

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the December 9, 2002/Agrahayana 18, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Development of North Eastern Region;  
Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public  
Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice;  
Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs;  
Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

#### Export earning

1789. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated total export earning during the current financial year;
- (b) the level of growth expected;
- (c) whether it is a fact that export earning is affected by stiff competition; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken to increase export earning by giving incentives to exporters?

#### Closed/sick industrial units

1790. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of industrial units having been closed, declared sick or running in loss upto 31st October, 2002;
- (b) the number of industries closed, declared sick and running in loss upto 28th February, 2001; and
- (c) the number of workers rendered unemployed in both the cases?

#### Compensation to tobacco barn owners

1791. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as a part of phasing out of tobacco production, tobacco barns have been closed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including number of barns closed in the country, State-wise;
- (c) if so, whether any compensation has been paid to tobacco barn owners;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether any financial relief has been given to tobacco cultivators for providing them incentives for raising alternative crops in the form of input-subsidy; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### Export prospects in Latin America

1792. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to news-item captioned, "Export promotion drive soon—Exporters see good business in Latin America", which appeared in the Economic Times, dated the 26th August, 2002;

(b) whether our exporters are mounting a major export promotion drive in Latin America;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the help rendered by Government or the Export Promotion Council to encourage exporters in their drive?

#### **Demand for domestic products**

1793. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the demand for domestic products in the year 2002-03 has been extremely low;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Global slow down to affect domestic demand, exports", which appeared in the Economic Times, dated the 19th August, 2002;

(c) if so, Government's reaction to this report; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to improve the demand for domestic goods in the country as also their exports?

#### **Assistance to State Governments for setting up SEZs**

1794. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:  
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

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

(a) whether Government have given

assistance to the State Governments for setting up Special Export Zones in the country;

(b) if so, the number of zones intended to be set up, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala for Central assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

#### **Guidelines for IMFL producing MNCs**

1795. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether Government have framed any rules/guidelines under which MNCs producing IMFL in India are required to seek Government's approval before setting up or acquiring new plants;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that M/s Seagram Mfg. Ltd., a multinational company has taken over Oceanic Distilleries Pvt. Ltd., Dindori, District Nasik without Government's approval; and

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

#### **Report on Intellectual Property Rights and Development Policy**

1796. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:  
SHRI K. B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights appointed by the British Secretary of State, of which Dr. R. A. Mashelker was a Member, has submitted its report titled,

'Intellectual Property Rights and Development Policy'; and

(b) if so, the details of major recommendations contained in the report and Government's decision on each of them?

#### **Building of trust with European Union**

1797. DR. KARAN SINGH:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the European Union has expressed concern over the issue that there is a long process in decision making and execution takes a long time;

(b) if so, in which manner Government intend to build the trust with the European Union countries that there is no cause for concern;

(c) whether the EU has plans to explore and develop newer industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Indo-US Agriculture Pact**

1798. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that U.S.A. has sought India's support on Agriculture Pact;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) India's response thereto?

#### **FDI in restricted areas**

1799. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

allow further foreign investment in restricted areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the investments are not increasing as per the expectation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve the position?

#### **Impact of WTO**

1800. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are establishing regional offices to explain the impact of WTO in different parts of the country;

(b) the number of regional offices proposed to be opened by Government to collect data and interact with public on WTO;

(c) by when such offices will be functional;

(d) whether Government also have a proposal to take suggestions from the public for negotiations with WTO; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Target for FDI during Tenth Plan**

1801. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to raise FDI to 7.5 billion dollars annually during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to achieve this target;

(c) the FDI inflow in the country during the last three years, sector/service-wise and year-wise; and

(d) the details of the sectors and services currently open to FDI, would be opened

shortly and those in which FDI cap is proposed to be enhanced?

#### **Pending FDI cases in FIPB**

1802. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 foreign direct investment cases are pending in FIPB for approval; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for speedy approval of these cases?

#### **Quota for production of tobacco in Karnataka**

1803. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the land in hectares under cultivation of tobacco in Karnataka during the year 2001;

(b) the quantity of tobacco grown during 2001 in Karnataka;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Tobacco Board has asked the growers to grow only 48 million kg. of tobacco during the year 2002;

(d) if so, the reasons for reducing 10 million kg. of tobacco being grown in Karnataka; and

(e) whether Government would take steps to fix the quota of tobacco being grown in Karnataka to 60 million kg. during the year 2002-2003?

#### **Crisis in tea industry**

1804. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to

solve the serious crisis in the tea industry arising out of the fall in the price of tea;

(b) whether Government intend to reduce excise duty;

(c) whether Government would stop the import of tea and increase the import duty on tea to 300 per cent;

(d) whether Government would declare a moratorium for the loans taken by the tea cultivators, other than big plantation companies; and

(e) whether Government propose to write off loans upto Rs. 50,000 taken by the tea cultivators?

#### **Export of steel and iron ore**

1805. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of steel and iron ore to China is on the decrease for the past sometime;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the figures both in value and quantity terms for the last five years, year-wise;

(c) the steps proposed to boost steel export to China in the coming years; and

(d) whether besides China, Indian steel has any demand in the International market and if so, the details thereof?

#### **MMTC to enter agriculture products export business**

1806. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation proposes to enter agriculture products export business;

(b) if so, the agri-products that would be exported; and

(c) the names of countries to which this will be exported alongwith the quantity of the products to be exported?

### **FDI**

1807. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Foreign Direct Investment in the country in the past three years; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase the level of FDI?

