

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Culture; Development of North Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Mines; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

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Revamping of Temple in Purana Quila Complex

4796. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that High Court of Delhi has given directions that the temple of Maharani Kunti, mother of Pandavas, located in the Purana Quila Delhi complex be given its historic ambience and made a tourist destination;

(b) if so, whether it has since been revamped and brought on the tourist map; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Heritage site of Holkar Fort

4797. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Heritage site-Holkar Fort-at Maheshwar

(Khargone) was utilized by Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism for New Year festivities (January 1st to 3rd) in an unbecoming manner in the company of foreigners;

(b) if so, the persons responsible for this sacrilege;

(c) the action being taken against the persons involved and those responsible for security/upkeep of the Fort; and

(d) what are the general instructions for avoiding this kind of sacrileges of Indian Heritage and the persons responsible to ensure that these are strictly followed?

Maintenance of historical places in Rajasthan

†4798. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan is a leading State in respect of historical heritage and archaeological sites;

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(b) whether due to these factors the number of tourists has been increasing continuously;

(c) whether these archaeological sites have been continuously decaying due to lack of proper maintenance;

(d) whether any scheme for the maintenance of these sites is under Government's consideration;

(e) whether any scheme has been formulated wherein cooperation of institutions in maintenance work, through the method of adoption, would be sought for bringing them in their original forms; and

(f) whether Government would consider a scheme of maintenance and operation on the pattern of M.O.T. (Maintenance, Operation, Transfer)?

Monuments in Bihar

4799. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the archaeological monuments with ASI in Bihar;

(b) whether such monuments are being claimed as Wakf by the State Wakf Board;

(c) if so, Government's stand in the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken to resolve the situation?

Grants-in-aid for promoting culture

4800. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the organizations receiving Grants-in-aid in the name of promoting culture in Bihar;

(b) the amounts sanctioned to each such organization in the State during the last two years and this year so far;

(c) the mechanism to ensure that only genuine organizations get such Grants-in-aid; and

(d) the organizations whose credentials are under scrutiny?

Development of Somnath

†4801. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the development of Somnath pilgrimage centre in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Munshi Premchand's residence as National Monument

†4802. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Parliamentary Committee has made an inspection of the village and residence of great novelist Munshi Premchand in March, 2005;

(b) if so, the suggestions of the said committee; and

(c) whether Government have decided to include his residence in the list of national monuments?

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Investment in PSEs

†4803. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that borrowed money has been invested on a large scale in Public Sector Enterprises;

(b) if so, the amount thereof till December, 2004;

(c) the amount of capital investment made by Government during the above period; and

(d) to what extent the borrowed money is likely to be increased further during the year 2005-06?

Filling up of vacant posts in PSUs

4804. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the vacancies of the Board level post in the sick PSUs under Department of Heavy Industry, company-wise;

(b) whether any advice/intimation was sent by his Ministry during 2001-2002 to PSEB not to fill up the Board level posts including the Chief Executives in sick PSUs referred to BIFR or likely to be disinvested;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether similar advice has been sent

by Government to PSEB with regard to the same sick PSUs; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Production of Automobiles

4805. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of each type of commercial automobiles both two wheelers and four wheelers during the last three financial years;

(b) the value of these vehicles;

(c) the growth recorded in this sector during the above period; and

(d) the employment generated in the automobile sector during the last three financial years?

Autonomy to Public Sector Undertakings

4806. SHRI NAND KISHORE
YADAV: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more powers would be given to certain Public Sector Undertakings for acquisitions and merger among them without Government's prior permission;

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

(c) whether Government would allow Mini Ratna PSUs to have access to the National Investment Fund for developing their base;

(d) if so, the details of such PSUs that need help from the Fund; and

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(e) Government's policy in dealing with Mini Ratna PSUs from their present plight?

Car Manufacturing Units in Tamil Nadu

4807. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of car manufacturing units in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to increase their number;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Dividends of PSUs

4808. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 5,000 crore was the short-fall of normal dividend for 2003-04 in respect of the Public Sector Undertaking;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the names of the PSUs in this category;
- (c) the details of the PSUs that have paid interim dividend till December 2004; and
- (d) what is the monitoring mechanism to ensure that interim and normal dividends are paid by PSUs on time and the reasons for short-falls, if any, are thoroughly gone into and the corrective action suggested?

Professional Education in Maharashtra

†4809. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the institutions imparting professional education in Maharashtra; and
- (b) the number of students who were imparted training during 2002-03 and 2003-04?

Maharshi Dayanand University, Ajmer

†4810. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Ajmer is a centre of education in Rajasthan where the oldest university of the State i.e., Maharshi Dayanand University exists;
- (b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that Maharshi Dayanand University is still an deficient university from the point of view of imparting education and only the work related to conducting of examinations is carried out here; and
- (c) whether Government propose to convert it into a perfect university in the field of education, if so, the details thereof?

Qualifications and salaries of teachers

4811. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have given any

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attention to upgrading the qualifications and salaries for all the teachers in Government schools;

(b) whether there is any possibility to have a common test for selection of teachers for all the Government schools;

(c) if so, whether the Central Advisory Board on Education has extended or offered any formula on how to conduct a nation-wide common selection scheme for the Government teachers;

(d) the steps to be taken to ensure that all the teachers achieve minimum qualifications and teaching skills; and

(e) the steps proposed to pay more to such Government teachers, etc?

