etc.;

(b) if so, the nature and substance of these criticism and other details arising thereof;

(c) the Government's assessment about the genuineness of these criticisms; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government for redressing them?

**Vacating Kangla Fort by Assam Rifles**

2833. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the exact time by which Kangla Fort in Manipur will be vacated by the Assam Rifles;

(b) the way and manner in which the Fort would be utilised as a place of national importance; and

(c) the project, if any, with funds to be involved, for development of Kangla Fort?

**FIRs against leaders involved in riots at Ganj Basoda in M.P.**

2834. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI R. K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the names of various leaders of VHP, Bajrang Dal and BJP have been mentioned in the FIRs for looting and murder of innocents which took place on 15th January, 2003 in the town of Ganj Basoda in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many people have been arrested?

**Communal violence at Ganj Basoda (M.P.)**

2835. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI R. K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have never been any communal tension in the town of Ganj Basoda in Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) even in 1992 when there were riots in different parts of the country after Babri Masjid demolition; and

(b) what action has been taken to stop violence which took place on 15th January, 2003 at Ganj Basoda?

#### **Crimes against women**

†2836. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether crimes like rape, murder, dowry harassment against the women have increased during 2002-2003 in comparison to the previous years;

(b) the names of the States in which maximum number of such crimes took place and fresh steps being taken to check the crimes against women which are on the increase; and

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to enact a law for the capital punishment for the offence of rape?

#### **Arrangements made to tackle natural calamities**

†2837. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any comprehensive arrangements have been made by Government to tackle the natural calamity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Request for increasing more funds by Maharashtra**

2838. SHRIVIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has sought substantial increase in the Central funds for modernisation of police force in the State;

(b) if so, when these funds would be released to the Maharashtra Government; and

(c) whether Central Government are thinking of any general guidelines for modernisation of State police forces all over the country to adequately meet the challenges posed by changing profile of criminal elements?

#### **Committee set up to review POTA**

2839. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently constituted a committee to review POTA;

(b) if so, the reasons of constituting a committee to review POTA;

(c) whether some State Governments have openly violated to various provisions of POTA and misused in their respective States; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and by when the constituted committee is likely to submit its report to the Government?

#### **Review panel on POTA**

2840. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as Central review panel has been formed to go into the complaints over the application of POTA in certain cases;

(b) if so, how many cases have been taken up by the Central review panel and other details arising thereof; and

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(c) the number of cases that have been referred to the Central review panel by the Government and other details arising thereof?

#### **Collection of donations by VHP**

†2841. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the news-item brought out in the newspapers of Britain regarding large scale collection of donations by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad there;

(b) the details of mode and rules under which donations collected in Britain inflows to India; and

(c) quantum of donations as such the VHP has collected abroad?

#### **Construction of temple in Ayodhya**

2842. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what action Government are contemplating against VHP for giving threat of starting construction of temple on the site at Ayodhya?

#### **Security of producers and television anchors**

2843. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reports have been received by Government that at least six producers and top television anchors are on the hit list of terrorists for making films and programmes on cross border terrorism;

(b) if so, the names of film personalities who are on the hit list;

(c) whether these persons have been provided security; and

(d) other details in this regard?

#### **Legislation to regulate religious institutions**

2844. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is seriously considering for bringing legislation to regulate activities of places of worship and religious institutions;

(b) if so, how does it help the Ministry of Human Resource Development which is implementing the Central Scheme to modernise madarsas through the State Governments; and

(c) the salient features of the proposed legislation?

#### **Suicide cases in Delhi**

†2845. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicide cases in Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the number of men and women who committed suicide in these cases;

(c) the main reasons which were reported to be responsible for such suicides; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve these reasons?

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**Spurt in cases under Official Secrets Act**

2846. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been sudden spurt in the cases registered under the Official Secrets Act in the recent past;

(b) whether several M.Ps have appealed to the Government for an amendment to the Act to make it more effective; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Urdu knowing persons employed with Delhi Police**

2847. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the police department of Delhi, a very substantial amount of work till sixties was done in Urdu language;

(b) if so, what is the provision for Urdu knowing people and translators in the police department and police stations in the Union Territory of Delhi; and

(c) how many Urdu knowing persons are employed with Delhi Police at the moment?