### **Separate agency for export of marine products**

1808. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are establishing a separate agency for export of marine products from the East Coast;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have negotiated with Japan and other countries to lift more stocks of marine products from the East Coast;

(c) if so, the details of such negotiation conducted by Government with Japan for export of marine products;

(d) by when this agreement would come into force; and

(e) the steps being taken to create a new agency to develop exports of marine products?

### **Anti-dumping measures within WTO ambit**

1809. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to stop dumping of various

goods in the country while protecting the domestic industry within WTO ambit;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### **Import of vegetables and fruits**

†1810. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of vegetables and fruits worth rupees 250 crores has been made during the last quarter; and

(b) whether this is not alarming as it will cause a loss of rupees one thousand crore per year to Indian farmers?

### **Investment in the private sector in NER**

1811. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investment in private sector under the liberalisation policy in NER is very low;

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of decisions taken so far by Government in this regard?

### **Role and achievements of the Department of NER**

1812. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate, present role and achievements of his department;

(b) the total strength of manpower

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showing permanent positions created, number of posts being filled on contract basis, details of the present incumbents with their parent cadre, length of working experience in the North-Eastern Region;

(c) whether the department is a permanent set-up or an ad-hoc arrangement till a particular period;

(d) if ad-hoc, the details thereof;

(e) if permanent, details of powers, resource provision, list of establishments/institutions brought under its jurisdiction or proposed to be brought; and

(f) the status of the proposal to amend the NEC Act?

#### **Financial allocation to NER**

1813. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the basis of financial allocation made to various States of NER from the non-lapsable pool of resources;

(b) the break-up of amount sanctioned from the pool till October, 2002 State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether his department has returned few proposals of the Government of Assam recently which were deficient; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the reasons and implications?

#### **Centrally-sponsored schemes in NER**

1814. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored schemes and programmes being

implemented in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in Assam;

(b) the details of the achievements made in these States after the implementation of these schemes; and

(c) the total Funds granted for these schemes for the States during the last three years?

#### **Implementation of Shillong Declaration**

1815. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of implementation of the Shillong Declaration by the Prime Minister in January, 2000;

(b) the details of the commitments which have been fulfilled and which remain unfulfilled; and

(c) the reasons for not fulfilling the commitments?

#### **Privatisation of NALCO**

1816. SHRI JIBON ROY:  
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are firm to go ahead with the privatisation of National Aluminium Company (NALCO) inspite of the controversy within the Cabinet/ruling party on the wisdom of privatising PSUs;

(b) whether his Ministry is of the opinion that roll back of the NALCO sale decision will not only hurt Government's image but also adversely affect the future prospects of the Company; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Disinvestment of Qutub Hotel**

1817. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Qutub Hotel in Delhi has been taken over by some private company after disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reserve price of the hotel and at which price the hotel was sold off?

#### **Sale of privatised PSUs**

1818. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently privatised PSUs are being sold and resold with profit motive;

(b) if so, the number of such instances with details of bidding/re-selling price at each point of sale;

(c) whether such re-selling is facilitated by deliberately under-rating the PSU to enable a predetermined bidder to buy the PSU at a much lesser price than the real worth and re-sell it to another at twice his investment;

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

(e) whether any inquiry has been instituted in this regard?

#### **Changes in disinvestment policy**

†1819. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was no consensus in the Cabinet Committee on the proposal of

extending the limit of foreign investment in oil, telecommunications, insurance and aviation sectors and the programme of disinvestment in oil companies has been deferred;

(b) if so, whether Government still propose to increase the limit of foreign investment in haste in some major sectors to attract foreign investors;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what is the justification therefor; and

(d) what are the details of major changes to be made in the disinvestment policy?

#### **Disinvestment of ITDC hotels**

1820. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government further propose to disinvest some of ITDC hotels;

(b) if so, the names of the hotels where disinvestment is being proposed;

(c) whether market value of the properties being sold out has been taken into account;

(d) the evaluation procedure adopted for calculating the sale price of Government share in the ITDC hotels; and

(e) the details of the hotels already disinvested with the realisation?

#### **Disinvestment of PSUs**

1821. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Disinvestment is meant to strengthen private sector giants at the cost of public sector;

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(b) if not, why the public sector HPCL, BPCL, and IPCL are being sold to private sector companies who naturally would be a powerful petroleum sector corporate; and

(c) will it create a healthy competition?

#### **Post-closure settlement of BALCO**

1822. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 12.64 crores have been paid to M/s Hindustan Lever Ltd. as post-closure settlement; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s Sterlite is also claiming Rs. 16.72 crores as post-closure settlement of BALCO?

#### **Change in disinvestment policy**

1823. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the on-going public debate on the need to proceed cautiously with regard to the disinvestment programme particularly in respect of the profit-making public sector units;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal for change in the disinvestment policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Disinvestment of oil companies**

†1824. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of oil companies which have been disinvested by Government so far and the amount for which these companies have been sold, sector-wise;

(b) the names of oil companies which Government propose to disinvest during the current financial year;

(c) the profit earned by the oil companies, which have already been disinvested and which are to be disinvested, during the last financial year; and

(d) the present status of amount earned from them?

#### **Effect of disinvestment policy on social security schemes**

1825. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disinvestment policy in the Public Sector Units would deprive the weaker sections of society including SCs/STs, of the social security provided through reservation schemes;

(b) whether Government would consider bringing in new legislation making mandatory the reservation schemes in the divested PSUs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Sale of FACT**

1826. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited expression of interests (EOI) for the sale of 51 per cent stake in Fertilizer and Chemical Travancore Ltd. (FACT);

(b) the minimum qualification fixed for the prospective bidders; and

(c) the total assets of the FACT as on 30th September, 2002?

