

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Friday, the August 9, 2002/Sravana 18, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;  
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean  
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;  
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—155

#### Funds for rice research

2491. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has  
been drawn to the press report which  
appeared in The Hindu dated the 26th June,  
2002 under the heading, "Funds crunch hits  
rice research";

(b) if so, whether the tight squeeze on  
funding by developed countries has severely  
hit research programme of the Manila-based  
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)  
in rainfed varieties of rice, that are resistant  
to drought, floods and salinity;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps Government propose to  
take to provide funds, so that it does not hit  
rice research work in the Institution?

#### Production of vegetables

2492. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH  
MALIK: Will the Minister of  
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of  
vegetables per year in the country;

(b) whether a large quantity of vegetables  
get perished every year;

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

(d) the steps taken by Government to  
prevent the same?

#### Import of improved variety seeds

†2493. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will  
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Government have to import  
seeds of improved variety in order to meet  
their shortage;

(b) if so, the total number of the varieties  
of seeds imported during the last three years  
and the amount spent year-wise on their  
import, separately; and

(c) the details of distribution of those  
seeds to various States/Union Territories?

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**Loss of wheat, paddy and millet production**

†2494. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total annual production of fruits and vegetables in the country is estimated to be worth around rupees one lakh crore;

(b) the estimated value of annual production of wheat, paddy and millets in the country, in comparison thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of the total production of fruits and vegetables worth one lakh crore rupees, the production to the tune of rupees 30,000 crore gets destroyed annually, without utilization; and

(d) the average annual loss of wheat, paddy and millets in comparison thereto?

**Impact of US farm subsidy on Indian farmers**

†2495. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in The Business Lines on 28th June, 2002 under caption, "U.S. release \$ 100m for farm exports";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that 100 million dollars are being given by U.S.A. as subsidy to promote export of foodgrains; and

(c) if so, the estimates with regard to its likely impact on Indian farmers?

**Transportation of cattle to Kerala**

2496. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that large scale transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala is going on;

(b) if so, the purpose of such transportation;

(c) whether it violates any existing rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to control the situation?

**Mismanagement in KVKs in UP**

2497. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of mismanagement have been received against some KVKs in U.P.;

(b) if so, which are these KVKs; and

(c) the action taken in those cases?

**Training in IT by IASRI**

2498. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1379 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 2001 and state:

(a) the profits which were promised to be generated by the training programme under the Revolving Fund Project on Information Technology being conducted by IASRI and which were actually realized over the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there was any deviation from project proposal with regard to duration/

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frequency of training, fee charged, etc.; and

(c) if so, whether necessary approval for the above deviation has been obtained from the Council?

#### **Famine in Rajasthan**

† 2499. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds demanded by Rajasthan Government from the Central Government during the last three years, to overcome the famine, the amount of assistance sanctioned and paid to the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan is likely to face severe famine due to absence of rain and whether the State Government has given any memorandum in this regard; and

(c) if so, the plans being formulated by Government to combat the famine this year in Rajasthan, and in other parts of the country?

#### **Expenses for PIL by ICAR**

2500. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research was respondent in any Public Interest Litigation filed in the High Court of Delhi, during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the case number;

(c) whether the Council paid expenses of any Public Interest Litigation, filed in High Court of Delhi, though it was not a respondent/petitioner or became party at any

stage of the case during the last two years; and

(d) the details of the action taken/proposed to take against the officials who violated rules in above payment?

#### **Accurate crop forecasting**

2501. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated the 8th July, 2002, to the effect that Rs. 76 crore plan for accurate crop forecast awaits nod; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) by when this project would get approval;

(c) what are the various uses of this project;

(d) whether it is a fact that this would help remove human error and facilitate multiple in-season crop assessment in real time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Climate change and agricultural production**

2502. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global warming has an impact on Indian agriculture which would result in up to 30 per cent drop in crop production by 2050;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to adopt strategies and resource conserving technologies, for sustainable

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farm development and improved productivity through low cost mechanism;

(c) whether this would have an impact on rice and wheat yields;

(d) if so, whether this was discussed in the South Asia Expert Workshop on Adaptation to Climate Change for Agricultural Productivity held in May, 2002; and

(e) if so, what were the main points discussed in the workshop?

#### **ICAR Research on transgenic crops**

†2503. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian council of Agricultural Research has completed its research on transgenic crops;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and by when this research work is likely to be completed?

#### **Loss of standing crop by drought and floods**

2504. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the loss of standing crop and sowing of new crop, in the areas reeling under drought due to scanty or no rains and affected flash floods, in different States/UTs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken to prevent the situation becoming worst through contingency plan; and

(d) what steps were taken to avert the

drought and flood situations, when there were such indications in the forecast of natural calamity?

#### **Assistance to drought hit States**

2505. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released any special assistance recently to the drought hit areas in the country;

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

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to provide alternate employment to agricultural workers and tribals in those areas; and

(d) if so, the details of allotment made in this regard, State-wise?

#### **Jute development in AP**

2506. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central grants are being released to Andhra Pradesh, under the Government's Special Jute Development Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved in production of Jute in the State during the said period, year-wise?

#### **Expansion of NAIS**

2507. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the reach of National Agriculture

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Insurance Scheme, introduced few years back;

(b) if so, what are the targets; and

(c) whether Government also propose to popularize the scheme; if so, how?

#### **Subsidy under National Agricultural Insurance Schemes**

2508. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restrict subsidy in National Agricultural Insurance Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Premium for cotton crop in Gujarat**

2509. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the premium for cotton crop in Gujarat has been doubled in Kharif 2002 season, compared to Kharif 2001;

(b) whether there is a need to avoid such sharp increase in premium, which would adversely affect the interests of cotton farmers; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering any remedial measures to reduce the burden on the farmers?

