

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions —155

Amendments in Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09

2556. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have
announced several amendments in the
Foreign Trade Policy 2004-2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits to accrue to different
segments of the economy?

Marine exports

2557. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort has been made
to expand the scope of marine exports from
the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that MPEDA
has not been able to go beyond traditional
exports for the last two decades;

(c) what plans and steps does MPEDA
have to increase value-added exports from
the country; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by
MPEDA to arrange inspection facilities for
new marine exports and value-added
exports from the country?

Growth of exports

2558. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the anticipated growth rate
of exports during 2006-07;

(b) the share of IT, Services, traditional
items, Manufacturing Sector, etc. in
exports; and

(c) the share of agriculture-based
products during 2004-05 and how much
growth was there in the first nine months
of 2005-06?

Benefits of Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana to EOUs under SEZs

2559. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether EOU and units in Special

Economic Zones will not qualify for benefit under the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) how Government propose to compensate those units?

Share of EPZs/SEZs in exports

2560. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:

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

(a) what is the share of Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones in the country's overall export performance during last three years; and

(b) how many Export Processing Zones/ Special Economic Zones are in operation in the country as on date?

Deliberations at World Economic Forum, Davos

2561. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high power delegation recently participated at the meetings of the World Economic Forum at Davos;

(b) the issues relevant to the country deliberated at the Conference; and

(c) the details of the conclusions arrived at having an impact on the country's economy?

Conflict diamond

2562. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry differed with the Ministry of Mines on the issue of conflict diamond;

(b) if so, whether the issue has been sorted out;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Intellectual Property Rights Appellate Tribunal

2563. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Intellectual Property Rights Appellate Tribunal to adjudicate disputes under the TRIPS has been set up;

(b) if so, the details of the disputes that it has so far adjudicated since its constitution in September, 2003, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the post of Vice-Chairman is lying vacant since long; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not filling-up of the vacancy?

Growth rate of manufacturing sector in exports

2564. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of imports has increased more than exports during the financial year 2005-06;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and whether it is a fact that the manufacturing sector is slowly losing while the service sector is gaining ground in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government for improving growth rate of manufacturing sector in the country?

Sale of tobacco products to minors

2565. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the "Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003" is more observed in its breach than compliance;

(b) if so, whether action has been initiated against publishing houses and vendors and cigarette companies for violation of this act;

(c) the number of cases registered and action taken thereof, since inception of this act;

(d) whether tobacco products are sold to minors and students at schools with impunity; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereon?

Entry of multinational companies in SSI sector

†2566. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many multinational companies

have entered into the small scale industry sector in an irregular and secret manner;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint from the Federation of Small Scale Industries of India requesting for action against these companies and to de-reserve the items reserved for the small scale industries; and

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

Penalty on tobacco cultivators of Andhra Pradesh

2567. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Andhra Pradesh declared 40% levy as penalty on tobacco cultivators of Andhra Pradesh, for 2000-2001 by Tobacco Board as discriminatory when compared to 5% Fee/Levy as penalty imposed in Karnataka and directed the Board to retain 5% of the amount imposed and distribute the remaining amount to the respective tobacco growers;

(b) whether Government would assure of withdrawing the case from the Supreme Court in the interest of tobacco growers, who contribute a significant share in securing foreign exchange reserves for the nation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lower reduction in domestic support by WTO members

2568. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to settle for a lower reduction in

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domestic support by WTO members of developed countries;

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

(c) how far such a stand would help India in its constructive role in the WTO rounds of negotiations?

Forbes Capital Hospitality list

2569. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India goes missing in the magazine, 'Forbes' Capital Hospitality list of the year 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Forbes Capital Hospitality Index, measures macroeconomic factors alongwith societal factors affecting investment and corruption; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the above factors, if any, as on date?

Steps to control artificial shortage and prices of rubber

2570. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rubber prices have gone up due to "artificial shortage" and the All India Rubber Industries Association had urged Government for import of 20,000 tonnes of natural rubber through State Trading Corporation for small scale units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the details about indigenous rubber production in tonnes; and

(c) whether Government have taken measures to control artificial shortage of rubber and high prices?

Winding up of irrelevant bodies

2571. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Boards and other bodies under the jurisdiction of his ministry related to trade, exports and export promotions and the locations of their headquarters;

(b) their names and location of headquarters;

(c) whether any review would be done to reduce the number of such bodies;

(d) whether it is a fact that many such bodies are actually a drain on public resources and public time; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to wind up such bodies which are irrelevant today?