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### **Implementation of family welfare projects in Gujarat**

1827. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of family welfare projects under implementation in Gujarat;
- (b) the efforts made by Government for effective implementation of these projects; and
- (c) the achievements made during the last three years?

### **Prices of medicines**

1828. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the spiralling prices of medicines, which have gone beyond the reach of the commonman;
- (b) if so, whether the revised National Health Policy contemplates eradication of certain diseases over a definite period of time and for effective control of others;
- (c) if so, the details of the programmes, disease-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to keep the medicines required therefor within the reach of the average and poor patients?

### **Side-effects of drugs**

†1829. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of

such drugs are being openly sold and used in the country which cause side-effects in the form of nerve damage, heart beat, bone marrow depression, liver damage and eye nerve damage;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that there is a ban on the sale and use of such drugs in several developed countries of the world; and

- (c) if so, the details thereof together with the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

### **Review of PFA Act**

1830. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have constituted any group to review the various provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) for considering the representations and suggestions received from various organisations; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **USA aid to fight AIDS in India**

1831. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether USA has been aiding India to fight AIDS;
- (b) if so, the details of the aid received, so far, from USA;
- (c) the details of expenditure out of USA aid towards control of AIDS in India;
- (d) whether funds are utilised in subsidising AIDS related costly medicines;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of schemes under which subsidised AIDS medicines are given to AIDS patients?

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### Health Melas

1832. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted Health Melas in different parts of the country;

(b) the details of such Health Melas conducted and the years when they were conducted;

(c) whether it is a fact that they have been discontinued; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to reach a large number of people without basic health care?

### CGHS dispensary in Mayur Vihar

1833. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Resident Welfare Associations of Mayur Vihar, Phase III and its adjoining Group Housing Societies for the opening of CGHS dispensary;

(b) whether Government are aware that a plot of land has been earmarked in Mayur Vihar, Phase-III by the DDA for the construction of a dispensary; and

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

### Adoption of two-child norm

1834. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Government's response to the introduction and adoption of two-child norm by various State Governments like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya

Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat etc. by discouraging all the benefits and facilities under Government schemes to parents giving birth to third Child and also debar them from contesting any election like Panchayat and Municipal Corporation; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the remedial measures proposed to be taken for population control in the country?

### Report of the Committee on spurious drug

1835. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of DGHS to go into all aspects of the menace of spurious drugs and suggest remedial measures, has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Financial assistance under NCCP

1836. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

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

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for financial assistance to Nandamuri Basava Taraka Rama Rao Memorial Cancer Foundation and Research Centre under National Cancer Control Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the request made by the Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

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

**Foreign funds to fight AIDS, Malaria and TB**

1837. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

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

(a) whether Government are proposing to invite foreign funds to control AIDS, Malaria and TB;

(b) if so, whether recent statements made by US Ambassador in India and Microsoft Chief highlighting the dangers of AIDS in India have created panic in the country;

(c) whether Government have examined these statements;

(d) whether the Prime Minister has also called for early development of AIDS vaccine;

(e) if so, whether the Ranbaxy's anti-AIDS drug has got WHO nod; and

(f) to what extent Government will be in a position to check AIDS through foreign funds and anti-AIDS drug?

**World Ayurvedic Congress**

1838. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI BHAGATRAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Ayurvedic Congress was held in India, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the topics discussed in the Congress;

(c) the documents/papers submitted by the researchers focussing on Ayurveda and Health Care;

(d) whether Government will examine all these documents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Free treatment for accident patients**

1839. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to bring a Bill to enable charitable and semi-charitable hospitals in Delhi and other metros to treat accident patients free of cost;

(b) if so, the details of such a Bill;

(c) whether Government are aware that such hospitals refuse to treat accident patients unless they are sure that they would be paid for the treatment they render; and

(d) if so, the action Government would take against such hospitals that refuse to treat accident patients who cannot afford the charges?

**AIDS Rehabilitation Centres**

1840. SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open AIDS Rehabilitation Centres where the victims can seek refuge, get educated on the disease and obtain regular medical checkup;

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

(c) the details of the funds that Government propose to move in this direction; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Non-availability of medicines in  
Ayurvedic dispensaries**

†1841. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prescribed medicines are not available in the Ayurvedic dispensaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the medicines are purchased by the patients themselves and the amount against the bill is reimbursed after lapse of a month; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in view of the harassment of the patients to streamline the local purchase?

**Waiting list for operations in AIIMS**

†1842. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in All India Institute of Medical Sciences patients have to wait for a long period for operation even after a decision for their operation is taken;

(b) if so, the number of such patients in the year 2000-2001 who had to wait for three months or more after the decision for their operation was taken; and

(c) the diseases from which these patients were suffering?

**News-item, "Adulteration cases not  
reaching courts"**

1843. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Adulteration cases not reaching courts," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 5th September, 2002;

(b) whether CBI recommended action against the Director (PFA) for compelling the staff to file chargesheets with illegal consents bearing modified facts, favouring adulterators which were pending for several months; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government against the Director (PFA) in this regard?