Voluntary Organisations getting Assistance under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†4812. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Voluntary Organisations provided with assistance by Government under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the last three years; and

(b) the number of blocks and villages in U.P. and Rajasthan where the same is being utilized?

Vocationalisation of Secondary Education

4813. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation made for vocationalisation of Secondary Education at + 2 level;

(b) the details of the courses offered through vocational education;

(c) whether it is a fact that the allocation for vocational education and Training Scheme has been considerably reduced during the last ten years; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Education for minorities

†4814. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 41 districts of the country having majority of educationally backward minorities have also been included in "Samudayik Bahushilp Kendra Yojana";

(b) if so, the number of the beneficiaries under this scheme during the last three years so far year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the number of the craftsmen and workers belonging to minorities getting benefited from Industrial Training Institute and polytechnics situated in these districts?

Status of Women's Studies

4815. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that status of women's studies within the University system was much below the desired level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had asked the University Grants Commission to set up a Standing Committee to go into the working of women's studies on a continuing basis; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Weak Development Blocks

†4816. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether leaving the Development Blocks lagging behind educationally just on the basis of having less gender gap is justified even if the educational level of girls may be weak therein; and

(b) the rational behind non inclusion of such Blocks?

Kendriya Vidyalayas

†4817. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a scheme to set up a Kendriya Vidyalaya in each district of every State;

(b) if so, whether Kendriya Vidyalayas are available in each district as per the scheme; and

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

Maintenance of Hygiene, Sanitation in Government Schools

4818. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the thrust being placed by Government in maintenance of hygiene, sanitation in Government schools so as children are not subjected to infection;

(b) whether Government are aware that the condition of Government schools in Delhi is pathetic on this front;

(c) whether Government are aware that Children of Government primary school in Mayur Vihar phase-1 Delhi are openly defecating resulting in possibilities of epidemic due to filthy and unclean toilets creating unpleasant atmosphere is the entire adjoining locality;

(d) if so, the action being taken against officials responsible for such negligence; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Private professional Colleges and Universities

4819. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of colleges and universities exclusively meant for professional degrees;

(b) the number thereof under private management and Government management;

(c) whether it is a fact that admission in the privately managed professional degree colleges very often goes without any administrative control causing great problems to the meritorious students;

(d) whether Government are aware that foul money regulates admission opportunities in many of such institutions; and

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take?

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Vocational/job oriented courses in schools under CBSE

4820. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce vocational/job oriented courses in CBSE administered schools; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and by when such courses would be introduced?

Under-graduate science courses

4821. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start under graduate science courses at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; and

(b) to promote science education, whether Government would take steps to introduce such courses?

Annual Reports of NCW

4822. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Annual Reports of the National Commission for Women for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 were presented to Government;

(b) when these were discussed and debated in the Parliament; and

(c) what are the salient point of the observation made by the Commission and to what extent NCW has been successful to effectively deal with the social evils like dowry deaths, molestation/rapes and other crimes against women?

Urdu teachers in Bihar

4823. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Urdu teachers in Bihar;

(b) the number of posts of Urdu teachers lying vacant in the State;

(c) the steps being taken to fill up those vacancies; and

(d) whether more posts of Urdu teachers would be created to meet the shortage?

Ban on private tuition

4824. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board on Education had suggested that school teachers be barred from private tuition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) in what manner Government would review such laws or bans, etc.; and

(e) the steps proposed to review such plans for banning private tuition, etc. by school teachers?

Harassment of women at their work places

†4825. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

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the fact that incidents of harassment of women at their work places are increasing;

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

(c) whether Government have drawn any action plan to check such harassment?

UGC's role for providing quality of higher education

‡4826. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has been conferred the responsibility of maintaining the quality of higher education and to monitor the authenticity of the institutes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that fake universities have been running for the past several years affecting the quality of higher education as well as corrupting the education system; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the steps University Grants Commission has taken in this regard?

Private sector in higher education

4827. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with Government focusing on primary education, private sector has decided to stake its claim in the higher education pie;

(b) whether according to private sector, Government's public expenditure on higher education has been far from adequate and Government are incapable of meeting the growing demands in the sector;

(c) if so, to what extent Government have agreed to private sector's participation in higher education; and

(d) whether the private sector has offered their help and assistance to Government in achieving this and to what extent Government have agreed?

Free compulsory education

‡4828. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's decision for the provision of free compulsory education would not fully tackle the education related problems unless and until high level of education is included in the said decision;

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

(c) whether Government have contemplated any new scheme for providing uniform high level education; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Schools in foreign countries

†4829. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have opened schools in the foreign countries on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the names of the countries where these schools are functioning at present;

(c) the number of such schools in these countries; and

(d) the arrangements made to provide the funds for expenditure to be incurred on these schools?

Cases sent by NCW to Chhattisgarh Administration

†4830. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases sent to Chhattisgarh Administration by the National Commission for women;

(b) the details of those cases alongwith the dates when the same were forwarded;

(c) the number of the cases wherein recommended action has been taken; and

(d) the details of the cases pending for action?