**Role of National Foundation for Communal Harmony**

2848. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the role and activities of National Foundation of Communal Harmony since its inception;

(b) whether there is a proposal to change the profile and role of NFCH; and

(c) whether it is a fact that IB and RAW will be using NFCH for their activities abroad?

**Spurt in bomb blasts incidents**

2849. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spurt in bomb blasts in Maharashtra and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents of bomb blasts in the country during the last six months, the type of material used therein, number of persons killed and injured and the compensation paid to injured and kins of deceased;

(c) whether anybody claimed responsibility or whether Government detected the group(s) responsible for these blasts;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents?

**Police action against tribals of Kerala**

2850. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether police action and cases filed against tribals at Muthanga, Wyanand district of Kerala is in the attention of competent authority;

(b) if so, details including cases registered;

(c) whether there are many cases registered in various parts of country in which Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are a party;

(d) if so, details including number of such cases registered, pending for, trials started, convicted, acquitted, State-wise, year-wise, category-wise, for last three years; and

(e) number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes undergoing imprisonment in various jails, State-wise, category-wise, year-wise for the last three years?

#### **Spurt in terrorist activities in J&K**

2851. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden spurt in the terrorist activities in J&K in the recent past;

(b) the number of persons killed in the State during the month of March, 2003;

(c) whether Central Government have received any report from the J&K Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Security Personnel killed at Akshardham Temple**

2852. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Security Personnel were killed by militants at Akshardham Temple, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of the deceased;

(c) the details of the compensation given to the next of the kin of each deceased; and

(d) whether any award has been given to the any one of them and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Progress made in resolving Kashmir issues**

†2853. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress report made so far by the former Home Secretary appointed as Central interlocutor for the peace talks in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the results achieved so far following the exchange of talks between the Central interlocutor and the elected representatives and other outfits; and

(c) the details of the talks held so far?

#### **Tunnel at Indo-Pak border**

†2854. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item under the caption, "Bharat-Pak seema per 30 meter lambi surang"; and

(b) if so, details of facts thereof?

#### **Management of international coastal borders**

2855. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements exist whereby part of the expenses for the management of international coastal borders are borne by the Central Government;

(b) if so, length of the coastal borders managed by different coastal States and the expenses incurred by Central Government with respect of each State coastal border during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and what arrangement, if any, is being worked out for sharing such coastal management?

**Demonstration for security of Kuki tribal area**

†2856. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuki students of North-East had staged a demonstration in the month of February, 2003 and also submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister regarding their demand for security of Kuki tribal area;

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the details of demands made by them in the said memorandum?

**Left-wing extremism**

2857. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems both with regard to the law and order and developmental front in the wake of recommendations made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs about the rising extremism of the left-wing parties in different parts of the country?

**Cultivation of opium and cannabis in India**

2858. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report of the United

Nations International Narcotics Control Board for the year 2002 expressing concern on the wide spread illicit cultivation of opium and cannabis in India, especially in Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh which might retard the long term economic development in these regions; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to combat the illicit cultivation of these drugs and also for crops substitution in the affected States?

**Terms of reference of review committee on POTA**

2859. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:  
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed committee to review implementation of the Prevention of Terrorist Act, 2002, has been set up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the personnel, terms of reference and time-frame fixed for giving findings and suggesting to check any misuse of various provisions of the POTA?

**Rape of dalit/advasi women**

2860. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in every two minutes a rape of a dalit or advasi woman is committed; and

(b) the role of police in violence against women, children and weaker sections?

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**Deployment of Army near LoC**

2861. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering deployment and special recruitment of Army, BSF along the border area of Jammu and Kashmir i.e. within 5 kms. of LoC in view of the hardships being faced by the poor villagers especially farmers who are unable to cultivate their land due to cross border firing and militancy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Fake passport racket**

†2862. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got any information about those people who went abroad on the basis of fake passports and documents during March, 1999 to December, 2002;

(b) if so, the total number of such people;

(c) the names of the countries where such people are living alongwith the numbers thereof; and

(d) the number of people with regard to whom Government have initiate action for bring them back to the country?

**Visas to Pakistani nationals**

2863. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals to whom visas were issued for permanent stay in India during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the criteria adopted for the purpose?