**Amendment in Homoeopathy Central  
Council Act, 1973**

1844. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to amend the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 in order to include Homoeopathy Diploma as the minimum standard of education as recognised qualification for registration purposes for Pharmacists to enable them to practise; and

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

**Appointments in AIIMS**

†1845. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that appointments are being made by senior officers in All India Institute of Medical Sciences arbitrarily;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether prescribed formalities were completed before making these appointments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Harnessing of herbal medicines in North-East**

1846. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-East is a treasure trove of bio-diversity, and if harnessed, can be a major player in the world global market for herbal medicines and can strengthen the economy of the region;

(b) if so, Government's assessment thereon; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

**Modernization of Central Government Hospitals**

1847. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to modernize and upgrade the facilities in the Central Government Hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

**Registration of ultrasound clinics**

1848. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the first ultrasound clinic registered in the country;

(b) whether there is any cut-off date for registration of ultrasound machines;

(c) till which date registration has been granted to ultrasound clinics; and

(d) the number of genetic clinics fulfilling the requirements under Schedule III, i.e. A, B (1), B (2) (b), B (2) (c) B (3), B (4) and C (1) of the PNDT Act, 1994?

**Supreme Court's direction on medical negligence**

1849. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently directed the Medical Council of India to submit an affidavit, on the cases of medical negligence, within two weeks;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken any action on the directions of Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the details of the cases of medical negligence and procedure for punishing the erring doctors;

(d) whether Government have set up any Standing Committee to implement the Supreme Court's directives;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Step-motherly treatment to Ayurvedic industry**

1850. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether the Ayurvedic industry is getting step-motherly treatment as compared to the Allopathic industry;

(b) if not, the funds allotted for the growth of the two industries during the last three years;

(c) the share of R & D support for both the industries;

(d) the details of increase in excise duty on various Asava Arishta produced by the Ayurvedic industry during last five years; and

(e) the steps taken to make Ayurvedic industry more competitive?

### Study on replacement blood donors

1851. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by Nagpur-based Government Medical College during the last three years has revealed that 74.94 per cent blood made available by replacement donors is predominantly HIV sero positive;

(b) if so, whether this dangerous phenomenon is restricted only to that area; and

(c) whether Government are proposing random sampling all over the country so that spread of HIV could be controlled and optimal safety and efficacy measures are adopted by Blood Banks?

### New technique to treat eye cancer

1852. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad has devised a method to treat eye cancer with accurately targetted radiation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to introduce the technique in other major eye hospitals in the country; and

(c) if so, by when?

### Increase in dengue and malaria

1853. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many dangerous diseases like dengue and malaria are alarmingly increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken and proposed to be taken to eradicate/prevention of the said diseases;

(c) the details of affected people in Karnataka by the above diseases for the past three years; and

(d) the details of the assistance provided to Karnataka by Government for the prevention of the above diseases during the past three years?

### Cleanliness in Government hospitals

†1854. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Government hospitals particularly AIIMS, Safdarjung and Dr. RML Hospital are totally unhygienic which causes serious hazard to the patients;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Safdarjung Hospital is the topmost filthy hospital where no attention is paid to the cleanliness at all;

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government would issue necessary instructions to these hospitals so that patients do not face any difficulty; and

(d) if so, by when?

### TKDL Project

1855. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy is funding Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;

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(b) whether the authority submitted traditional knowledge resource classification of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library to World Intellectual Property Organisation during 2001;

(c) whether European and United States Patent Office commented that the classification is not useful to non-experts, whereas Chinese database is useful;

(d) whether persons with commerce and life science degrees are appointed as Information Technology Experts in the project;

(e) whether in 2002, a Member of Parliament asked for inquiry on above appointments;

(f) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(g) the reasons for delay in implementing TKDL Project?

#### **Gastroenterologists in the country**

1856. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association maintains/update data of Gastroenterologists in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Gastroenterologists in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not maintaining such a data by the IMA?

#### **Fee for registration/import of drugs**

1857. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DCGI office has started collecting fee for the new drug applications and import registration; and

(b) if so, the total amount of money collected till date and how this amount is going to be utilised?

#### **Golden Hen**

†1858. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists of V. M. Scientific Research Foundation, Bangalore have succeeded in developing a very special species of Hen (Golden Hen), whose eggs could be used in manufacturing anti-venom (snake-bite) medicine; and

(b) if so, Government's view on the research and development?

#### **TB patients in the country**

†1859. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of patients suffering from Tuberculosis in different parts of the country as on 30th October, 2002, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have made adequate arrangements for treatment of patients suffering from Tuberculosis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government as a welfare State to provide medicines at the residence of TB patients?

#### **Cancer patients**

†1860. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cancer patients reported in the country during last three years, State-wise;

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(b) the total number of cancer patients died during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the type of the cancer generally reported in different States and main reasons for the disease; and

(d) the steps being taken to prevent the disease and to make the people aware of it?

#### **Report of United Nations on AIDS deaths**

†1861. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent report of United Nations about 70 million persons in developing countries in Asia and Africa will die of AIDS in the forthcoming 18 years;

(b) if so, the estimated deaths in this connection in India during these years;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated to prevent this epidemic effectively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of medical colleges in remote areas**

1862. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish medical colleges in remote areas of different States;

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

(c) the details of new medical colleges to be established with their locations during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04?

#### **Registration of diagnostic laboratories**

1863. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the heavy import duty on reagents used by diagnostic industry is affecting the industry;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines on the registration of diagnostic laboratories;

(c) whether any State has introduced the system of registration of laboratories to regulate diagnostic industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Health, Nutrition and Population Project from Government of Karnataka**

1864. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent a Health, Nutrition and Population Project worth Rs. 700 crore for recommending to World Bank; and

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

#### **Deaths of children due to malnutrition in M.P. and Rajasthan**

†1865. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children died due to malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan during the period 1999-2001 to October, 2002;

(b) the steps taken by the State Governments and Government under

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mutual co-operation alongwith the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of effective steps being contemplated by Government and the State Governments concerned to check such incidents in future?