Status of Central University

4831. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted the status of Central University to some universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits likely to be extended to these universities after granting them the status of Central University;

(d) whether some universities, which were granted Central University status, have been facing severe financial problems;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Anganwadi Centres

4832. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the State Governments to hand over the Management of the Anganwadi Centres to Panchayats;

(b) if so, the States who have already implemented the decision;

(c) whether Government propose to provide funds for Anganwadi Centres directly to the Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Intellectual property rights Chairs

4833. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up 10 additional intellectual property rights Chairs in different universities to generate capacity within the country to deal with the available and growing knowledge wealth;

(b) if so, the details of the universities identified for this purpose; and

(c) the details of such six professional Chairs instituted?

Reforms in examination system

4834. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to carry out extensive reforms in the examination system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether reforms in the examination system are proposed to be extended to University examinations also and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have consulted any expert agencies like CBSE, UGC etc., and if so, the response received therefrom; and

(e) whether the matter is proposed to be thrown up for information of public discussion before a final decision is taken in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Short duration courses in IIM

4835. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce some short duration courses to create over 600 seats in the Indian Institutes of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely income to be generated by Government therefrom?

Graded system of marking

4836. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has come out with a set of guidelines to implement a graded system of marking in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to implement a graded system in the CBSE conducted examination of 10th and 12th standards;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Donations in Public schools

4837. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn that recently a number of prominent public schools in Delhi were found giving admissions to students in lieu of donations running into lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some years back, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi completely banned all donations to be taken for admissions to schools and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the errant schools and impose exemplary and deterrent punishment on them for violating the HC's directive on ban of donations?

District Institute of Education and Training

4838. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance is extended to the State Governments to establish DIETs or to upgrade the existing DIETs;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the funds released during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether a number of requests have been received from State Governments for release of funds for establishment of DIETs or for up gradation of the existing DIETs in the respective States; and

(d) if so, details in this regard and by when funds would be released to the States, with special reference to Karnataka?

Schemes for secondary education

†4839. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being run by

Government through the State Governments for imparting secondary education; and

(b) whether grant to the States for these schemes is sanctioned by Government annually after receiving proposals in this regard?

Continuing Education Programme in Madhya Pradesh

†4840. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts where the continuing Education Programme has been launched so far alongwith the year-wise details of the amount of instalments sanctioned and released, State-wise;

(b) the number of districts in Madhya Pradesh that have been provided with the amount of first instalment under this programme alongwith the dates when the same was released; and the number of districts that were provided with the amount of second instalment after the end of one year; and

(c) the time span between the two instalments, alongwith the norms on the basis of which the second instalment is granted?

Rise in divorce cases

4841. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a rise in the cases of divorce during the last three years;

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

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(c) what measures being taken to check such cases and provide relief to women divorcee?

(b) if so, the details of such Universities alongwith the criterion being adopted for the purpose?

Continuing Education Programme in Orissa

4842. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in Orissa covered under the Continuing Education Programme (CEP) and its impact;

(b) whether any study has been conducted regarding implementation of the mid-day meal programme in relation to the CEP; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Fee structures in private colleges

†4843. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the structure of fees in private colleges all over the country;

(b) whether there is any mechanism to control the fee structure in private colleges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Private Universities

†4844. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring the private Universities recognized by the State Governments under the control of U.G.C.; and

Health care of students

†4845. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are no arrangements of any Doctors in the Government schools particularly in primary schools for the health care of the students studying in these schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to provide medical facilities to the students in such schools?

Bal Bhawans

†4846. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Bal Bhawans' as on the 31st March, 2005, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to construct 'Bal Bhawans' in the rural areas in the interest of the children; and

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

Teacher-pupil ratio

4847. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have observed that the education system of the day is proceeding more on practical than on

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theoretical aspects;

(b) if so, whether the existing norms of teacher-pupil ratio are on the mode of change;

(c) what is the teacher-pupil ratio prevalent at the national level and in different States;

(d) whether Government are going to make any changes in the ratio; and

(e) if so, the extent thereof?

Integration of Culture Education

4848. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a CABE sub-committee on "Integration of Culture Education in the School Curriculum";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition of the sub-committee;

(d) the objective of the sub-committee;

(e) whether the sub-committee has held its meetings; and

(f) if so, the decisions taken therein?

Standard of Indian Universities

†4849. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to improve standard of the universities up to international level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government for this purpose?

Funds for mid-day meal scheme in Uttar Pradesh

4850. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government to Uttar Pradesh under the "mid-day meal scheme" for the school children during 2004-05 and the number of children covered thereby;

(b) whether the entire amount allocated was utilized and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the funds allocated to the State under the scheme for 2005-06; and

(d) whether any additional number of school children would be covered during 2005-06 and if so, the extent thereof?

Evaluation of the Indian higher education sector

4851. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific study has been launched to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the Indian higher education sector for preparing the country to compete successfully for leadership with other countries in Asia and elsewhere, some of whom are reportedly, investing heavily to create world class universities and cutting edge research institutions etc. to meet the challenges of knowledge based economies of the 21st century; and

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(b) if so, the findings thereof and the action plan formulated, if any, to provide top quality institutions capable of supporting sophisticated research to produce knowledge and technology needed for the expanding economy?

School of Open Learning

†4852. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the system of School of Open Learning under the University of Delhi is becoming a matter of concern;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the number of teachers has reduced and the number of students has increased under the above system; and

(d) if so, the number of teachers during 2001-02 and 2005-06 and the number of students increased during the said years?