Steps to protect interests of arecanut producers

2572. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka is the leading producer of arecanut in the country in terms of area, quantity and quality;

(b) whether inferior quality arecanut is smuggled into the country in large quantity from Bangladesh, Burma, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand;

(c) if so, details thereof;

(d) whether such smuggling is adversely affecting the interest of indigenous arecanut producers; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Centre to protect their interest?

India's share in world export of tobacco

2573. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India in world export of Tobacco during the years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 upto 28th February, 2006 and whether there is increase or decrease in export of Indian tobacco in comparison to immediate preceding years;

(b) the steps taken to boost export of tobacco;

(c) whether Gutka is also exported; and

(d) the names of the countries where Gutka is exported and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years?

Amendment Bill to SEZ Act, 2005

2574. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have advised the Government of Maharashtra to forward an Amendment Bill to the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 to meet their local requirements;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have forwarded any Amendment Bill in this regard; and

(c) if so, when it was forwarded and by when it is to be placed before the Parliament?

Financial incentives to growers of tea, mushroom in Uttaranchal

2575. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant financial incentives to the Tea, Mushroom and other products growers in the hilly and backwards areas of Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Discussions on SEZ issues

2576. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take up with various State Governments the issues concerning the Special Economic Zones for attracting greater investment;

(b) if so, whether in a meeting for setting up a SEZs he asked entrepreneurs to come up with State specific-issues which he would discuss with respective State Governments to make such zones attractive for investment and generate employment;

(c) if so, what were the outcome of the discussions held with State Governments in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have accepted the suggestion for further simplification of the process and regulating aspects of the Act?

Sick Industries

2577. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick industry during each of the last two years and thereafter till date;

(b) the reasons of their sickness;

(c) whether Government has any

proposal to revive any of these sick industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to increase volume of trade with Myanmar

2578. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to geographical contiguity, Myanmar's trade with Thailand mostly passes through overland while sea routes are used for trading with rest of the BIMSTEC countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India has only one land route to Myanmar in Manipur and the volume of business through this route is low due to lack of infrastructure facilities and insurgency; and

(c) if answers to part (a) and (b) are in affirmative, what action Government propose to increase the volume of trade between these two countries by circumventing the difficulties faced in Manipur?

Assistance for setting up AEZs

2579. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance is extended for setting up Agricultural Economic Zones in various parts of the Country;

(b) if so, the objective, the number and the amount spent thereon during the last three years; year-wise, State-wise and product-wise;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a number of proposals for

setting up AEZs in the State for potato, mango, grapes, lime, pomegranate, aromatic medicinal and dye plants, etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof?

Assistance for Tobacco exports

2580. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the specific assistance being given by the Tobacco Board to encourage tobacco exports from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of farmers who will benefit from such exports;

(c) the specific financial assistance being given to Andhra farmers to grow better quality Virginia tobacco;

(d) whether such assistance will be increased in the coming fiscal year; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard?

Discussions on crop specific issues

2581. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited the farmers to discuss various crop-specific issues pertaining to WTO and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the issues raised by the farmers with regard to Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any safeguards are being negotiated with WTO on cash crops like chillies Virginia tobacco, turmeric etc. from Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to protect farmers from the open economy and WTO?

Indo-China trade

2582. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indo-China trade has now increased at an astonishing rate;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether China is better placed than India in trade in the international market;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) what is Government's action plan to give a boost to our trade in the international market on the lines of China?

Indo-Swiss bilateral trade

2583. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Switzerland has shown interest to explore an FTA with India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) what is the current Indo-Swiss bilateral trade; and
- (d) what are the details of sectors where Switzerland has shown interest for cooperation with India?

Duty on Indian Tea in Pakistan

2584. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Tea is subject to 10 percent import duty by Pakistan whereas imports from Srilanka, Nepal and Bangladesh enjoy zero duty;
- (b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with Pakistan;

- (c) if so, the response thereto and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Misuse of target plus scheme

2585. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the DGFT has withdrawn the Scandalous Target Plus Scheme due to its misuse by using fictitious documents by some leading and some other exporters;
- (b) if so, the details of those exporters who have been probed by the DGFT and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI);

(c) the details of such schemes and the amount incurred in such cases during the last three years so far; and

(d) the action taken by Government to withdraw these incentives to plug the revenue leakage owing to false claims made by the exporters during the above period?