#### **Foodgrains production in MP**

†2510. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of

foodgrains in Madhya Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to increase foodgrains production in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Groundnut seeds for farmers in AP**

2511. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether discontent is brewing among farmers in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh, even as the sale of subsidised groundnut seed gains;

(b) if so, whether the farmers have expressed resentment over inadequate quantities being supplied;

(c) whether each farmer is being given only 30-kg. bags which is not sufficient to be sown even in one-and-a-half acre; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to provide sufficient groundnut seeds to farmers, as required by them?

#### **Availability of corns**

2512. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the livestock industry has turned down Government's offer to provide three lac tonnes of wheat to overcome the shortage of corn;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to allow increased import of corns under tariff quota regime for the poultry feed sector;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(e) the measures to be adopted for availability of more corns?

#### **Rural Warehousing Scheme**

†2513. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a Rural Warehousing Scheme, called Gramin Bhandaran Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision so far, in this regard; and

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

#### **Development of golden rice at A.P. Agricultural University**

2514. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientists at the Directorate of Rice Research at A.P. Agricultural University, Hyderabad, are working on a project to develop Indian variety of vitamin 'A' enriched Golden rice which would help in preventing blindness, particularly among the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this project is being financed/funded by IARI, Pusa;

(d) whether more strains of rice, enriched with vitamin 'A' are being developed in research centres of other Agricultural Universities, including IARI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Decline in land fertility by ground water contamination**

†2515. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

hazards of contamination of ground water and decline in fertility of land, due to excessive use of chemicals, fertilizers and insecticides;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any survey to find out the regions where fertility of land is declining due to this and the extent thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any action to prevent such a situation cropping up in the country?

#### **Abolition of agriculture subsidy**

†2516. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to do away with the subsidy being given to agriculture sector;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to evolve a new formula to bring the subsidy within a limited sphere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Food for work programme**

†2517. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food for Work scheme, being implemented by Government, has remained on papers only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the people in Orissa and other drought affected areas are compelled to eat kernels, instead of food, and are suffering from a number of deadly diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**MSP for jute**

2518. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any support price for jute procurement in the current year;

(b) if so, what is that and how to implement that decision; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Boost to biotech Research in seeds policy**

2519. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new National Seeds Policy is likely to give a big boost to research in biotechnology by involving the private sector with the aim of hiking India's share in the global trade in seeds from 1 per cent to 10 per cent;

(b) whether investment in biotech research would enable higher productivity, greater nutrition value and shorter crop period; and

(c) if so, what are Government's plans to exploit this untapped potential, in order to achieve a higher level of food security and increased exports of agricultural product?

**Exploitation of Marine Wealth**

2520. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many countries are exploiting the marine products from the ocean;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme or proposal to exploit marine wealth to feed the country's millions;

(c) if so, whether any budgetary provision has been made for 2002-2003; and

(d) what are the schemes/products Government propose to Extract?

**Pill to prevent the effects of nuclear radiation**

2521. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical scientists have been able to invent a pill, to prevent the effects of nuclear radiation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the anti-nuclear radiation character of the medicine has been adequately and satisfactory tested;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the medicine is proposed to be circulated for extensive use in the event of a nuclear war in the South Asian Region, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims by DOW**

2522. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that US-based DOW Chemical Company, owner of Union Carbides Ltd., Bhopal, has agreed to implement a concrete programme, for long term relief and rehabilitation of the gas disaster victims in Bhopal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of people who are still waiting for relief; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

**Sale of Medicines under different brand names**

†2523. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines of same formulations are being sold in the market in abundance, under different brand names; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is 50 to 100 per cent difference in the rates of medicines of such brands?

**Appellate Tribunal on drug pricing**

2524. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute an Appellate Tribunal on Drug Pricing, on the lines of Labour, Excise and Income tax Tribunals;

(b) whether operation of the existing Drug Price Control Order by NPPA is being challenged in courts by the industry; and

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to constitute the Tribunal because of abuse of the judicial system, by the drug industry, in circumventing the executive orders?

**Decline in use of urea**

†2525. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to failure of monsoons, the use of urea declined during the period from 1st April to 15th July this

year, as compared to the corresponding period during the last year; and

(b) if so, in which States the use of urea has declined and the percentage of decline?

**Delicensing of dangerous Chemicals**

†2526. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are making/considering to make 19 dangerous chemicals license-free;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has made any recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken to ensure compliance of adequate safety measures by all the companies, as fixed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, with regard to production, storage and usage of dangerous chemicals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Cost studies of bulk drugs**

2527. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NPPA has conducted twenty Technical-cum-cost studies of bulk drugs;

(b) if so, the details of bulk-drug plants visited by the NPPA;

(c) whether the Dy. Director (Technical) and Assistant Director (Cost) had gone to visit plants; and

(d) if so, whether the reports have been submitted and new prices fixed?

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**M.P. Government suggestions on rehabilitation of Bhopal gas victims**

†2528. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of suggestions given by the Madhya Pradesh Government for rehabilitation of gas victims and for other programmes in the meeting of the Group of Ministers held on 7th June, 2002, and Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers is deliberating with the Ministry of Water Resources and the Madhya Pradesh Government, in respect of an action plan from Narmada river to Bhopal town, to ensure water supply to the Bhopal residents, so that some amount, out of the compensation amount for gas tragedy, could be provided for this purpose?

**Amount deposited by drug companies with NPPA**

2529. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of drug companies and the amount deposited by them with National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority(NPPA) till 30th June, 2002, on account of over charging for drugs; and

(b) by when the entire amount would be recovered?