Urdu text books

4853. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Urdu medium text books of NCERT are missing from the market for last one year and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what steps have been taken to ensure availability of Urdu text books in the market;

(c) whether NCERT has sufficient work-force to undertake the task of preparing and publishing Urdu text books; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to conduct a Departmental enquiry to find out the reasons for such delay?

Reading Write Guarantee Programme in Maharashtra

4854. SHRITARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reading Write Guarantee Programme introduced in several districts in Maharashtra is proving a burden for the teachers as well as for students of the schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential Schools

4855. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential Schools started so far in the backward taluks of Karnataka;

(b) the number of such schools sanctioned during 2004-05; and

(c) the amount of grant released to the State for this purpose?

Courses designed by NCERT

4856. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has

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designed courses for students who have dropped out of the schools in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of such bridge courses for rural students;

(c) whether NCERT had held any discussions with the CBSE to allow lower attendance for students in rural areas who have dropped out for various reasons;

(d) if so, the suggestions made by CBSE to the NCERT in such matters; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed by NCERT to get back students, who have dropped out in rural areas, to schools and education?

Education Cooperation Agreement with New Zealand

4857. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have signed an agreement called the Education Cooperation Agreement with New Zealand recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether educational institutions of other countries would work on research projects;

(d) if so, how would Indian institutions be selected for such research work; and

(e) the benefits to the country as a result thereof?

Allocation for women

†4858. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 33.6

per cent amount, out of the total allocation for his Ministry has been spent for women during 2003-04; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of classrooms under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' in Karnataka

4859. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal for construction of 20000 classrooms under 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan';

(b) if so, by when the funds to the tune of Rs. 505 crores would be released for construction of additional classrooms; and

(c) the time-frame for completion of this project?

Non-payment of arrears/emoluments to Research Associates of UGC

4860. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Research Associate of Hindi working under the University Grants Commission Scheme of part-time Research Associateship for women (IX Plan) which ended in March, 2004 have not been paid emoluments/arrears so far and they are being harassed for the release of such payment/arrears; and

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(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for release of Grants-in-aid and payment of emoluments/arrears to such Research Associates?

Infrastructure facilities in Anganwadi Kendras

4861. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the Anganwadi Kendras lack the basic infrastructure like building, drinking water, toilets, weighing machines, plates and tumblers to feed the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide better infrastructure facilities in these Kendras?

Supply of computers in schools

4862. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project has been finalized for supplying computers to schools with the support of World Bank ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified the schools where these computers would be supplied;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any committee has been formed to monitor and implement this project?

Effect of media on Indian culture

‡4863. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to protect the social interests keeping in view the onslaughts being made by Doordarshan and other means of media on the Indian culture;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Gods and Goddesses are being used in posters, stickers and advertisements in objectionable manner in United States of America and other countries of the world;

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

(d) the steps Government have taken so far to protect the Indian culture and civilisation and for expansion and promotion thereof?

TV and AIR stations in Bihar

4864. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio and television stations in Bihar, category-wise;

(b) the TV and AIR stations in respect of which requests have been received for upgradation/improvement; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to upgrade/improve those stations?

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**Advertisement of functions in
Panchjanya**

4865. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the period between 1998-2004, various Ministries/Departments have given advertisements of the functions/programmes in leading newspapers particularly in Organiser/Panchjanya and paid heavy amount thereby violating Government norms;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these advertisements were published much after the dates of the respective functions/programmes; and

(c) the details of the advertisements given in all the newspapers from the period 1998 till date and the amount paid by Government?

Formulation of anti-piracy law

4866. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to initiate the formulation of an anti-piracy law with enough powers to the local authorities to enforce it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to make it mandatory for the cable operators to register or renew their licence with the local authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Parallel trials of crimes by media

4867. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Press Council of India has expressed grave concern over the increasing tendency of the media to conduct trials parallel to the courts and cautioned it to exercise restraint while reporting on incidents of crime involving juvenile crimes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Revenues earning by DD/AIR

4868. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

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

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Corporation has initiated any step to increase its commercial revenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue earned as a result thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the revenue of the Corporation has decreased further;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years separately for Doordarshan and All India Radio and the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any further measures are to be initiated to increase the commercial revenues of both Doordarshan and All India Radio so as to make them independent?

**Functioning of Indian Institute of
Mass Communication**

4869. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) whether any complaints about the
functioning of the Indian Institute of Mass
Communication have been received
recently;

(b) if so, details thereof with regard to
the strength of Institute-students, the
faculty and the names of the Board of
Governors;

(c) the revenue receipts and expenditure
on various heads alongwith the budgetary
support from his Ministry; and

(d) Government's plans for its
reorganisation and economy?

TV transmitters

4870. SHRI N. R. GOVINDRAJAR:
Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to
state:

(a) the number of high power, low
power and very low power TV
transmitters, capacity-wise, location-wise
and State-wise;

(b) whether Government have received
requests from the various States for setting
up and conversion of VLPT/LPT/HPTS
during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise,
and the action taken by Government
thereon?

Tata-Star DTH venture

4871. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to media reports on "Tata-
Murdoch DTH venture clearance";

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

(c) whether his Ministry has delayed
grant of license to Tata-Star direct-to-home
(DTH) venture inspite of FDI approval
and acceptance of requisite license fee; and

(d) whether Government propose to
hold a joint meeting of the concerned
ministries to thresh out the case of Tata-
Star DTH venture immediately and if not
the reasons therefor?