#### **National plan to control cancer**

1866. SHRI P. G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any National Plan has been formulated by Government in order to control cancer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent financial aid has been provided to different States under the same during the last two years, State-wise?

#### **AIDS epidemic**

1867. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent report, the collateral damage of the AIDS epidemic could dwarf the collective impact of every other disease known by humankind;

(b) whether the total lifetime healthcare cost for India's 3.5 million AIDS patients will be Rs. 46,000 crore without taking into consideration any growth rate; and

(c) if so, Government's views in this regard?

#### **Complaints against functioning of Medical Colleges**

1868. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have been receiving complaints against the functioning of Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government are going to review the functioning of Medical Colleges and their administration; and

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

#### **Spread of Kalazar in the country**

†1869. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the spread of Kalazar in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially in respect of Bihar; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check it?

#### **Strength of Doctors in Homoeopathic dispensaries**

1870. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength and actual strength of Doctors in Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units located at Dev Nagar, Kali Bari, Sahadara and Daryaganj;

(b) whether the present strength of Doctors in the above mentioned Dispensaries/Units are sufficient to cope with the beneficiaries attending Dispensaries/Units daily; and

(c) if not, the steps Government/CGHS propose to maintain the Doctor-patient ratio in these Dispensaries/Units?

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#### **Non-inclusion of States in NTCP**

†1871. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parts of the country have not been included in National Tuberculosis Control Programme;

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

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government, so far, to include all the States in this programme?

#### **Spread of Dengue, Japanese Encephalitis, HIV/AIDS**

†1872. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diseases like Dengue, Japanese Encephalitis, HIV/AIDS etc. are spreading everywhere in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to prevent these diseases and number of people died in the country due to these diseases during the last three years?

#### **Disparities in the pay-scales of Dressers**

1873. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the duties attached to the post of Dressers in the CGHS/CHS/IIT/DESU and Railways Dispensaries are different;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of pay-scales granted by Government after 5th Central Pay Commission to Dressers in Railways and CGHS and the reasons for the disparities in the pay-scales attached to them for performing similar duties; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to remove the disparities?

#### **Disposal of waste by Government hospitals**

†1874. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "12 bade aspataalon mein uchit tareeke se kachare kaa niptaan nahin," which appeared in the Dainik Jagaran, dated the 9th September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not disposing the waste properly in these hospitals;

(c) whether Government have received any plan from the concerned hospitals in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of arrangements being made by Government for proper disposal of waste in all hospitals?

#### **Corruption in CDL, Kolkata**

1875. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CDL is the only Appellate Laboratory for testing of samples;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all new drug samples are sent to CDL, Kolkata for testing;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that CDL, Kolkata is the only Laboratory in the country for approval of new drug samples;

(d) whether it is also a fact that because of monopoly this Laboratory has become the source of corruption; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken to correct the situation?

#### **Patents of traditional ISM**

†1876. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two and half thousand of patents have been registered, so far, throughout the world by stealing the formulae of traditional Indian Systems of Medicines;

(b) if so, the action, so far, taken by Government in the matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to seek the assistance of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (T.K.D.L.) to get them cancelled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds to Arunachal Pradesh under various National Health Programmes**

1877. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State of Arunachal Pradesh under various National Health Programmes/Schemes for the last three years and till-date;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal on health schemes from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details of measures being taken in this regard?

#### **Health facilities in slums in Andhra Pradesh**

1878. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any help in cash or in kind to Andhra Pradesh for organising medical check-up and for providing health facilities in the slums of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government propose to extend Central grant to the State for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Infectious diseases**

1879. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Spotlight on infectious diseases," which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 7th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of cases reported and the deaths caused by six infectious diseases *viz.*, pneumonia, tuberculosis, diarrhoea, malaria and measles for the last three years, category-wise, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) the action taken to control these diseases and funds allocated for the last three years, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise;

(d) whether Government are aware of deaths due to cholera/diarrhoea in Kerala during the last three months; and

(e) if so, the details of remedial measures initiated?

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### **Strike by Chemists**

1880. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the Chemists who supply medicines to various CGHS dispensaries in Delhi against indented prescriptions, remained on strike during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for their strike;

(c) whether Government are aware that non-supply of essential medicines cause great problems to CGHS beneficiaries especially pensioners; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

### **Criteria for procurement of medicine by CGHS dispensaries**

1881. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by the CGHS dispensaries in procurement of medicines from the agencies;

(b) whether any study has been conducted on the quality of medicine supplied to the CGHS dispensaries by these agencies; in New Delhi/Delhi; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof and the action being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

### **Medical lapse in AIIMS**

†1882. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serious medical lapse on the part of the doctors of AIIMS

has resulted untimely death of Shri Narendra Mohan, MP;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to their gross negligence in the surgery of Union Commerce Minister, Shri Murasoli Maran compelled him to get discharge from AIIMS and admit in the Apollo Hospital, Chennai;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the reasons responsible for such medical lapse and negligence; and

(d) if so, the outcomes thereof and the action taken against doctors and other medical staff responsible for the negligence?

### **Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee**

†1883. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued any guidelines with regard to the duration of meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee;

(b) if so, the gap in the meetings of Hindi Advisory Committees according to the aforesaid guidelines;

(c) whether the meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee of his Ministry were held as per the said guidelines during the last three years;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by his Ministry to hold the meetings regularly?

### **Revamping of AIIMS**

1884. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan for revamping and re-developing the

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences,  
New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that there is very little opportunity for common people to get effective medical treatment at the AIIMS;

(d) if so, whether this matter is being taken care of in the new scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Ultrasound clinics without registration**

1885. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ultrasound clinics which have been caught working without registration; and

(b) the ultrasound clinics which were caught working without registration and were granted registration later on?