**Revival of FACT**

2530. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given an assurance to the delegation led by the Kerala

Chief Minister on 15th December, 1998 that a High Power Committee would be constituted to look into the revival of FACT;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereto?

**Fertilizer subsidy coupons to farmers**

2531. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministerial group headed by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission is seriously considering a proposal to issue fertilizer subsidy coupons to farmers or to provide cash subsidy against Kisan cards;

(b) if so, whether this question was taken up by the Ministerial Group in the month of July, 2002;

(c) whether any decision in this regard has been considered by the Group; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be finalised?

**Plastic factories in Sarai Basti, Delhi**

2532. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of factories in Sarai Basti, Old Rohtak Road, Delhi-35, area;

(b) the number of plastic factories out of those;

(c) whether it is a non-conforming Industrial Area;

(d) whether it is a fact that the polluting plastic factories have been banned;

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(e) whether a representation has been made by the Welfare Association, Sarai Basti, Delhi-35, recently; and

(f) if so, what action has been taken in the matter; if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Eco-friendly plastic bag**

2533. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any environmentally degradable (ED) plastic, which does not leave harmful toxic residue or matter, choke the drains and kill the animals as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 13th June, 2002;

(b) if so, by when this environment-friendly plastic bag would be brought in the market for public use; and

(c) what would be the cost-wise analysis of the conventional plastic bag and the ED plastic bag once marketed?

#### **Impact of Utkal Alumina Project on Wildlife**

2534. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area proposed for setting up of Utkal Alumina Project in Kasipur Block of Rajagoda District in Orissa has the wildlife of the nature of bears and other mammals;

(b) whether any expert opinion from leading wildlife conservation organisation has been obtained on the likely impact of this project on the wildlife, both flora and fauna;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Distribution of Forest Land**

2535. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government distributed the forest land on lease to anybody else for cardamom plantation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the cardamom cultivation and the lease of land satisfies the relevant provisions of Forest Protection Act, stating whether any violation of the law has been noticed; if so, the action taken by Government to protect the reserve forest land?

#### **Community forest management in Chhattisgarh**

†2536. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any loan to the Chhattisgarh Government under the Community Forest Management Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the area to be included, district-wise, under this programme; and

(c) the target fixed to complete the above work?

#### **Impact of delayed environmental clearance**

2537. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Central and State level projects of public importance are pending for approval of the department of Environment and Forests because of strict rules of this department;

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(b) if so, the details of such projects; and  
 (c) whether the development work is not being carried out at full pace for want of approval of these projects and common people are suffering because of that?

**Residential colony on forest land in Nainital**

†2538. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a residential colony had been settled since independence on the land of forest Department named, "Vindukhatta", in Nainital district of Uttaranchal and that colony is expanding continuously;

(b) if so, the reasons for not regularising such colonies, even after enforcement of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980; and

(c) whether Government are considering to construct a boundary or for fencing around the rest of the forest land, in order to protect the forest land from increasing encroachment?

**Entry fee for Ranthambhore Tiger Project**

†2539. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for entry of tourists and vehicles in Ranthambhore Tiger Project and the entry fee therefor;

(b) the persons and the vehicles entitled for free entry in the project;

(c) the number of tourists who visited the project during the last three years and the amount charged from them, as entry fee; and

(d) what type of improvements in the transport system Government propose to make, so that every visiting tourist gets a chance to roam there?

**Endangered lion-tailed monkey**

2540. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special variety of monkey, called lion-tailed monkey, is getting vanished day-by-day in the forest areas near Kalakad in Tirunelveli district in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how Government would prevent extinction of such a special variety of species in the area;

(d) whether this lion-tailed monkey is found in any other forest areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Ban on cutting Babool tree in Chhattisgarh**

†2541. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Babool does not grow naturally in any of the forest areas in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons for the ban on cutting of Babool wood;

(c) whether Government would permit relaxation in restrictions keeping in view the villagers' interests;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**CBI cases under Wildlife Protection Act**

2542. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has booked more than 13 cases since 1997 under the Wildlife Protection Act and in many cases it has secured convictions;

(b) whether an infamous skin smuggler, involved in 9 cases under the Act since 1988 is still facing preliminary trials and is out on bail;

(c) whether the CBI Wildlife Cell is strapped of expert manpower and whether its Narcotics Cell is doubling up, to handle Wildlife cases; and

(d) whether CBI still depends on expert advise on wildlife from outside NGO circuits and environmental activists?

**Lease of forest land in Alaganchi Forest in Karnataka**

2543. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Karnataka Government has requested the Centre, for leasing of 188.40 ha. of forest land in Alaganchi State Forest of Bandipur National Park, for rehabilitation of 154 tribal families uprooted for the purpose of construction of Kabini Dam and formation of the Bandipur National Park; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

**Atrocities by forest officials on tribal women**

†2544. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details, including Chhattisgarh/MP, regarding atrocities and violence being committed by the Department of Forests officials against the tribal women, in the name of forest security, during the last one year;

(b) whether there is any plan to evict the inhabitants of forests from the forest areas; if so, whether the inhabitants of the forests being evicted are being provided with the land and other means of livelihood; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Area under Bt. Cotton Cultivation**

2545. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Bangalore edition of "Deccan Herald" dated 8th June, 2002 under the caption, "Bt. Cotton may lose resistance to bollworm in long run";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Bt. Cotton loses resistance to the Bollworm and other pests over a period of time; if so, the extent of area in the country under the Bt. Cotton cultivation, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide relief to the existing growers of the Bt. Cotton in the country; if so, the details in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Stockholm Convention on POPs**

2546. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT  
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed the Stockholm Convention aimed at phasing out the production and emission of one dozen Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) including nine pesticides and three industrial chemical emissions;

(b) whether as an immediate fall-out, the country would be given a grant from the Global Environment Fund (GEF) to carry out an assessment and chart out a plan to tackle POPs; and

(c) if so, what are the details of this plan and its impact on the industry?