Issues of Space T.V.

4872. SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR: Will the Minister of
INFORMATION AND
BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are examining
various issues of Space T.V., the Direct to
Home (DTH) joint venture with Tata Sons
before issue of licence;

(b) if so, the details of the points being
examined by the Department of Company
Affairs (DCA);

(c) whether most of the issues being
examined by DCA have already been
examined by the Ministry of Finance at
the time of giving clearances of their FDI
proposal; and

(d) if so, the reasons for re-examination of same issues by the DCA?

Implementation of CAS

4873. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been approached by the cable operators to re-consider implementation of the Conditional Access System (CAS);

(b) if so, the details of their demands;

(c) what about the pay-channel factor; and

(d) to what extent Government are prepared to accede to the request of the cable operators while protecting interest of the subscribers?

Influence of Corporate Houses

4874. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to curb growing influence of the Corporate House in Government's decision making process;

(b) whether it is a fact that a businessman and an executive of a big corporate house were involved in a deal with Doordarshan;

(c) whether Government are aware about the role of a senior executive in various deals; and

(d) whether Government are keeping a tap on these types of dubious and controversial corporate executives?

Obscenity on TV channels

4875. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the increasing incidences of indiscriminate beaming of obscene scenes on television corrupts impressionable minds and embarrasses family audiences;

(b) whether to check this menace, Government propose to enact a new law to ban such beaming over electronic media;

(c) whether towards this an autonomous broadcasting authority is proposed to be set up, on the lines of Federal Communication Commission in the United States; and

(d) whether the jurisdiction of such a regulatory body would also extend to display of visuals through cellular phone channels?

Facsimile edition of newspapers

4876. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of allowing facsimile edition of newspapers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the facsimile editions would come under the jurisdiction of the Indian judiciary; and

(c) if not, the justification therefor?

Free movement of journalists and media people

4877. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

are thinking of easing restrictions on the free movement of journalists and media people across South Asia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposed move is going to be discussed during the forthcoming 13th SAARC Summit at Dhaka?

New FM radio policy

4878. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are ready with a new FM policy;

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

(c) what are the recommendations made by TRAI and Amit Mitra panel in this regard; and

(d) the number of frequencies auctioned and the details of the private players in various cities?

Discrimination against women journalists

4879. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether his Ministry has gone through the Report released jointly by the National Commission for women and the Press Institute of India which says that majority of the women journalists are discriminated against by men at work places;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by his Ministry to rectify the situation?

Members of Film Censor Board

4880. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reviewing the qualification for being a Member of the Film Censor Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

FDI in cable TV

4881. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a large investment in cable operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to enhance the FDI in cable industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints registered in Public Grievances Commission

†4882. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints registered during 2003-04 in Public Grievances Commission;

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(b) the details of the disposal of the said grievances;

(c) whether Public Grievances Commission has been set up in the capitals of all the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Resurrection of CAS

4883. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to resurrect the Conditional Access System;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided that a detailed scheme for implementation of CAS would be worked out in consultation with the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Advertisement designed by DAVP

4884. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the advertisements designed by the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) for the Ministries/Departments during the last three years;

(b) whether they are free to get their advertisements designed from the private agencies as well;

(c) the reasons for giving advertisements

to the private agencies rather than DAVP; and

(d) whether DAVP is competent to design all kinds of advertisements for the Ministries/Departments?

Commodification of women and derogatory portrayal

4885. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Central Board of Film Censors has asked his Ministry to tighten laws to arrest the growing trends towards "commodification of women and their derogatory portrayal in films, television, advertisement, cable or cyber network, electronic or print media, etc.";

(b) if so, whether existence of relevant laws and their ineffective enforcement are contributory factors towards this growing menace; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Relaxation in period to deem a person missing

4886. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to relax the period of 'seven years' to deem a person on missing if he/she is not traceable during that period of one year in view of Tsunami disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases

†4887. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of pending cases in various courts has been increasing for last five years;

(b) if so, the assessment of annual rate of increase;

(c) whether such cases have been identified in which the Central Government or any State Government is a party;

(d) if so, the number of such cases till December, 2004; and

(e) the percentage thereof out of total pending cases?

Conference of retired judges

4888. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether a two-day Conference of the retired judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts was held in the month of February, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the main thrust was on introduction of modern technology in the courts and its scope to ensure quick and sufficient delivery of justice and prevent crowding of courts;

(c) if so, the decisions arrived at in the Conference;

(d) whether Government have considered the suggestions made in the Conference;

(e) if so, the steps being taken to implement them; and

(f) to what extent introduction of technology has helped in clearing the backlog in the courts?

State funding of elections

4889. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the State Governments have agreed to the proposal that Centre is to make funds available for the State funding of elections;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have agreed in particular with the suggestions like State funding of elections to some extent but due to funds shortage, are not implementing this scheme;

(c) whether some of State Governments have pointed out that it should be responsibility of the Centre;

(d) whether Government have considered the State Government's views on this issue; and if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) by when a final decision with regard to funding of polls by the Centre and States would be taken?