#### **Bifurcation of Bokajan Unit of CCI**

1886. SHRI DRUPAD  
BORGOHAIN:  
DR. ARUN KUMAR  
SARMA:

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

(a) whether he is aware of the opposition to sell Bokajan Unit of Cement Corporation of India alongwith its other units;

(b) if so, the decision taken by his Ministry;

(c) whether his Ministry is in favour of its bifurcation from CCI as demanded by the people of Assam as well as workers of that unit; and

(d) the details of profits and losses during the last five years and the amount of accumulated loss/profit?

#### **Decline in the quality of DD/AIR Programmes**

†1887. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quality of programmes of Doordarshan and Akashwani have registered a sharp decline in these days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these agencies have to resort to retelecast rebroadcast of the same serials/programmes broadcast/telecast earlier;

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to improve the quality of programmes of DD-I and DD-II; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Review of 24-hour DD News Channel**

1888. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan proposes to review its 24-hour News Channel-DD News again;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Prasar Bharati has examined the reasons for losses and closing of channel in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Provision for uplinking facilities**

1889. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether some foreign TV channels have applied for starting their own news channel in India with the provision for up-linking facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision of Government in relation thereto;

(c) whether, before granting permission, steps have been taken to ensure that no anti-national propaganda is carried on by these channels or that such right of uplinking is not otherwise abused;

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

(e) whether any FDI limit has been set for the TV news channel and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Proposals received for FDI in print-media**

†1890. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of newspapers and magazines that have applied for making foreign direct investment in print media, so far;

(b) the number of publishing institutions that have received Government approval for foreign investment; and

(c) the names of foreign investors showing willingness to invest in Indian print media and the amount of FDI alongwith their names?

#### **Advertisements of gutkha and tobacco on TV channels**

1891. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are may advertisements still shown on various electronic media channels including some

24 hour news channels that are promoting gutkha, tobacco and related products;

(b) the action Government propose to take against gutkha, tobacco and related products manufacturing companies and whether there is any punishment fixed for TV channels that are showing these commercials in spite of the ban on such advertisements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Coverage of DD/AIR network**

1892. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to cover all the remote areas under KU Band to widen the area of DD and AIR;

(b) if so, the proposed areas that are going to be covered in the country;

(c) the areas that are going to be covered in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the total digital centres in the country, State-wise?

#### **Guidelines for FDI in non-news segments**

1893. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are finalizing guidelines for FDI in non-news segments;

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- (b) if so, the details of the guidelines;
- (c) by when the guidelines are likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pending proposals for AIR/DD Centres**

1894. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pending at present for setting up of Radio Stations and Doordarshan Centres in different parts of the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh, location-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to expedite the implementation of such projects in the country?

**Publication of the Indian edition of foreign magazines**

†1895. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued guidelines for publishing the Indian edition of foreign magazines relating to the matters other than news and current affairs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Vacant posts of Judges in SC and HCs**

1896. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the posts of judges vacant in both Supreme Court as well as High Courts, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for not filling up of these vacant posts; and

(c) the steps taken for filling up of these vacancies?

**Average expenditure on transportation of undertrials and convicted prisoners**

†1897. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are spending an average of Rs.1,300 annually on the undertrials and convicted prisoners in Jails for producing them before courts and to take them back to prisons in the country;

(b) if not, the details in this regard; and

(c) the details of the cases under which the accused were in Jails till end of March, 2002?

**Inordinate delay in filling the vacancies of Judges**

1898. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether expressing serious concern over the inordinate delay in filling vacancies for the posts of Judges and the resultant arrears of 36.40 lakh cases, Government have once again written to the Chief Justices of the High Courts, Chief Ministers of States and the Governors to send proposals for filling the vacancies in the High Courts;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is keen to evolve a mechanism by which vacancies of Judges are filled as and when they arise; and

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

**Priority in disposal of Human Rights cases**

1899. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked State Governments to expedite the setting up of fast track courts in accordance with the directions of the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also asked State Governments to expedite the disposal of Human Rights cases on priority; and

(d) if so, the number of such cases pending in various courts and by when such cases are likely to be disposed of?

**Review of amendments to the Legal Services Authorities Act**

1900. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that amendments in the Legal Services Authorities Act would adversely affect the interest of litigants;

(b) whether Government agree that the amendments are intended to introduce alternate judicial system and denial of Justice without even appeal provisions;

(c) if not, the opinion of Government thereto;

(d) the reasons for not prescribing the minimum qualification for non-judicial members of adalat;

(e) how far the Lok Adalats comply with Indian Evidence Act; and

(f) whether Government propose to discuss the matter with Bar Council of India and review the amendment?

**Misuse of Section 498 of IPC by litigants**

1901. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a judgement of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, wherein it has expressed its displeasure on the growing misuse of the provisions of Section 498 of the Indian Penal Code by the litigants;

(b) if so, whether any study on the implications of the judgement has been made;

(c) whether Government would consider a proposal to suitably amend the provision of IPC, as suggested by the Andhra Pradesh High Court; and

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

**Ratio of Judges**

1902. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission had recommended that the ratio of Judges per million population should be increased to atleast 50 Judges per million in the following five years;

(b) if so, the ratio of Judges per million at present;

(c) whether the shortage of Judges is the cause of huge arrears of cases in courts; and

(d) the steps being taken to appoint more Judges so that arrears could be cleared?