**Raising of separate funds for persons affected by terrorism and riots**

2864. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Delhi High Court has given a verdict to consider raising a separate fund for persons affected by terrorism and riots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the present compensation offered to the terrorist and riot victims;

(d) whether Government have acted on the verdict of Delhi High Court; and

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

**Missing of targets in shooting trial**

2865. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Police Brass miss targets in shooting trial";

(b) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remedy such situation?

**Raising of local battalions in Jammu and Kashmir**

2866. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering raising of local battalions in

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Jammu and Kashmir on the pattern of the North-East to help the unemployed rural youths to earn their livelihood; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Dialogue to resolve Kashmir issue**

2867. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the interlocutor appointed by the Central Government to start the process of dialogue on Jammu and Kashmir has started his work with the leaders of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether dialogue with separatist leaders including the Hurriyat Conference has also been permitted and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the National Conference leaders including the former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir would also be invited for the talks and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the net outcome of the talks is likely to be made public?

#### **Rampant incest in Indian families**

2868. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "incest is rampant in Indian families";

(b) if so, the details of instances which brought to Government's notice during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so as to encourage and promote healthy norms in this regard?

#### **Mineral exploration undertaken by MECL**

2869. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the major exploration activities undertaken by the Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) in various States;

(b) whether MECL has proposed the expansion and diversification of its activities during Tenth Plan;

(c) if so, the programme prepared by MECL thereon; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Proposal for new aluminium plant in Andhra Pradesh**

2870. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals to set up new aluminium plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up aluminium plants near bauxite reserves**

2871. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps where largest quantum of bauxite reserve areas are found;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to set up aluminium alumina plants on the basis of the bauxite reserves in such States;

(c) whether private sector companies are also keen to set up bauxite base aluminium alumina plants in those States;

- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to clear these proposals?

**Establishing of bio-gas plants in Gujarat**

2872. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of bio-gas plants established in the State of Gujarat, district-wise;
- (b) how many of them are presently functional;
- (c) whether any survey is proposed to be conducted in this regard in the State; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation programme for generating power from solar energy in Gujarat**

2873. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes and programmes of Government are under implementation in Gujarat for generating power from solar energy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the results achieved so far in the State?

**Implementation of energy projects in the States**

†2874. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the energy projects under implementation in the different States specially in U.P. at present;

- (b) whether any such proposals have been pending with the Government for clearance; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Use of solar energy for cooking mid-day meals in schools**

2875. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are working on a proposal to use the solar energy for cooking the mid-day meals in schools of western Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the apparatuses required for cooking the mid-day meals have since been supplied to the respective schools;
- (d) the cost of the entire project;
- (e) whether all the schools in Rajasthan and other States will be brought under the ambit of such project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and indicating the expenditure involved thereon and the manner in which it will be met?

**Corruption cases registered against bureaucrats and politicians**

†2876. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vigilance/corruption cases registered against bureaucrats and politicians holding high level posts during the last three years;
- (b) the number of bureaucrats and politicians against whom charge sheets have been filed so far;

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(c) the number of bureaucrats and politicians punished; and

(d) the steps taken to expedite action in such cases?

(f) how many Associations have become functional from these; and

(g) by when remaining in (b) above will get recognition?

#### **Beneficiaries of Central Pension Scheme**

2877. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries of Central Pension Scheme as on 1st January, 2003 and the amount spent on their pension together with its share of the Central Budget; and

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the age of retirement of its employees, limit the age of continuance of pensionary benefits or revise the same by fixing minimum and maximum limits?

#### **Recognition of Associations**

2878. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered Associations applied for getting recognition from Ministry between 2000 to 2002;

(b) how many Associations have submitted required documents till 10th March, 2003 and got recognition from (a) above;

(c) the names of Associations not got recognition from (b) above;

(d) the numbers of Associations from (a) above are under consideration for recognition;

(e) the number of Associations recognized before 1997;

#### **Vacant posts of SCs/STs**

2879. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of SCs/STs under various categories are lying vacant in various departments and undertakings under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of vacancies existing in Computer line also;

(d) the action taken by Ministry and Department as per DoPT Order No. 20011/1/2001-Estt. (D) dated 21st January, 2002 to fill up vacant posts;

(e) whether reserved vacancies are also being notified to recognised Association as per Government orders; and

(f) if so, details thereof; otherwise reasons therefor?