#### **Review of Eco-Development Project**

2547. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT  
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of India's Eco-Development Project, which is focussed around tiger reserves and national parks in seven States, has recently been reviewed and the problems identified;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to rectify them; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to afford more security to forests?

#### **Delhi Zoological Park**

2548. SHRI JHUMUK LAL  
BHENDIA:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT  
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would plan to give the Delhi Zoological Park a revamp;

(b) if so, whether there any proposal with the Central Government in this context;

(c) whether the revamp project at the Delhi Zoo would consider placing all animals close to their natural habitat, instead of cage; and

(d) if so, the details of such proposals?

#### **Seizure of peacock-feathers at IGI airport**

2549. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:  
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT  
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "103 kg. of peacock-feathers seized at IGI airport", appearing in the Hindustan Times on 21st July, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact the 103 kg. of feathers believed to be derived from over a 1000 peacocks were seized from the baggage of two passengers, including an Air India employee; and

(c) if so, what exemplary punishment is being awarded to the gang involved in the racket, especially to the Air India employee?

#### **Area under Ranthambhor Tiger Project**

†2550. DR. ABRAR AHMED:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT  
AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the area covered under Ranthambhor Tiger Project in Sawai Madhopur, how many times it has been extended during the

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last 20 years, the amount of compensation/assistance given to the affected persons on account of this;

(b) what facilities are proposed to be provided by Government to persons and villages in the adjoining areas of the project; and

(c) whether Government propose to extend any compensation for the damage caused by wild animals in villages and farms adjoining the project?

#### **Pollution from Chloro-alkali and petro-chemicals units**

2551. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small and medium scale Chloro-alkali and Petro-chemicals units emit over 40 per cent of hazardous dioxin pollutants in the air during manufacturing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government to notify these units, on the level of pollution emitted by them;

(d) the number of such units still operating, either in Chloro-alkali or petro-chemical fields; and

(e) whether Government have any plans to phase out such units, to negotiate these dangerous environmental hazards?

#### **Impact of mining on ecology in Aravali**

2552. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale

illegal mining activities are continuing, causing rampant destruction of forests and ecology in the Aravali range;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what proposals Government are planning, to stop such ecological destruction in the area; and

(d) what are the findings of the committee constituted by the Ministry and its recommendations?

#### **Godavari Action Plan**

2553. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether work on Godavari Action Plan for the forthcoming Kumbh Mela has started at Nasik in Maharashtra;

(b) the contribution made by Government in this project; and

(c) the details of the project and when it is likely to be completed?

#### **Protection of natural forest of Andamans**

2554. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the action taken to protect the natural forests of Andamans, being exploited by the saw-mills?

#### **Conservation of Hussain Sagar Lake**

2555. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hussain Sagar Lake at Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh has been covered under the National Lake

Conservation Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken so far, to clean and conserve this important lake, which can be developed as a potential tourism attraction of Hyderabad?

#### **Disposal of bio-medical waste in Delhi**

2556. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of health care units in the capital are dumping their bio-medical waste in the city's municipal garbage bins;

(b) if so, whether environmental pollution in the capital is increasing as a result thereof;

(c) if so, whether CPCB has not taken any concrete action against the defaulters of the dumping norms; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Allocation under Ganga Action Plan for Badrinath and Devprayag**

†2557. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4331, given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state:

(a) the reasons for providing nominal amount under Ganga Action Plan for important places like Badrinath-Dham and Devprayag from where the name of 'Ganga' takes place at the meeting point of Bhagirathi and Alaknanda rivers; and

(b) whether genuinity of the relative expenditure incurred has been assessed; if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred on the whole scheme of treatment of sewage

water for the purpose of purifying Ganga and by when the said scheme would be taken up?

#### **Air quality standards in Orissa**

2558. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare action plans for pollution control in cities and towns that did not meet ambient air quality, as directed by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the names of such cities and towns in Orissa, that did not meet air quality standards; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for time-bound implementation of these action plans?

#### **Housing sites along Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary**

2559. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is threat perception to the Chandaka Wildlife Sanctuary, due to development of housing sites along its boundary;

(b) if so, the nature of these threats; and

(c) what action Government propose to counter-balance such threats?

#### **Wildlife sanctuaries as tourist spots**

†2560. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan for development of wildlife sanctuaries as tourist spots;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the financial provisions made in this regard, State-wise, especially for Chhattisgarh; and

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

#### **Treatment with animals**

2561. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the duties and responsibilities of the Commission for Prevention & Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPSEA) and Animals Welfare Board (AWB);

(b) the details of preparations for the forthcoming international workshop on animal experiments to be held in Delhi in October, 2002;

(c) whether CPSEA & AWB have received complaints about ill-treatment of animals, used for experiments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Utilization of amount for Uttarakhand Forestry Projects**

†2562. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4341 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the amount of around one thousand million rupees, allocated to Uttarakhand under the bifurcated WB assisted UP Forestry Projects during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, has been utilized during these two years; if so, the details of works accomplished there, under it; and

(b) whether public participation for development of forests has been ensured;

if so, the details of the beneficiaries?

#### **Illegal export of peacock feathers**

2563. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the number of cases of poaching for peacock feathers;

(b) if so, the quantity of peacock feathers seized during the last two years;

(c) the countries to which peacock feathers are being illegally exported; and

(d) the action being taken to check poaching of peacocks in the country?

#### **Pollution control plans**

2564. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to prepare pollution control plans for a number of seriously polluted cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for heavy pollution in the cities have been identified; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to control/contain the level of pollution?