Judicial Reforms Commission

4890. DR. P. C. ALEXANDER : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider appointing a Judicial Reforms Commission to make comprehensive

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recommendations for improving efficiency of the Judicial administration and for making the judiciary more accountable; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Judges in Madras High Court

4891. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of the judges in Madras High Court including the Madurai Bench;

(b) whether the present strength is short of the sanctioned strength;

(c) the number of cases pending in Madras High Court and its Madurai Bench;

(d) whether after operationalization of the Bench of Madurai, significant improvement has been achieved in disposal of the cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of quasi judicial fora

4892. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on performance of the quasi judicial fora such as commissions and appellate tribunals and found that the retired bureaucrats and judges could not create confidence among the people especially in execution of the orders passed by such bodies; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose

to increase the number of judges in separate benches on special fields such as Income Tax, Environment, Intellectual Property disputes etc.?

Regulatory body to check misuse of funds collection

4893. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has made a recommendation to the Central Government to constitute such a regulatory body which can check misuse of funds collected by the unregistered private organizations in the name of disaster relief; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Law Commission in this regard?

Double shift in courts

†4894. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to start double shift in the courts to dispose of the pending cases at the earliest;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to set up any Commission in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the action being taken to protect the poor, rural and the common people from the legal harassment?

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Fast Track Courts

4895. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that term of about 1700 Fast Track Courts have been extended by one month;

(b) the number of cases disposed of by these courts and those pending till date;

(c) when such a large number of cases are pending the reason for giving such a short extension; and

(d) the types of cases which could be transferred from regular courts to Fast-Track Courts?

Bauxite mines

4896. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bauxite mines in Kashipur, Southern Orissa have been signed away by Government to mining companies as on today;

(b) if so, details thereof including the number of mining companies associated with bauxite mining operations in the State for the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether the Justice Mishra Commission, after the year 2000, stressed for the need for a bauxite project for upliftment of the region;

(d) if so, action taken thereon;

(e) whether the tribals of Kashipur have represented against mining activities of private mining in that area; and

(f) if so, the action taken thereon?

Reservation for OBCs

4897. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that OBCs are provided reservation of 27 per cent only in job opportunities with the Union Government and its undertakings;

(b) whether Government would consider to provide reservation for OBCs in the educational institutions under the Union Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Education and self-employment to weaker sections

†4898. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated by Government to provide education and self-employment to the orphans, handicapped children and women during the last three years;

(b) the amount allotted for the purpose during this period; and

(c) the details of the achievements made therein?

Self-employment for disabled people

†4899. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled people in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of unemployed people out of them;

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(c) the details of the schemes to provide them self-employment; and

(d) the details of the kinds of self employment and assistance provided to them during the last two years?

Reservation for SCs and STs in Private Sector

4900. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out the modalities for reservation in Private Sector for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the names of the organisations and institutions involved in preparing these;

(c) whether Government propose to bring a bill for reservation of SCs/STs in Private Sector; and

(d) if so, by when?

Financial assistance to BCs for higher education

†4901. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any financial assistance for higher education to the backward classes through National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons benefited during the last three years alongwith the amount provided, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) the details of the criteria being adopted for selecting the persons for providing this kind of assistance; and

(e) the number of applications received in this regard during last year, State-wise?

Scholarships to SCs/STs and OBCs students

4902. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scholarships, schemes available to the students indicating the schemes for SCs/STs and OBCs, separately;

(b) when the rates of scholarships were last fixed for each scheme; and

(c) whether Government would review the scholarship amount periodically by linking it with the price index?

Illiteracy among SCs

4903. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of SCs among the agricultural wage labourers, State-wise;

(b) the literacy of SCs as against the national average, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by

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Government for eradication of illiteracy among SCs and to make them aware of Government's SCs welfare programmes?

Inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes

4904. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of different castes in the country;

(b) the number of those castes included in the list of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes;

(c) the details of the castes that are being considered for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes; and

(d) the steps Government are going to take in regard to their claims?

Reservation for women in ports

4905. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide reservation for women for employment in the port sector;

(b) whether the women employees in port sector are facing several social problems; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government?

Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Delhi

†4906. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether condition of the Delhi based Ambedkar Foundation has become miserable as a result of Government's indifferent attitude;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to get this Foundation rid of its miserable condition?

Juvenile justice system and juvenile houses

†4907. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the provision made in the budget of the current financial year for juvenile justice system and juvenile houses;

(b) whether Government propose to set up modern juvenile houses in the proportion of the increasing population;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

SCs and STs in Karnataka

4908. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population of SCs and STs in Karnataka;

(b) the amount released to the State so

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far under various programmes relating to the welfare of SCs and STs during the year 2004-05;

(c) whether the SCs/STs Commission is functioning in the State;

(d) the States having SCs/STs Commission; and

(e) whether Government propose to recommend to Karnataka and other States to constitute SCs/STs Commission?

National Commission for Other Backward Classes

4909. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission for Other Backward Classes has been headless and memberless for the last several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when its Chairman and Members are likely to be appointed;

(c) whether Government propose to review its mandate as at present the Commission examines requests for inclusion of a class as a backward in the list; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Number of dwarfs in the country

4910. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dwarfs in the country, State-wise;

(b) the facilities that Government are providing to dwarfs;

(c) whether there is any demand from any State Government for inclusion of dwarfs in the category of "physically handicapped"; and

(d) if so, the details of requests received and the action Government propose to take thereon?