#### **Approval for construction of Community Centre**

2880. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Personnel and Public Grievances and Pensions had approved the construction of a Community Centre/Barat Ghar in the Central Park of Sector XII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi in 1987;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in construction of Community Centre/Barat Ghar in Central Park of Sector XII, R.K. Puram;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(d) whether any time limit has been fixed for such construction, if so, the details thereof?

#### **India as corrupt nation in Asia**

†2881. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published by Hong-Kong based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy Limited with regard to corruption in Asian countries;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that India is said to be second most corrupt nation in Asia as per report; and

(c) if so, the facts in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Seminar on corruption cases investigated by CBI**

2882. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has decided to hold meeting of concerned officials on February 20, 2003 to discuss issues related to long-pending cases against public servants and also decided to give prosecution sanction in over 200 cases of corruption being investigated by Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) if so, whether a three day seminar on effective ways to curb corruption was held recently;

(c) whether the seminar was jointly organised by CBI, Asian Development Bank and Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development and was attended by representatives of 14 countries, including India; and

(d) if so, what was the outcome of the seminar?

#### **Enquiries conducted by CVC against officials**

†2883. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission have conducted enquiries into the cases of many officials;

(b) if so, the number of officials inquired into from March, 1998 to December, 2002; and

(c) the number of official in respect of whom enquiries were completed and recommendations made for taking punitive action together with the Departments/Ministry they belong to and the number of such officials?

#### **Uniform for class IV employees vis-a-vis corruption**

2884. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:  
Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cent per cent class IV staff members do not wear the uniform provided to them during winter as well as summer;

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(b) if so, whether the last Central Pay Commission had recommended the grant of monthly maintenance allowance in lieu of uniform and the aforesaid recommendation has not found favour with Government; and

(c) if so, whether Government would reconsider the decision to check Corruption, malpractice and save vast Government unproductive expenditure?

#### **Increase in power generation**

†2885. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of increase in power generation in the country from March, 2000 to February, 2003 together with the State-wise details thereof;

(b) the power projects pending at present together with the reasons therefor and by when these will be completed; and

(c) the gap between the demand and generation of power at present and by when it will be bridged?

#### **PTS for power**

2886. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the pre-requisites for any Public Transport System (PTS) is the availability of power or fuel;

(b) if so, whether Government have ample resources to ensure the necessary power supply or fuel supply; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Maharashtra power projects for NTPC**

2887. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra has given a Power Project to NTPC;

(b) amount of power that would be generated by the plant to meet the shortage of power in the State;

(c) the details of terms of agreement entered into for the purpose; and

(d) time by which, the project would come up?

#### **Electrification of Dalit bastis in Gujarat**

2888. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked the State Government of Gujarat to furnish the data relating to villages electrified, un-electrified and electrified Dalit bastis and hamlets in the State;

(b) if so, whether such data has been furnished by the State Government;

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

(d) what steps Government have taken for achieving 100 per cent village electrification in the State?

#### **Private Power Projects**

2889. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of private power projects existing at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of these projects sanctioned by Central Electricity Authority till date and by when these plants will start generating power in addition to (a) above;

(c) the manner by which the power produced by these private plants will be utilised; and

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(d) the assistance provided by Government to these plants, State-wise?

**Electrification of villages in Tenth Five Year Plan**

2890. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that recently CCEA has approved an action plan for 100 per cent village electrification and sanctioned Rs. 564 crores in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

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

(c) the amount that has been allocated for the year 2003-04; and

(d) the details of villages that are going to be covered in the first two years of Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

**Assessment of amount spent on power supply by SEB's**

†2891. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of amount spent by State Electricity Boards in the country on power supply; and

(b) if so, the average amount spent annually by each State Electricity Board in the country on every unit supplied to the consumer during last three years?

**Schemes for power generations in Himachal Pradesh**

†2892. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes operating in Himachal Pradesh in the field of power generation indicating the time since when operating;

(b) the power being generated under each scheme and the financial gain being accrued from these power generation by the State every year; and

(c) whether there is any scheme under the consideration of Government other than the above ones; if so, the details thereof?

**Integrated rural power programme in NES**

†2893. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any work has been undertaken in the North Eastern States under the integrated rural power programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the year-wise/State-wise amount spent for the same during last three years?