#### **Plantations Programme**

†2565. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of trees planted in the country, State-wise, the type of trees

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and the total area covered under plantations, during each of the last three years and during the current year;

(b) the target fixed for plantations during 2002-2003;

(c) the estimated amount to be spent for this purpose;

(d) whether there has been decrease in the number of trees, especially teak trees; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to increase their number?

#### **Institute for disaster management in Bhopal**

†2566. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal/recommendations to establishing a Biological Institution for the long term study and research on ill effects of Bhopal Gas tragedy and to set up a national level institution for Disaster Management in Bhopal has been received by Government;

(b) if so, by when Government are going to take decision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor by Government despite the fact that Bhopal suffered the most frightening Industrial accident Bhopal Gas tragedy?

#### **FPI delegations abroad**

2567. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Food Processing Industries were sent to foreign countries during the

last two years, for co-operation and development, in view of the growing global competition in the Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what subjects of mutual interest were discussed with them;

(c) the names of the countries with whom trade agreements were entered into by them and the details of each of the trade agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

#### **Scholarships in ICHR**

†2568. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria to award scholarships in Indian Council of Historical Research;

(b) whether the members, against whom C.B.I. inquiry in a scam is going on, have awarded scholarships to their family members and relatives; if so, to whom, on what basis and which member awarded such scholarships; and

(c) what action would be taken by Government against the said members and the scholarship holders and by when?

#### **Employment after studying Astrology**

2569. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had introduced courses in Astrology in Indian Universities; and

(b) if so, what is the profile of the students and how many of them have found gainful employment, after studying these courses?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Anti national education institutes**

†2570. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti national educational institutes are being run at many places in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to close them; and

(c) the details of steps taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Committee for staff problem in KVs**

†2571. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that problems of male and female teachers and the staff in Kendriya Vidyalayas remain pending for many years;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to constitute a Committee to resolve their problems, after conducting a survey in this regard;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Externally-aided women development projects in M. P.**

2572. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the externally-funded women development projects in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the names of the nodal agencies implementing the projects;

(c) the details regarding quantum of money received from various external agencies during the last five years, project-wise and year-wise;

(d) what is the cost of the projects and how many districts are covered; and

(e) how many women got benefited by these projects, project-wise?

#### **Grace period for B. Ed. KV teachers**

2573. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan grants a 2-3 years time to the candidates for teaching posts, who do not possess B. Ed. or equivalent teaching degree/diploma, at the time of their selection;

(b) if so, whether this period had ever been extended for the present incumbent Principals of Bhopal Region, on the expiry of stipulated period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, how did they continue in service thereafter?

#### **Medical facilities in NVs**

2574. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of medical assistance which is provided/available to resident students/teachers and their families, studying/teaching in Navodaya Vidyalayas of India;

(b) whether any reforms are contemplated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### Allocations for education

†2575. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for the Tenth Five Year Plan, as well as during the current financial year, for primary education, separately, after it was made compulsory for all the children;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed allocation is less than the requirements of Tenth Five Year Plan, as estimated by the working group on primary and adult education;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of additional funds sought by the Department and by when the same are likely to be made available?

### National Information Technology Institute in Bihar

2576. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal/request from the Bihar Government, for setting up of a National Information Technology Institute (NITI) in the State;

(b) whether the Task Force set up by his Ministry has also recommended setting up of such an Institute in that State; and

(c) if so, the amount of Central assistance provided to the State Government in this regard?

### Losses due to brain-drain

2577. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVU-KKARASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to last year's survey, the number of people wanting to return to India after completing their higher studies in the United States, fell from 50 per cent in 1985 to 20 per cent in 2000;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country is losing as much as \$ 2 billion a year as a result of emigrations to US; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to control brain-drain and save the exchequer?

### Child Marriage Restraint Act

2578. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has asked the States to take cognizance of the obnoxious practice and ensure action against the violators of the Child Marriage Restraint Act;

(b) whether the NCW has also asked the States to issue instructions that no officer shall participate in or promote a function, where any child marriage or mass child marriages are organised;

(c) whether the Child Marriage Restraint Act is not being implemented; and

(d) if so, whether any concrete steps are being considered by Government to implement the Act seriously by the States?

### False Universities

2579. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR  
REDDY:  
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether University Grants Commission has detected and declared some universities in Delhi as "False Universities", as reported in the Indian Express on 27th June, 2002; if so the details thereof;

(b) the types of courses run in these universities and whether these Universities have issued the required certificates to the passing out students for seeking employment; and

(c) what would be the fate of students who had secured such certificates, if these certificates are considered invalid for employment and also of those who are undergoing the courses?

#### **Primary schools without infrastructure facilities**

2580. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of primary schools in the country, particularly in North-Eastern States, which are not having their own infrastructure; District-wise/State-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Indian Education Service**

2581. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute an 'Indian Education Service', on the lines of All India Civil Services, to bring professionalism in educational management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, what is their response to the proposal; and

(e) the time-frame by which the service would be constituted?

#### **Stock verification in KV libraries**

2582. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an annual stock verification is undertaken in libraries of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, whether any standard methodology has been prescribed therefor;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of methodology of condemnation of unserviceable books, etc.?

#### **Assistance from a UK university**

2583. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether help of a university in UK has been sought for Government schools, for effecting improvement in education system as Indian universities had failed to respond;

(b) if so, what type of assistance has been asked for from the foreign university;

(c) the details of Bridge School Programme proposed to be launched for the purpose; and

(d) whether any kind of financial implications are involved; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sports in school curriculum**

2584. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for including sports in school curriculum;

(b) if so, what are the details thought of, for such a plan; and

(c) whether sports was or is included in school curriculum of any State?