Logistical problems in SEZs

2586. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether logistics is an area of concern for an SEZ and particularly when it has port operations involved in its route plan as most of the strategic ports are over-crowded and some times it can take weeks for consignments to move;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the developers of SEZ?

Connectivity among BIMSTEC countries for trade with Bhutan

2587. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to improve the connectivity among the BIMSTEC countries infrastructure is required to be created to facilitate trade with land locked Bhutan; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to improve the connectivity with Bhutan and by when connectivity is likely to be created?

Special Funds under IBEFT

2588. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

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

(a) whether special fund was created under the head 'India Brand Equity Foundation Trust (IBEFT) with one time grant of Rs. 50 crore;

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

(c) the amount spent so far from the above Trust/Fund; and

(d) the amount available with the above Trust/Fund?

Bhopal Engineering Cluster

†2589. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya

Pradesh has sent a proposal of Rs. 68.77 crores for Bhopal Engineering Cluster, Govindpura, Bhopal for creation of facilities of engineering industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be sanctioned?

Anti-dumping cases

2590. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 81 per cent of anti-dumping cases initiated in 2003-04, provisional or final anti-dumping were recommended or imposed;

(b) whether it is a fact that in several of these cases the main consideration was an increase in the share of imports from the foreign firms in spite of growth of sales and profits of domestic industry; and

(c) since growth in imports is natural with trade liberalization, what measures Government are taking to ensure that anti-dumping remedy is used not merely to restrict competition but to provide relief from injury?

Discussions with Director-General of WTO

2591. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of the WTO, Pascal Lamy had visited the country and held discussions at the Ministerial level; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decisions arrived at?

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Trade with Sri Lanka

2592. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit of the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister to New Delhi in December, 2005, a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement with Sri Lanka was reached;

(b) if so, the terms and salient features of the agreement; and

(c) the imports from and exports to Sri Lanka during the financial year 2003-04, 2004-05 and the current financial year, so far, item-wise and how far the trade with Sri Lanka is likely to increase during the following years in pursuance of the new agreement?

Indo-Australia defence cooperation

2593. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Australia agreed on a framework of cooperation on defence and security issues including keeping sea lane safe;

(b) if so, whether MoU was signed by representatives of both countries in the presence of Indian PM and the visiting Australian PM;

(c) if so, the details of the agreement reached and to what extent both countries have agreed on cooperation on defence and security related issues; and

(d) whether under the MoU, it was decided to set up an Indo-Australian joint venture group to monitor the ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries?

Establishment of industrial units

2594. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units established especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the capital investment made therein; and

(c) the number of direct and indirect employment generated by these industries?

Meagre allowance to gallantry awardees

2595. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Param Vir Chakra (PVC) winner gets a paltry sum of Rs. 1,500 per month, a recipient of the Ashok Chakra, the highest peacetime award for gallantry gets Rs. 1,400 per month while a Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) awardee gets only Rs. 1,200 per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had revised these amounts last time in the year 1999; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to respect our gallant sons and daughters?

Development of Visakhapatnam Airport

2596. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Rs. 200 crore project proposal for development of

Visakhapatnam Airport, including construction of a new terminal building and runway;

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

(c) the progress made therein so far; and

(d) whether this is likely to be completed before the next rainy season to avert and avoid flooding of the airport and if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Joint development of futuristic weapon system with USA

2597. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details of the proposal from USA in regard to Jointly developing futuristic weapon system indicating details of its term of reference?

Vacation of spectrum used by Defence

2598. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to vacate 45 MHZ of spectrum being used by Defence for use of cellular operators;

(b) if so, the total cost of release of spectrum for civil use; and

(c) the manner in which the communication needs of the Defence will be met?

Permission to IAF pilots to go on deputation

2599. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow Air Force Pilots to go on deputation in Government run airlines;

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

(c) what will be the period of deputation indicating whether it will be on a rotational basis;

(d) how many pilots left the Indian Air Force between the period 2002 and 2005 indicating the total strength of pilots/ vacancies laying vacant at present; and

(e) whether Government have examined that there would not be any shortage of IAF Pilots after going on deputation to Government Airlines?