### **Model Family Courts Rules**

1903. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has formulated Model Family Courts Rules;
- (b) if so, the details of the rules framed;
- (c) whether any consultation was done with the State Governments, High Courts and others; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Entrusting Court functions to private parties**

1904. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to entrust certain ancillary functions of courts to private parties; and
- (b) if so, the details of functions to be entrusted to private parties?

### **Campaign for photo identity cards**

1905. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have launched vigorous campaign to issue photo identity cards to all eligible voters in the country; and
- (b) if so, the progress made in this regard, so far?

### **Strength of Judges in Guwahati High Court**

1906. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) the sanctioned strength and existing strength of Judges in the Guwahati High Court;

(b) the number of Benches with strength of Judges on each Bench;

(c) the cases pending under Guwahati High Court and its Benches; and

(d) the steps taken for speedy disposal of the pending cases?

### **Abuse of CJ of Patna High Court**

1907. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that lawyers of the Patna High Court abused the Chief Justice of Patna High Court in Court Hall while he was pronouncing a Judgement;
- (b) if so, the details of the shocking incident; and
- (c) the action taken by Government and the Bar Council of Patna High Court in this regard?

### **River transport in Ganga**

1908. SHRI LALU PRASAD: SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to begin river transport on Ganga between Allahabad and Haldia;
- (b) whether Government have taken a decision to carry out necessary dredging of the river in the above stretch to facilitate riverine movement;
- (c) if so, whether Government propose to operate commercial services on the above riverine route; and
- (d) if so, by when?

**Inland waterways transport**

1909. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether inland water transport is an economical, fuel efficient and environment-friendly mode of transport;

(b) whether three national waterways, namely, the Ganga, the Brahmaputra and the West Coast Canal can provide efficient navigation facilities in the country;

(c) if so, whether Government intend to use these waterways as a mode of transport; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

**Development of Cochin Port**

1910. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state the steps taken during the last three years to develop the Cochin Port?

**New Mumbai Port**

1911. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the largest and most modern container port in the country is New Mumbai which ranks 47th in World rating;

(b) whether out of 287.7 MT of cargo handled in 2001-2002, 70 MT was containerisable of which only 55 per cent shipped in container; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to build up the containerable capacity to meet our requirement?

**Atrocities of SCs/STs**

1912. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that atrocities on SCs/STs are on the increase in the country particularly in the State of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Trained technicians for handicapped persons**

†1913. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trained technicians for five crore handicapped persons of India, which constitute one-tenth of the total number of handicapped persons in the World;

(b) the number of recognised training centres throughout the country for the training of these technicians;

(c) the programmes being implemented by Government in rural areas to create awareness among people in this regard; and

(d) the percentage of reservations available to handicapped persons in Government jobs on the basis of various types of disability?

**Inclusion of 'Thachar' community in SC list**

1914. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 572 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any comments from the State Government

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of Kerala regarding the inclusion of Thachar community in the Scheduled Caste list; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Demand of Disabled Rights Group**

1915. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disabled Rights Group had placed twelve demands to the Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office in May this year for extension of various facilities and concessions to physically, visually and also mentally impaired persons, including tax concession on equipments for their aid;

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

(c) whether the same were accepted in principle; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon and the steps taken to implement the same?

#### **Pilot projects for welfare of disabled in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka**

1916. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a pilot project in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka for the welfare of the disabled in collaboration with the Rehabilitation Council for India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the budget allocation made therefor; and

(c) the other steps taken to enable the society to treat the disabled on par with others?

#### **NGOs functioning in Arunachal Pradesh**

1917. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the details of NGOs functioning at present in the State of Arunachal Pradesh alongwith the details of financial assistance being provided by Government for the various schemes during the last three years, till date?

#### **Government-aided residential schools for handicapped**

1918. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government-aided residential schools for physically and visually handicapped, alongwith total number of beneficiaries, State-wise;

(b) whether any Committee has been setup by Government to monitor the functioning of these schools;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government for higher financial allocation to those schools which are providing rehabilitation to those handicapped; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Displacement of tribals due to large projects**

1919. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of tribal families displaced as a result of construction of large dams and reservoirs are awaiting final rehabilitation;

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

(c) whether any contingency plan has been drawn up to ensure their proper rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Low literacy among tribal women in Himachal Pradesh**

1920. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such districts in Himachal Pradesh where literacy among Scheduled Tribe women is very low;

(b) whether Government are providing full assistance for setting up of educational complexes in those districts of the State; and

(c) the amount released, so far, during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 to Himachal Pradesh under the above scheme to promote tribal female literacy?

**Purchase of forest and agro-products by TRIFED in Chhattisgarh**

1921. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of the small forest products and agro-products purchased by TRIFED in Chhattisgarh during the last three years, product-wise;

(b) the prices thereof, product-wise;

(c) the total amount released for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the quantity purchased and the prices at which each product was purchased during 2001-2002, district-wise and product-wise?

**Funds for NE States under Article 275**

1922. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide funds for the States in the North-Eastern Region for special welfare programmes of Scheduled Tribes under Article 275 of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the funds provided and released during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the funds provided and released for the current financial year; and

(d) the manner in which the funds were released?

**Bhuria Committee Report**

†1923. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Bhuria Committee Report;

(b) whether U.N. Dhebar Committee had also made recommendations regarding tribals in 1974;

(c) whether Bhuria and Dhebar Committee Reports have been implemented by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Allotment of land to individuals and organizations**

†1924. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of allottees of Government land from the year 1996 to 2002, togetherwith the number of individuals as well as organizations out of them;

(b) the grounds on which land was allotted to individuals and the organizations,

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togetherwith the rate at which this land was allotted and the areas where these were allotted; and

(c) the market value of the total land allotted in the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, togetherwith the amount received by Government as per the rate of allotment?