### Nursery classes by KVs

2585. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi are running nursery classes on ad-hoc/experimental basis, for the last three years and more, with good public response;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to regularize the nursery classes like other classes in the Vidyalayas; and

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

### Nursery teachers

2586. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nursery teachers have to teach nursery, 1st and 2nd standard Classes in schools, as per the provisions in the scheme/policy of Education;

(b) if so, whether directions/guidelines to States/UTs have been issued/notified for their implementation in this regard; and

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

### FDI in Primary education

2587. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to permit Foreign Direct Investment in elementary and primary education on case by case basis, pending a

formal policy decision in this regard by the cabinet;

(b) if so, how many investment proposals have been cleared so far and how many are in the advanced stage of approval; and

(c) whether any policy guidelines have been formulated?

### Lower enrolment of foreign students in Indian Universities

†2588. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enrolment of foreign students in current session in University of Delhi and in all the other universities of the country has been lower *vis-a-vis* the last year;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that due to deteriorating educational atmosphere in the University of Delhi foreign students are no more interested to study in other universities of India;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken serious note of the circumstances; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

### Experimental infrastructure in educational institutions

†2589. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the science education of the primitive age is being imparted in all the colleges, schools and universities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that laboratories of most of the colleges in the

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

country are not equipped with experiment-related instruments and other materials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Night schools for working adults**

2590. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the details of night schools functioning in Rajasthan, during the last five years;

(b) how many of them are still running;

(c) whether it is a fact that the night schools programme to educate working adults has taken a back seat; and

(d) whether Government plan to revive the programme by introducing some vocational courses for Rajasthan and for the entire country?

#### **Cold drinking water in KVs**

†2591. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi/New Delhi where there is no facility of cold drinking water/water cooler for students and they are compelled to drink hot water;

(b) whether it is a fact that students in Kendriya Vidyalaya situated at S.P. Marg, Gole Market are compelled to drink hot water stored only in plastic tanks; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative by when Government would make cold drinking water available in above

Vidyalaya; if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amendments in transfer guidelines**

2592. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some functional executive amendments have been made very recently in the transfer guidelines for Kendriya Vidyalayas' teaching at non-teaching employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **NOC for repayment of HBA in Bikaner Railway Division**

2593. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2181, given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Bikaner Railway Division had asked the legal heir of the deceased owner of Flat No. 332, Pocket-I, Paschim Puri, New Delhi, to deposit balance HBA amount; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the present owner had also been asked to deposit the balance amount;

(c) whether the Chief Welfare Inspector was asked in 2000-2001, to give report in this case; if so, the details of action taken in this regard;

(d) whether a decision has been taken to issue NOC; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when it would be issued?

#### **Copergaon-Shirdi rail line**

2594. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laying of rail line from Copergaon to Shirdi in Maharashtra a sacred, holy temple city for which budget was sanctioned in the past, was stopped,

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi because the Shirdi Sai Baba Temple Trust refused to contribute;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had sanctioned this project in the past for the convenience of the large number of devotees visiting Shirdi Temple; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Conversion of Viramgam-Mehsana-Patna rail tracks**

2595. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been persistent demand from Gujarat and Rajasthan for converting the Rail tracks between Viramgam and Mehsana, Mehsana and Patna in W.R. Baildi Jodhpur (N.R.), from meter gauge to broad gauge;
- (b) whether preliminary survey has been done in this regard; and
- (c) if so, by when the Railways would finalise these conversion projects?

**Passes for railway employees**

2596. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government banned LTC facility for Central Government employees in 2000;
- (b) whether the officers and employees working in his Ministry are enjoying pass facility; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for not imposing ban on the use of passes by officers and employees of his Ministry, when other Central Government employees have not been enjoying the same?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Tenders by Rail Workshop Modernisation Organisation**

†2597. DR. M. N. DAS:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms for floating tenders by Rail Workshop Modernisation Organization;
- (b) the total number of a wheel laith tenders floated during the last five years, the total number of machines procured by Cofarow, the rail Workshop Modernisation Organisation; and
- (c) from which companies these machines were purchased and price of each machine, company-wise?

**Railway Development Authority**

2598. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to set up an Indian Railways Lands, Air Space and Property Development Authority has been formulated, to manage the railway lands for commercial utilisation throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry of Urban Development has objected to the proposal, holding the view that such a step would lead to duplication of work; and
- (d) if so, the details of views of the concerned Ministries and the present status of the proposal?

**Railway bookstalls of A.H. Wheeler & Co.**

2599. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that M/s. A.H.

Wheeler & Co. held 360 bookstalls, as on 12th April, 1984;

(b) whether the same firm held 391 bookstalls, as on 11th December, 1985; and

(c) if so, what are the details of thirty one bookstalls, with the names of stations, allotted to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co., during the above period?

#### **Rail tickets through Internet**

2600. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Northern Railway has introduced Internet ticketing system;

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

(c) how the IRCTC has created a secure payment gateway, to enable on-line payment;

(d) whether any agency has been authorized to collect money on behalf of the Railways; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Strength of Railways**

2601. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Zone-wise strength of Railways, as on 30th June, 2002;

(b) what would be the strength of Railways, after "right sizing" the Railways;

(c) whether it is a fact that pensioners in Railways would surge ahead of the working employees by 2006-07;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how the Railways would bear the burden of pension?

#### **Rail track from Udhampur to Baramula**

2602. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved and declared "National Project for Construction of Rail-Track from Udhampur to (Baramula, Kashmir *via* Katra;

(b) if so, the amount allocated in the Rail-Budget for its construction and by when it would be completed; and

(c) the progress, till date?