**Power production in Uttaranchal**

2894. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of power in Uttaranchal at present;

(b) the total requirement of power in the State, district-wise; and

(c) the measures taken to increase the production of power in the State making it as self-dependent in the matter?

**Generation of power through captive power projects**

†2895. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power is being

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generated through captive power projects in various regions;

(b) if so, the average annual power generation made through projects during last three years;

(c) the total of power generation capacity of such projects; and

(d) the average generation cost of power generated through such projects?

#### **Comparative power tariff in SA and India**

†2896. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power tariff in India happen to be four times more than those in South Africa;

(b) if not, the facts thereof; and

(c) the power tariff in Orissa, the harbinger in power reforms *vis-a-vis* South Africa?

#### **Construction of roads under PMGSY in Orissa and Uttar Pradesh**

2897. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the approach roads from Ibrisingh to Panchapalli road in Jagatsinghpur, Orissa and Sultanpur-Ghughuri-Katka in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh are still in Kutcha condition;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to make these roads Pucca under PMGSY;

(c) if so, by when and the details thereof separately;

(d) whether Government are also aware that a lot of sanctioned money for these roads are syphoned off by contractors over the years; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Employment Assurance Scheme**

2898. SHRI JANARDHANA  
POOJARY:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employment Assurance Scheme is running in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of districts which are covered under this scheme in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) what is the sharing percentage between the Centre and State under this scheme; and

(d) what are the expected results presumed by Government in the next three years under this scheme?

#### **Loans given to women groups in Bihar under SGSY**

†2899. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Districts in Bihar where loans were provided to the women groups under the Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana during the last three years indicating the quantum of loans extended and the number of women groups to whom loans were provided;

(b) the details of number of women groups which have repaid the loans;

(c) whether any problem is being faced in marketing the products manufactured by the women groups constituted under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the profits earned by the women groups?

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**Foreign assistance for watershed projects in Andhra Pradesh**

2900. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking foreign assistance in respect of watershed Developmental Projects in the State;

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

(c) the present status of the aforesaid projects?

**Distribution of wastelands in Andhra Pradesh**

2901. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued general guidelines to States for development of wastelands and its distribution to rural landless poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise with particular reference to Andhra Pradesh (District-wise); and

(c) the quantum of funds allocated and the progress made in the distribution of surplus/wastelands to poor during the last three years and in the current year, State-wise?

**Transport facilities in Rural Areas**

†2902. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are still more than 40 per cent of such rural areas where adequate transport facilities are not available; and

(b) if so, what scheme Government propose to provide the above facility in the rural areas?

**Water quality in Gujarat**

2903. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when was the last survey done in rural Gujarat to find out the quality of drinking water of habitations affected by fluoride, salinity, iron, arsenic, nitrate etc.;

(b) whether Government propose to advise the State Government to undertake fresh survey in this regard in view of adverse reports from the State; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Criteria for allocation of foodgrains under Food for Work Programme**

2904. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains allotted to each State during 2001 and 2002 under the Food for Work Programme and the criteria for allocation;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains allotted to each State under drought with criteria for such allocation; and

(c) whether any State Governments have protested against the formula and if so, the reasons therefor?

**Use of funds under Sector Reforms Scheme in Karnataka**

2905. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought an extension of one year to make

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use of the funds sanctioned under the Centrally sponsored Sector Reforms Scheme;

(b) if so, the names of districts in Karnataka which have been chosen for improving drinking water facility in rural areas under the above scheme;

(c) the amount so far sanctioned by Government and the amount spent; and

(d) whether Government has permitted Karnataka to implement the scheme before February, 2004?

#### **Employment generated through Watershed Development Project in Andhra Pradesh**

2906. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released for planning and development of Watershed Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh, especially, in drought prone areas during 2002-2003; and

(b) the employment generated in rural areas on account of Watershed Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Funds to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of PMGSY schemes**

2907. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has urged the Centre to provide Rs. 750 crore per year for completing rural road network in the State for the next four years to meet the target set under the Prime Minister Gramin Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted full details for utilisation of the amount;

(c) whether the Union Government has considered the request of Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision for providing the amount is likely to be taken?