#### **Staff strength of the Ministry**

1925. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to rationalise the staff strength of his Ministry and the CPWD; and

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

#### **Capacity utilisation of Duplo Digital Duplicator**

1926. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Duplo Digital Duplicator DP-4030 (4 Nos.) worth Rs. 19 lakhs are obsolete and Government Press, Ring Road furnished the capacity utilisation of only one machine which is around 7.61 per cent;

(b) the reason why the data in respect of remaining three machines were not furnished to the CAG investigating team; and

(c) the reasons why his Ministry is keeping mum on this huge loss to Government?

#### **Advocates for pleading DDA cases**

†1927. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that advocates have been nominated to plead the cases pending in courts against the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the total number of such advocates in September, 2002; and

(c) the average amount spent annually by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years on pleading of cases pending in courts?

#### **Pending cases of DDA in courts**

†1928. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases related to the Delhi Development Authority are pending in the courts;

(b) if so, the total number of cases pending in courts upto September, 2002; and

(c) the number of cases, out of these, which are pending for five years or more than that?

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**Development of green belts in all metros**

1929. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether Government have any proposal to develop more green belts in all metros including Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Import of Rail Swank Metro Coach for Delhi Metro**

1930. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) the cost of recently imported Rail Swank Metro Coach for Delhi Metro;

(b) the future strategy to manufacture such coaches indigenously and its spares by Indian Railways; and

(c) the name of agency which has been engaged for day-to-day maintenance, repairs etc. of these rakes and engines?

**Shortage of potable water in the Capital**

†1931. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:  
Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of potable water in many areas of the Capital and the water has not been supplied there for the last few weeks and, if

some supply was made, it was not clean;

(b) whether it is also a fact that residents of these areas are compelled to purchase water from private sources; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to supply clean water?

**Boundary walls in Government colonies**

1932. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that boundary walls, gates and parks are to be constructed/developed in all Government colonies by the CPWD in the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the number of colonies in which above mentioned work has been completed and number of colonies in which the above work is still pending;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of these works in some of these colonies, and

(d) by when these works in the remaining colonies are likely to be completed in order to ensure safety and better living conditions to the residents?

**Funds for development of streets and drainage system in Guwahati**

1933. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fund has been sanctioned for the development of streets and drainage system of Guwahati in the last three years; and

(b) if so, the utilisation thereof?

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#### **Dispensing requirement of Form 'D'**

†1934. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether DDA has dispensed with the requirement of Form 'D';
- (b) if so, since when;
- (c) whether the houses can now be converted from leasehold to freehold without Form 'D'; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Expenditure on renovation of Ministers' offices**

1935. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ceiling on the expenditure to renovate Cabinet Ministers' offices has been removed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount spent on renovation of the offices of the different Cabinet Ministers, Ministry-wise and Department-wise?

#### **Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

†1936. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reaction of Government on the proposal of Delhi Government regarding regularisation of all illegal colonies that have come up by 31st March, 1998 in Delhi; and
- (b) the criteria fixed by Government to implement this proposal which is pending since long?

#### **Unauthorised shanties in Central Government Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar**

1937. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that many unauthorised occupants have clustered and settled in Shanties with in the C.G. Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, near Block No. 67 since inception of the colony with connivance of C.P.W.D.;
- (b) whether such occupants are creating all sorts of nuisance for the residents and have made their life miserable;
- (c) whether they are potential threat to the law and order and also to the cleanliness;
- (d) if so, the action Government propose to take to remove them from the campus and by when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons there for?

#### **Funds for improvement of slums in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh**

†1938. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds provided to Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh for improvement of slums during the last three years;
- (b) the amount of funds given to each district of the said States for the purpose;
- (c) the details of the sanctioned schemes; and
- (d) the details of achievements made under these schemes, district-wise?

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**Subletting of quarters in R.K. Puram**

1939. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 134 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether a number of type-I quarters in R.K. Puram, Sector-II, New Delhi have been found to be sublet;

(b) whether Government are aware of the cases of subletting of flats in the entire R.K. Puram; and

(c) whether Government would take action to vacate all these quarters and ease out long waiting list for allotment?

**Slum dwellers in Hyderabad**

1940 DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest Census there are more than six lakh slum dwellers in the metropolitan city of Hyderabad alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted schemes for housing and other amenities for clearance and Central funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

**Disaster Management Study Group**

1941. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study by the Disaster Management Study Group indicated that 20 percent of the Capital's population would perish and large scale destruction of property would take place in the event of earthquake over six degree magnitude;

(b) if so, whether Government identified the building which are not having adequate safety measures; and

(c) the measures taken to rectify the same?

**Worse conditions of roads/streets in Jeevan Park Extension**

1942. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that conditions of road/streets in the Jeevan Park Extension, North-West District of Delhi-42 is very bad and getting worse day to day;

(b) if so, the details of roads constructed/ repaired during the current year and number of Kuchcha road converted into metalled road in the said area;

(c) whether Gali (Street) No. 24 connecting the Libaspur Road and Purana Shershah Suri Marg of Jeevan Park Extension is still a Kuchcha road; and



(d) if so, by when Government would convert above said road into metalled road?

**Task Force on Hawkers**

1943. SHRI KANRNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed

a Task Force sometime back to draw up a comprehensive set of guidelines to regulate the activities and working conditions of the hawkers throughout the country and evolve a National Policy for Hawkers;

(b) whether the Task Force has since submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when the same is expected to be submitted?

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