#### **Train halt at Khurja Junction**

2603. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Superfast train No. 2558, which departs from New Delhi for Muzaffarpur *via* Khurja and Aligarh, does not halt at Khurja junction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any plan under consideration, to provide halt to the above train at Khurja junction; and

(d) by when the final decision in this regard would be taken?

#### **Unmanned level crossings**

2604. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had given a directive to the Railways in 1997, to man all the level-crossings;

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



(c) the number of level crossings manned during the last 10 years year-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that about 23,000 level crossings across the country are still unmanned; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not implementing the Supreme Court's directive to man all level crossings, to prevent accidents?

#### **Jalandhar-Jammu double track**

2605. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent Budget Session an announcement for construction of double track for Railway from Jalandhar to Jammu was made in the Railway Budget speech; and

(b) if so, the progress and the details thereof?

#### **Reduction in Power tariff for Railways**

2606. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 412 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 2002 and state:

(a) the rate, per unit, charged by the NTPC and the States, for power supply to the Railways;

(b) whether the issue regarding reduction in power tariff has been examined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Production of Ist class coaches**

2607. SHRI B.S. GANANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways would reconsider to commence production of Ist class coaches, which has been stopped; and

(b) whether attachment of atleast one Ist class coach would be convenient for patients, particularly those suffering from asthma, etc. to travel comfortably?

#### **Waiters and supervisory staff on trains**

2608. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains in the country in which meals and break-fast are served;

(b) the number of waiters and supervisory staff, to manage and serve the passengers;

(c) what are the grades of pay of supervisory staff and whether other facilities, apart from pay, are also extended to them; and

(d) whether waiters are paid in terms of Minimum Wages Act; if not, the reasons therefor and the scales which they are placed in?

#### **Subway for Trisoolam Metro-Railway Station at Chennai**

2609. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to build a subway connecting the Trisoolam Metro-Railway Station and the Chennai Airport is under consideration;

(b) the impediments in executing the proposal; if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) the agencies co-ordinating with the Railways in this scheme; and

(d) what is the total amount allocated for the scheme?

#### **MRTS in Chennai**

2610. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in Chennai, beyond the Velacheri railway station;

(b) if so, upto which place it is likely to be extended;

(c) whether there is also a proposal to connect the MRTS line with the Railway stations at Chennai, connecting the trains to other cities or towns; and

(d) by when the entire MRTS scheme in Chennai would be completed?

#### **Train between Kuppam and Bangalore**

2611. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new daily train between Kuppam and Bangalore, leaving Kuppam at 8 A.M. and Bangalore at 5 P.M. in view of developmental activities in and around Kuppam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Transfers due to bifurcation of railway Zones**

2612. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed

the number of personnel that would be required for seven new railway Zones being created; and

(b) the number of persons who would be transferred/dislocated as a result of bifurcation of the existing Zones?

#### **Gauge conversion of rail lines**

2613. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of gauge conversion of existing rail lines in the country, particularly in the NER;

(b) the details of those conversion works, running behind the schedule and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Railway policy**

2614. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH 'LIBRA':  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to lay down a National Railway Policy, in the near future; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the progress made, so far, in this regard?

#### **Train stoppage at Moulali**

2615. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Moulali Railway Station a stoppage for express and fast passenger trains, in view

of the thousands of passengers from Moulali and surrounding areas; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Railway land**

2616. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total land area under the Railways, the land under actual use of the railways, the land under illegal encroachment by the railway staff and that by others, Division-wise;

(b) the area given on lease for commercial purposes and the annual revenue being earned therefrom; and

(c) the action taken to evict encroachments during the last three years, achievements made and the major reasons for failure of the eviction drive, Division-wise?

#### **Stoppage of August Kranti at Sawai Madhopur**

†2617. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stoppage of August Kranti at Sawai Madhopur would be discontinued from 15th August, or in the near future;

(b) whether he is aware that Sawai Madhopur is an important place from the tourism point of view, and foreign tourists visiting India want to go to Ranthambhore Tiger Project in Sawai Madhopur; and

(c) whether Government would decide about permanent stoppage of August Kranti and Rajdhani Express at Sawai Madhopur?

#### **Procurement of Wheel Press Machines by the Railways**

†2618. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:  
DR. M.N. DAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Wheel Press Machines were procured during the last five years and how many were made available for Mysore and Bhopal;

(b) whether payments for essential spares of these machines have been made, despite the same having not been supplied;

(c) if so, the action taken against the erring officials; and

(d) whether a complaint regarding irregularities in the supply of machinery was received and a case number 1065 was registered on the basis thereof; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Misappropriation in Jodhpur Railway Hospital**

†2619. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has brought to the notice of Government the misappropriation committed by the employees of Railway Hospital at Jodhpur in Northern Railway, in connivance with the private chemists;

(b) if so, the amounts of losses suffered by the Railways as a result thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government against the guilty?

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**Accident insurance of rail  
passengers**

†2620. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to provide accident Insurance for rail passengers travelling in all the classes; and

(b) whether an amount ranging from Rs. 1 to Rs. 10 on account of accident insurance be printed and charged from passengers according to class of travel, while issuing the ticket?

**Fare competition before the Railways**

†2621. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent cut in fares by various airlines in the country has created the crisis of competition before the Railways;

(b) if so, the approximate loss to be suffered by the Railways on account of the fare cut by various airlines;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to cope with the situation; and

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

**Rail link for Agartala**

2622. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to link Tripura capital of Agartala, by rail with other parts of the country, by the year 2006; and

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

**Raid on catering department at New  
Delhi Railway Station**

†2623. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Vigilance Department had raided the catering department at New Delhi Railway station on 4th January and 5th March, 2002, and seized spurious and substandard food items;

(b) whether the Chief Railway Vigilance Officer had submitted his report five months back, yet no action has been taken so far by the department thereon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for not taking any action and by when the action thereon is likely to be taken?