#### **Roads in Uttar Pradesh**

†2908. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for construction of metalled roads in the backward districts of Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan together with the district-wise amount actually released;

(b) the amount actually spent on construction of roads in the backward districts during the said period together with the reasons for the balance amount remaining unspent; and

(c) the amount provided for connecting all the villages of the country particularly the villages of the backward districts of Uttar Pradesh with the major roads during the Tenth Plan?

#### **Houses to BPL people**

†2909. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one third population of the country is living below the poverty line;

(b) whether Government have made any arrangement for providing houses to these one third poor people;

(c) if so, the number of persons which have already been provided with houses so

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far under this arrangement together with the number of persons which could not be provided with houses by Government; and

(d) the comprehensive details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Construction of road in Kaljikhali Block in Pauri Garhwal**

2910. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 301 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by PWD, Garhwal regarding construction of road in Kaljikhali Block in Pauri Garhwal District;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in initiation of work for paving of the said road?

**Provision of civic amenities and infrastructures to villages of Azamgarh, U.P.**

2911. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme and project for providing various civic amenities and development of infrastructure of villages of Azamgarh and Mau Districts of U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

▲ (c) criteria adopted by Government for allocating funds for development work?

**Elections of Gram Panchayats and Municipalities**

†2912. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gram Sabhas and Municipalities are functioning in all the States and Union Territories in the country;

(b) if not, the States where elections for Gram-Panchayats and Municipalities have not been held for the last three or more years; and

(c) the names of States in the country where 50 per cent of Gram-Panchayats and Municipalities have not been constituted by holding legal elections?

**Requirement of funds for PMGSY Schemes in Andhra Pradesh**

2913. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to assess the requirements of funds to connect all villages of Andhra Pradesh with all weather roads within a time-frame;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to release the funds to the State for the purpose; and

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

**Cess on diesel**

2914. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are levying a Cess of one rupee on every litre of diesel and 50 per cent of this Cess is utilised for development of rural roads including tribal areas; and

(b) if so, how much Cess has so far been collected and how much has been spent on rural roads with details of rural roads constructed in Andhra Pradesh and in rest of the Country?

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**Rural Landless Employment  
Guarantee Programme**

2915. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO :

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Landless Employment  
Guarantee Programme is a part of Jawahar  
Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether any target for creating  
employment opportunities for the rural  
landless were fixed during the last three  
years;

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

(d) whether those targets have been  
achieved; and

(e) if not, the remedial measures  
proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Consolidation of watershed  
programmes under a single Ministry**

2916. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOP-  
MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority have  
decided to consolidate all watershed  
programmes under single Ministry to avoid  
multiplicity of authority and overlapping;

(b) if so, details including the decision  
taken in this regard;

(c) whether the panchayats will be given  
the authority to decide the watershed  
catchment to be forestry oriented; and

(d) whether a common norm of  
implementation will be formulated for  
watershed programmes?

**Implementation of Sawajaldhara  
project in N.E. States**

†2917. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH  
SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government  
for the implementation of "Sawajaldhara"  
drinking water project in North East States;  
and

(b) the number of proposals received so  
far from the concerned State Governments  
in this regard and necessary action taken by  
Government thereon?

**Postponement of loan recovery by  
banks from drought affected farmers**

†2918. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will  
the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have postponed  
the recovery of loan by banks from the  
farmers in drought affected States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the interest  
rate on the loans given to farmers has also  
been exempted by the banks to provide relief  
to farmers in badly hit drought affected  
States; and

(c) if so, the affected State-wise details  
thereof?

**BPL families in Uttaranchal**

2919. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will  
the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to refer to the answers to  
Unstarred Questions 1523 and 1527 given  
in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 2003 and  
state:

(a) the number of families living in  
Uttaranchal below poverty line, district-wise;  
and

(b) what is the criteria fixed to recognise  
them below poverty line especially living in  
far-flung areas of this State?

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**Financial viability of water  
desalination plants**

2920. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are planning any water desalination plants in the country;
- (b) if so, where these plants will be located and with what capacity; and
- (c) the financial viability of water desalination plants in the country?

**Financial assistance to Uttaranchal for  
potable water schemes**

†2921. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total financial assistance sought by Uttaranchal for the potable water schemes and installation of handpumps under drought relief programmes;
- (b) whether Government have sanctioned the above amount by accepting the State Government's request;
- (c) if so, the total sanctioned amount and whether the said amount is as per the State's requirements; and
- (d) if not, whether Government will consider on extending additional assistance to the State?