Attack on fellow colleagues by soldiers

2600. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to stress, fatigue, and anxiety, soldiers are turning their guns towards their colleagues;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported during the last 2-3 years;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

MIG-21 aircraft crash in Barmer, Rajasthan

2601. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether another MIG-21 aircraft

crashed in Barmer District of Rajasthan on 21st March, 2006;

(b) the findings of the statutory inquiry held in the crash and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the number of Indian Air Force aircrafts, category-wise, destroyed due to accidents during 2005, and so far during 2006?

Accident of INS Prahar

2602. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy lost its Naval Missile Boat, INS Prahar in an accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss suffered by the country in this accident;

(d) whether any inquiry has been held in this matter;

(e) if so, the outcome of this inquiry; and

(f) the action taken by Government on this report?

No mechanism for disposal of residual scrap in Rajasthan

†2603. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Rajasthan, where Armed Forces are present and perform exercises on Pokharan Nal Field Firing Range etc., the proper mechanism for the disposal of residual scrap is available and sometime unused bombs also mixes with that scrap;

(b) whether due to lack of proper mechanism many people have lost their lives because of bomb shells found the scrap collected by the local people;

(c) whether there is any provision to provide compensation to such people; and

(d) whether any mechanism is under consideration to prevent recurrence of such mishaps?

Corruption in armed forces

2604. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scams, scandal cases of corruption, bribery, amassing of disproportionate assets etc. have been detected against several senior Army, Navy and Air Force Officers during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken and punishments awarded; and

(d) what punitive, preventive and corrective steps Government intends to take to stop the rot, which has even reached the three wings of Armed Forces top brass?

Exodus of trained IAF pilots

2605. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the cost involved in training a pilot for the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether *exodus* of pilots from Indian Air Force has increased over the years both after or before completion of the terms of contract before age of superannuation;

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(c) the details of the pilots with rank and flying hours who had quit the service during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to stop this *exodus*?

Report on Ex-servicemen

†2606. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Major General (Retired) Surjeet Singh has submitted any report to Government regarding Ex-servicemen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that in some countries like U.S.A. China etc. trainings to work in other spheres are imparted to the army personnel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expiry of lease period of Annadel Ground, Shimla

†2607. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lease period of Annadel ground at Shimla, which was leased out to the Ministry of Defence (military) by Shimla Municipal Corporation, has expired;

(b) whether the Ministry of Defence has received any request from the Government of Himachal Pradesh and Shimla Municipal Corporation regarding handing over the said ground back to them; and

(c) if so, by when the Ministry of Defence is returning the said ground to the authorities of Shimla?

Leakage of secret documents

2608. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have admitted that leakage of secret defence documents are a common matter in the Ministry of Defence; (War Room)

(b) if so, how many such cases have taken place in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how far such leakage have adversely affected the defence services of the country;

(d) the reasons for not taking proper and prompt action for the protection and safety of such secret defence documents;

(e) the time taken by Defence Intelligence to locate this matter; and

(f) how far secret offices and intelligence each is responsible in this regard?

Expenses incurred in joint fighter exercises

2609. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the Indian Air Force to reduce the number of Joint fighter exercises with foreign countries due to the high expenses involved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total of Joint Fighter exercise carried out during the year 2005-06; and

(d) the details of expenses incurred?

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Pilots leaving IAF

2610. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force pilots want to leave the Government job of the Air Force;

(b) if so, the number of such pilots and other designations, if any;

(c) the main reasons which are forcing the pilots to resign and how Government are not meeting their requirements;

(d) how leaving of these pilots shall have an adverse effect on the working of Indian Air Force; and

(e) how Government shall meet the shortage of pilots?

Opening of Chandmari Balaji Temple road

†2611. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the path to Chandmari Balaji Temple situated on the bank of river Chambal in Kota city passes through military cantonment;

(b) whether this path has been closed by the Army; and

(c) if so, by when the said path will be opened up keeping in view the inconvenience being caused to public?

Undertrial prisoners in jails

†2612. SHRI PYARELAL KHAN-DELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today undertrial prisoners are languishing in various prisons for decades for committing ordinary offences;

(b) whether Government would prepare the prison-wise details of such prisoners who are awaiting court verdict in the prison for ten years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the court verdict in the much discussed Jessica Lal murder case, has emphasized the need to make proper amendment in the existing law;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of the efforts being made by Government in this regard?

Terrorist activities in coastal areas of Kerala

2613. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of any terrorist/extremist groups supported by the external forces come into light in the coastal areas of Kerala, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to stop such activities;

(b) how many Coast Guard stations are functioning along Kerala coast and whether there is any proposal to set up new stations; and

(c) how far the Coast Guard Forces have succeeded to protect the coastal areas from terrorist activities?