Tribal artisans under new WTO regime

4911. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traditional tribal artisans would be protected under new WTO regime;

(b) whether Government are considering to unveil a new tribal welfare policy to address the concerns of the tribals; and

(c) the protection being provided to ensure that tribal people would not be uprooted from their traditional vocations under the new trade regime?

Adivasi families living in National Parks

4912. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Adivasis families living in and around national parks and sanctuaries (protected areas) and forest area are threatened with displacement due to a series of Central Government and Supreme Court orders;

(b) if so, the details including the steps taken to permit the continuation of

traditional bona fide and lively activities by communities in the protected areas and other areas; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide land to landless Adivasis including the land sought and distributed for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise?

Post-matric scholarships to tribal students

4913. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre have formulated a scheme for granting post-matric scholarship to the tribal students;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the benefits that have been extended to the ST students of Orissa since its inception;

(d) whether this scheme has since been revised to upgrade the income ceiling for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details of the enhanced allowance that has been provided to the ST students of Orissa till the end of 2004?

Project Formulation Team for tribals

4914. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a Project Formulation Team to create an organised structure for giving the tribals a fair price for their produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's action plan to enhance the human development index of the tribals under this project, specially with reference to tribals of Orissa?

Legal land rights to tribals

4915. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to confer legal land rights to the tribals;

(b) if so, whether any bill is being prepared; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of tribals likely to be benefited as a result thereof, State-wise?

Illegal entry in tribal reserve areas

4916. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some journalists had illegally entered the tribal reserve areas with cameras during the news coverage of the Tsunami tragedy;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Assistance for development of tribal forest villages

4917. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the potential tribal forest villages in various States for providing developmental assistance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the tribal forest villages identified in Andhra Pradesh alongwith the assistance being provided for their development?

Ownership of tribals over MFP

4918. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ownership of tribals over Minor Forest Produce (MFP) is being given due recognition by Government;

(b) if so, the details of Government's policy in this regard; and

(c) the role of the Panchayats therein?

Tribals dwelling in protected forests

4919. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribal population dwellings in the reserved and protected forests in different States;

(b) whether there are proposals from the respective State Governments to provide settlement of land to these tribal families; and

(c) the progress made so far to provide settlement of land to them?

Tribals of Madhya Pradesh

†4920. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the problems of the tribals have increased as a result of not carrying out the correct and complete survey of the tribals living in the forests and illegal occupants;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Centre have directed the Chief Secretary of the States to complete the survey with regard to tribals at the earliest; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Policy for development of tribals

4921. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite all efforts made by Government, tribals are lagging behind in every field of the society;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to formulate a special policy for the overall development of tribals as well as tribal areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the location where tribals have been settled, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons of not tabling the Report of Committee on SC/ST under the Chairmanship of Shri Dilip Singh Bhuria?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Breakdown of sewage and drainage system

4922. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor sewage and drainage system in different parts of the country has resulted in break out of various epidemics and diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve these system?

Scheme for drinking water supply in Andhra Pradesh

4923. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any scheme/action plan to mitigate drinking water shortage in the cities of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Construction of multi-storey buildings in earthquake prone areas

†4924. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that multi-storey buildings are being constructed in the earthquake prone areas neglecting prescribed parameters; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent this?

Development of metro corridors

4925. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI R. K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed development of metro corridors (upto 500 metres) as Intensive Development Zone in the draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021 allows for vertical construction and FAR upto 1.5 times of the existing limit and whether additional dwelling units can be created in the relaxed height norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, how the proposals of densification, along the metro corridors to hold additional population, would be achieved without creation of additional dwelling units?

Safety norms in building bye-laws

4926. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that building bye-laws do not insist on fire safety clearance for establishments in market place;

(b) whether it is also a fact that old markets such as Gaffar Market, Chandni Chowk etc. are not covered under these bye-laws;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial action being proposed by Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Scheme for reforms in Municipalities

4927. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme is being implemented for carrying out Administrative Reforms and promoting e-governance in the Municipalities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any municipalities in Andhra Pradesh have been benefited from the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assistance being provided by Government for the purpose?

FAR norms in the new Master Plan for Delhi

4928. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the proposed height, FAR and dwelling units for plotted residential housing for plots in the range from 100 to 250 sq. mt. in the draft Master Plan for Delhi-2021;

(b) whether the number of dwelling units has been restricted to three for these plots despite the obvious reality that lakhs of houses all over Delhi have three floors (ground+first, second and third floor) within the proposed maximum height;

(c) if so, how Government propose to deal with the existing additional floors (third floors) on these plots; and

(d) the measures proposed in the Master Plan to regularize/approve these dwellings?

Encroachment in Sarojini Nagar Market

4929. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Sarojini Nagar Market shopkeepers have encroached upon verandahs meant for public and are using the same for their personal use;

(b) whether it is further a fact that NDMC has served notices upon these shopkeepers directing them to vacate verandahs; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by NDMC to remove encroachments made by shopkeepers on verandahs?

Unsafe buildings in Delhi

4930. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2,500 buildings in the capital including Government buildings are unsafe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to make all buildings in the capital safe by asking the concerned to implement strictly the norms prescribed for building safety; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Accommodation to families of former Prime Ministers

4931. SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:
SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently

asked the families of the former Prime Ministers to vacate their houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the accommodation provided to the former PMs of India so far?