**Schemes for BPL families**

2922. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 1523 and 1527 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th March, 2003 and state:

- (a) the schemes being implemented for BPL families and annual expenditure being incurred on them, State-wise; and
- (b) how far it has helped in rising their standard of living?

**Export of handloom items to foreign  
countries**

†2923. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the countries to which handloom items were exported during the last three years, year-wise till date;
- (b) whether Government have formulated any special scheme keeping in view the rising demand of Indian handloom items in the foreign countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**MFA among developing countries**

2924. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US and the European Union have been applying the provisions of the Multi-Fibre Agreement differently among the developing countries while importing textile and apparel products;
- (b) if so, whether the MFA, which came into force from 1974, has sought to prop up Chinese exports much higher than those from India before imposing quotas on them;
- (c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard;
- (d) whether the question has been taken up by India with both US & EU; and
- (e) if so, their reaction thereto?

**Inadequate power supply affecting  
powerloom weavers**

2925. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inadequate power supply is affecting the powerloom weavers adversely; and

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(b) if so, the action proposed to support the powerloom weavers by better infrastructure and power supply?

**US move in WTO to block Indian textile exports**

2926. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has moved the WTO to block Indian textile exports;

(b) if so, whether the Washington have claimed that the products have attained export competitiveness and should be ineligible for concessions under the World Trade Organisation Agreement;

(c) whether India's eight-year transition period for gaining export competitiveness and removing all subsidies is due to end in 2003;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government; and

(e) to what extent, Government has moved to the WTO in this regard?

**New Powerloom work shed scheme**

2927. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposal to introduce a new powerloom work shed scheme;

(b) whether a special insurance scheme is also being introduced for powerloom workers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

**Major sops to textiles**

2928. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give major sops to Textiles in the current year to give fillip to economy and generate employment, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 1st January, 2003; and

(b) if so, details of the proposed inputs that would be made to achieve the objective?

**Profitability of the Textile Mills**

2929. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile industry is suffering from low profitability;

(b) if so, whether this has affected the working of almost two-third of the spinning mills in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of measures taken to improve the profitability of the Textile Industry?

**Privatisation of Konark Jute Mill in Orissa**

2930. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konark Jute Mill at Dhanmandal in Orissa is running at profit;

(b) if so, the performance of the Jute Mill during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have a proposal for the privatisation of that Jute Mill; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Non-purchase of handloom items by  
Government departments**

†2931. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that stock of handloom and khadi items has piled up with the weavers;

(b) whether this situation has developed because of non-purchase of handloom items by the Government departments;

(c) whether Government propose to take any concrete action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CII's suggestions on textiles**

2932. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CII has urged the Government to give special attention to textiles;

(b) if so, what are the suggestions given by the CII in this regard;

(c) how many of its suggestions have been accepted; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to implement them?

**Protectionism in Textiles by the EU  
and US**

2933. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India together with 16 other developing countries including China has

joined hands to fight the protectionism being practised by the EU and US in the area of textiles;

(b) if so, whether in a joint submission to the negotiating group of rules of the WTO, the countries have sought protection from unjustified recourse to trade remedy actions;

(c) if so, the nations which have jointly submitted the report; and

(d) the reaction of the WTO on this issue?

**Powerloom industry affected by hike  
in excise duty**

2934. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 10 per cent hike in Excise duty is very much affected the powerloom industry as a whole resulting in unemployment of weavers and revenue loss for Government;

(b) whether Government is also aware of the ongoing strike of the powerloom industries;

(c) if so, the steps proposed by Government to save the powerloom industries from the present crisis and to save the poor weavers from unemployment; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Handicraft Development Centres**

2935. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for the Handicraft Development Centres for the last three years, State-wise;

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(b) whether the Development Commissioner, Handicraft have separate Budget for the design and development of handicrafts and marketing it, if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise, product-wise; and

(c) the benefits traditional artisans have received in preserving their traditional arts and crafts of India, if so, the details thereof?

**Supply of duty-free yarn to weavers of Handloom Industries in the country**

2936. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme by the Government to supply duty-free yarn to weavers of Handloom Industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of policies including financial aspects and various schemes introduced as on this day by Government for development of Handloom Industries in the country?

NEW DELHI;  
The 3rd April, 2003  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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