Illegal flow of explosives to Kerala

2614. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of illegal

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flow of explosives to fundamental outfits of Kerala;

(b) if so, the action taken in detail and source of such flow;

(c) whether any action has been initiated on gelignite explosion that destroyed a fishing boat in Beypore during September, 2005 and huge haul of gelignite sticks at Amaravalli check post, Kerala during April, 2005;

(d) if so, the details and status of above inquiry as on today;

(e) whether there is any illegal network that is involved in smuggling explosives and detonators from neighbouring States to Kerala; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to curb such activities?

Establishment of Directorate of Prosecution in States

2615. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are bringing out any legislation to empower State Governments to establish a Directorate of Prosecution that would strengthen legal provisions to ensure peace and harmony;

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet had discussed this proposal at length before bringing out this legislation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government had consulted States in this regard;

(e) if so, the response of the State Governments in each case;

(f) whether there would be a clause prohibiting arrest of women after sunset and before sunrise, barring exceptional circumstances; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Black listed NGOs

2616. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the name and number of Non-Governmental Organisations black listed during the last three years State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the action taken by Government against such organizations;

(c) whether Government have conducted any inquiry regarding actual implementation of the projects;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Action plan for naxal violence in Bihar

†2617. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bihar Government has sent any action plan to the Central Government to tackle the naxal violence;

(b) the salient features of this action plan; and

(c) the view of Government in this regard?

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**Help of army to combat
naxalism**

†2618. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to take help from army in order to tackle the problem caused by naxalites in naxal affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that naxalites possess such sophisticated weapons that are not available even with the police force of naxal affected States;

(d) if so, whether Government are taking any action for modernization of police force in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Dual citizenship

2619. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how far it is a fact that Government have decided to confer dual citizenship;

(b) if so, the number of persons expected to be conferred dual citizenship; and

(c) what are the criteria taken consideration for offering dual citizenship to a person?

Financial support to Hindi Rajbhasha

2620. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions/recommendations from Parliamentary Rajbhasha Committee and Ministry of Home Affairs for providing encouragement and financial support to Hindi Rajbhasha;

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

(c) whether Government are not willing to accept the recommendations/suggestions made by the Committee; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Involvement of ULFA in killing of
security forces**

2621. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents where ULFA has been involved in killings of our Security Forces Personnel, in particular, and also innocent citizens especially children *inter-alia* by conducting ambush and by triggering explosives in public places, year-wise during 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 indicating number of children killed and injured;

(b) whether ULFA's close link with forces inimical to India, namely ISI, has been well known;

(c) whether Government are negotiating peace with ULFA involving some persons of Assam as intermediaries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the status up-to-date of the said initiative?

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Recovery of RDX in Goa

2622. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a terrorist was apprehended in Goa with RDX and other explosive material in his possession;

(b) whether this is a first of its kind case in the State;

(c) the facts leading to the arrest of the person; and

(d) the details as regards the progress of the investigation and of more arrests, if any, made in this regard?

Enquiry against IPS officers

2623. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indian Police Service officers against whom the State Government's have requested to conduct CBI inquiry particularly Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of the officers against whom inquiry has been requested;

(c) the case-wise details of the officers against whom order of inquiry has been given; and

(d) the number of officers against whom inquiry has been completed and the number of those against whom inquiry is going on alongwith the details thereof?

Withdrawal of security provided to VIPs

2624. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the security provided to VIPs in Delhi including MPs in the last few months;

(b) if so, in how many cases has such security been withdrawn after review; and

(c) the names of MPs whose security has been withdrawn, and the names of MPs who are still provided with security?

Parameters for appointment of Governors

2625. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India in a recent judgment called upon all national parties that a national consensus is evolved laying down norms and parameters for appointment of Governors in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether Government intends to evolve a procedure which may be acceptable to all and if so, the details thereof?