Extension of Metro Rail

†4932. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to extend Metro Rail to the cities in the States neighbouring Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Prosecution of corrupt DDA officers

4933. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI had sought sanctions to prosecute DDA officers allegedly involved in corrupt practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the officers against whom sanction has been granted and those against whom the sanction has been withheld; and

(d) the details of the DDA officers placed under suspension and dismissed on the basis of CBI inquiry?

Reconstitution of Delhi Urban Arts Commission

4934. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reconstituted Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC);

(b) if so, the details of the office bearers alongwith their qualifications;

(c) what is the action plan of DUAC for the next two years;

(d) how DUAC is expected to address the problems of JJ cluster around palatial buildings in urban areas and unauthorized construction in office buildings; and

(e) if answer to part (d) above be in the negative, the designated authority assigned to address such problems?

Extension of Metro Rail

4935. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend Delhi Metro Rail to NH-24 in view of the ensuing Commonwealth Games;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Mega City Scheme

4936. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial assistance given to the mega cities during the last five years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the allocation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Development of towns in Punjab

4937. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of towns or cities in Punjab that have been developed under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted to identify towns for development;

(c) whether Government are aware that Hoshiarpur town in Punjab is neglected in many ways and needs Government's urgent attention to provide/improve basic necessities; and

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

Recruitment rules in GoI Presses

†4938. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken to bring equality or uniformity in required educational qualifications in recruitment rules for Hindi Translators/Officers in Government of India's printing presses in accordance with revised recruitment rules issued by the Department of Official Language on the 7th August, 2002;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether amendment of the same is not expected following the recruitment rules formed by the Nodal Department, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) when the process of amendment of the recruitment rules would be completed?

Encroachments in H Division of CPWD

4939. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allottees in the H Division, New Delhi of CPWD have encroached on the roads adjacent to their flats causing inconvenience to the vehicles passing on these sub-lanes;

(b) if so, the details of the total areas encroachment by such allottees and since when the encroachment has been continuing; and

(c) if so, the action taken by CPWD to resolve the problem?

Supply of gas in DIZ area

4940. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CPWD has granted permission to Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) for supplying piped natural gas in the DIZ area;

(b) if so, whether IGL is laying the pipes on uniform basis or there are variations or discrepancies in the laying, if so, why and to what effect; and

(c) the authorities responsible for leveling the roads dug for laying pipes for the purpose and how long it would take to complete the same?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Mega city status to Ahmedabad

‡4941. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
Will the Minister of URBAN
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahmedabad is proposed to be included in the category of 'Mega City'; and

(b) if so, to what extent additional grant would be provided by Government for development of Ahmedabad city?

Delegation of powers to civic bodies

4942. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring in a constitutional amendment for delegating more powers to the civic bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the earlier amendments were not successful as many States refused to part with their powers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to Karnataka under National Slum Development Programme

4943. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEIVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 36.22 crores has not been released to

Karnataka for the year 2004-05 under the National Slum Development Programme;

(b) the reasons for the delay in releasing the grants and by when this amount would be released; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to release adequate funds to improve the living standards of the slum dwellers at par with Mumbai under the Mega City programme?

Investments in housing and real estate

4944. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has recommended to Government, the measures to facilitate investment in the housing and real estate sector;

(b) if so, whether it has also sought support to specialised and organised professionalised bodies;

(c) whether the Chamber has also pointed out that dynamic developers and foreign and domestic investors can earn handsome returns on their investment to boost real estate development and housing in terms of the National Housing and Habitat Policy;

(d) if so, whether Government have considered their suggestions; and

(e) if so, to what extent they have agreed and the steps being taken to implement them?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Revision of poverty alleviation targets

4945. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the target set for the Tenth Five Year Plan regarding alleviation of poverty prevailing in the cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target set under such programmes alongwith the success achieved in relation thereto?

Increase in real estate prices

4946. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prices of real estate are soaring beyond the reach of common people, particularly in urban and semi-urban areas on account of builder-mafia nexus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the measures contemplated to break such nexus;

(d) whether presently there is no regulatory body to monitor the activities of builders/construction industry;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to set up a regulatory body to ensure health of the construction activity for the benefit of the end-consumer; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

National Action Plan for Eradication of Manual Scavenging

4947. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the "National Action Plan for Total Eradication of Manual Scavenging by 2007";

(b) how different it is from the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS); and

(c) the details of the positive impact brought by the transfer of NSLRS to her Ministry?

Grants-in-aid to Tamil Nadu for basic amenities

4948. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants-in-aid given by Government to Tamil Nadu for improvement of drainage system, supply of potable water, development of slums etc., during the last three years;

(b) the amount sanctioned and released to the State during the above period; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose for the year 2005-06?

Financial assistance to NGO

4949. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that German Embassy has given financial help to an NGO "Hope Project", working in the slums of Nizamuddin Basti, New Delhi;

(b) whether this fund would be utilized for setting up night shelter in the area and also for providing other basic amenities for the slum dwellers; and

(c) how far this benevolent act has

helped to raise the living standards of the poor residents in the area?

Liberation of scavengers

‡4950. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in certain parts of the country, certain labourers are still continuing with the practice of carrying night soil on their heads;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to stop the same; and

(c) the number of persons involved in such practice, State-wise?

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