**Demolition of building near Kollam  
Railway station**

2624. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to demolish the Chinese Palace building, located near Kollam Railway station in Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has requested to hand over the same, for providing Art-Gallery;

(d) whether Government are aware that the Chinese Palace is an old and ancient building and is a living monument of Chinese Architecture in Kerala;

(e) whether Government would consider it to renovate, preserve and retain the building as such or hand over to the State Government, for preservation; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

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**Rail route between Dindugil and Sabarimala**

2625. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN:  
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for a rail route between Dindugil and Sabarimala would be implemented;

(b) if so, the time limit for its implementation; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider implementing the project from Dindugil to Theni, due to the growing commercial activities between Dindugil, Batalagondi, Periyakulam and Theni?

**Food stalls for MNC's at railway stations**

2626. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken a policy decision to allot food stalls at railway platforms to MNCs, like McDonald's, Nirula, etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Fast track strategy for railways**

2627. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry, has suggested a fast track strategy to revamp the functioning of the Railways through a series of measures;

(b) if so, the measures suggested by ASSOCHM; and

(c) Government's response to these suggestions?

**Regular Station Master for Mainpuri**

†2628. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:  
SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:  
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Master of Mainpuri Railway Station is responsible for the sorry state of affairs at the Station and does not make any effort for improvement there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Station Master has been appointed thereon regular basis since long, if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government would hold a fair inquiry into the complaints received against the Station Master after removing him from there, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the Station Master is likely to be appointed?

**National citizen card for information security**

2629. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per World Economic Forum, India is ranked 41st in the table of world competitiveness, which is decided by progressiveness of the industry, technological push and the status of deregulation; if so, whether in order to obtain higher rank for India, an innovative system for competitiveness of both the service and manufacturing sectors needs to be evolved;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a multi-purpose national citizen

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card, in order to achieve the said objective and to prevent the breach of information security; and

(c) if so, what is Government's plan in this regard?

#### **Bio-technology in agriculture sector**

2630. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements in application of Bio-Technology in Agriculture sector, especially in Rice, Horticulture and Sericulture;

(b) whether the Ministry has conducted any training programme in the country at the appropriate level, for the application of Bio-Technology in Agriculture; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Research in Nanotechnology**

2631. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to promote research in the field of Nanotechnology; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Enhancing fellowship amount**

2632. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of fellowships for Junior Research Fellow, Senior Research Fellow and Research Associates has recently been enhanced by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance the same?

#### **Study on Monsoon behaviour**

2633. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether meteorological department proposes to conduct experiment to establish the link between the Arabian sea and the climate on the Indian subcontinent, particularly in the matter of behaviour of Monsoon;

(b) if so, the institutions, organisations and universities taking part in this experiment; and

(c) the benefits that would accrue to India in this experiment?

#### **UNDP energy report in steel sector**

2634. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNDP energy report on small and medium enterprises in the steel sector has been received;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be released and implemented; and

(c) what steps have been proposed in the report, to take special care of the smaller units?

#### **Steel industry delegations abroad**

2635. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with steel industry were sent to foreign countries during the last two years for co-operation and development in the steel sector, in view of the growing global competition;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what subjects of mutual interest were discussed;

(c) the names of the countries with whom trade agreements were entered into by them and the details of each of the trade agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

#### **Coke over-Battery Project in VSP**

2636. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has decided to commission coke over-Battery in the plant, to keep the plant running throughout the year;

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

(c) whether Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has entered into a tie-up with any company for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Categorisation of NMDC**

†2637. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to impart the status of Nav Ratna to National Mineral Development Corporation, by bringing it out from the category of Mini-Ratna, is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Market orientation of Steel Prices**

2638. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that some inputs into steel industry like coal, power, railway, freight, prices of diesel and petrol and wages of workers, are Administratively controlled by Government departments, with the result that steel prices are currently market oriented and go up or down, depending upon market forces;

(b) if so, whether Government have a proposal to do away this big anomaly, so that Indian steel companies can compete with global companies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Steel production in PSUs**

2639. SHRI GAYA SINGH:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Steel production in public sector steel plants declined considerably during 2001-2002, as compared to 2000-2001; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the plant-wise details of production of steel in the public sector, during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002?

#### **Efficiency of steel companies**

2640. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving efficiency and to enhance productivity, to make the Indian steel cost-competitive in international market?

#### **Steel companies request for Review of interest rate**

2641. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the new-sitem captioned "Prices Boomerang on steel companies" published in the Business Standard dated the 3rd July, 2002;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the steel companies have approached the Financial institutions to review and raise their earlier request of lowering the interest rates as part of the debt restructuring plans; and

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

#### **Revamping the NSS**

2642. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to revamp and restructure the National Service Scheme (NSS) in school and colleges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages/slums adopted under the scheme, State-wise;

(d) whether any stipend/honorarium or monetary benefit is given to students, for participating in the scheme, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Clubs Registered under NYKS**

2643. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth clubs registered in the county under Nehru Yuva Kendra

Sangathan (NYKS) during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of participation of tribal youths in these clubs; during the last year; and

(c) how many youths nominated from these clubs got training from National Sports Council, State-wise, during the last three years?

#### **Outdoor stadia at Kulu and Joginder Nagar**

2644. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for outdoor stadia at Kulu and Joginder Nagar in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken/ propose to take in the matter?

#### **Sports training teachers**

†2645. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to formulate any General Sports Policy to boost the Indian Sports;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to train each teacher in sports as well, alongwith teaching and training;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,  
Secretary-General.

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