Review of powers of Governors

2626. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review powers of the Governors;

(b) whether any constitutional amendments are under consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Prepaid taxi and autorickshaw booths
at New Delhi Railway Station**

2627. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prepaid taxi and autorickshaw booths at New Delhi Railway Station don't function after 10.00 p.m., with the policemen posted there helping drivers to overcharge the passengers, particularly elderly and ladies, to any extent, fare charts being unavailable;

(b) whether any check is exercised by senior police officers on staff posted there;

(c) if so, the number of cases detected during 2005 and so far during 2006 and action taken against delinquent police personnel; and

(d) if reply to part (b) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

**Financial assistance for housing
needs of Karnataka police**

2628. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the National Police Commission with regard to housing and other amenities for police personnel in States;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 50 crores for meeting the housing needs of its police personnel, particularly in Bangalore and Mysore; and

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

Shortage of IPS officers

†2629. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of officers of Indian Police Service is less than the required number and many posts are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the number of vacant posts and since when these are lying vacant;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some States have requested the Central Government to meet the shortage of IPS officers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to meet this shortage at the earliest?

Modernisation of Police forces

2630. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken steps towards modernization of Police forces in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in order to combat the growing Naxal violence the Central Government propose to modernize the State Police forces which are engaged in battle with Naxalites;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to impart training to police personnel in modern warfare?

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Difficulties due to barbed fencing

2631. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) in how many States Government are carrying on the barbed wire fencing on the international border;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint from any State Government to the effect that the gates on the barbed wire fencing are not operated according to the needs of the people whose land properties have fallen in the Indian territory beyond the fencing;

(c) if so, the names of the States;

(d) whether the B.S.F. be instructed to regulate the gates in consultation with the local panchayats and local administration; and

(e) the policy Government to remove the difficulties faced by the border people?

Bomb blasts at Jama Masjid in Delhi

2632. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who were killed and seriously injured separately, due to bomb blasts at Jama Masjid in Delhi on 14th April, 2006;

(b) the number out of them who were civilians and others, separately the quantum of compensation paid in each case, and

(c) whether the incident has been probed, if so, the outcome thereof and action taken by the Delhi police in and around Jama Masjid area to ensure better safety there?

People living in refugee camps of Jammu

†2633. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people are still taking shelter in refugee camps of Jammu due to concern over security despite having their own homes;

(b) since when such people are living in these camps and number of such people; and

(c) the details of scheme formulated by Government to rehabilitate these homeless people in their own homes with security assurance?

Blowing up of railway tracks in Jharkhand

2634. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blowing up of railway tracks on 26th January, 2006 at Jharkhand has caused an estimated damage of Rs. 10 crores and loss of several lives;

(b) whether it is also a fact that attacks on railway track destabilizes the supply of coal to the power plants in Northern and Central India; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent terrorists attacks on railway tracks?

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Talks with leaders of Jammu and Kashmir

2635. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of talks with the Prime Minister and separatist leaders of Jammu and Kashmir to find out peaceful solution of Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) by when the next round of talks are likely to be held?

Terrorism in North Eastern States

†2636. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have controlled the increasing incidents of terrorism in North Eastern States; and

(b) the reasons for increase in these incidents of terrorism and the steps Government have taken to check these incidents and the details thereof?

Infiltration of terrorists

2637. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether infiltration of terrorists has increased after the earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the number of incidents of bomb blasts in the State in 2006 resulting in deaths of armed as well as civilians as a result thereof;

(c) the number of terrorists killed/arrested in 2006; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to tighten the security to check the infiltration?

Terrorist incidents in Jammu and Kashmir

†2638. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of incidents of terrorists have decreased and number of tourists are on the increase in Kashmir, the details of the same during the last three years; and

(b) whether travelling in Kashmir is safe for tourists, the details of efforts made by Government for safety of passengers?

Reduction in CPFs in J&K

†2639. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of terrorism have declined in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have reduced the number of Central Police Forces deployed for the safety of citizens in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) whether the present strength of police force is sufficient to provide safety to citizens of Jammu and Kashmir?

Communal violence in States

2640. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were incidents of communal violence in Goa, Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country in last 2-3 months;

(b) whether there have also been bomb blasts in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country;

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(c) if so, whether Union Government has asked for a report from these States on such incidents; and

(d) what type of assistance was provided to these States to check communal violence?

Natural calamities under the ambit of NDMA

*2641. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the natural calamities which come within the ambit of the National Disaster Management Authority;

(b) whether Government have identified 7 major natural calamities which come under the ambit of the NDMA;

(c) the criteria adopted by Government to include and focus on such natural calamities;

(d) whether it is also a fact that proper scrutiny was not done to properly select and identify the kind of disaster which would be addressed by the NDMA; and

(e) the steps proposed to review such subjects?

Compensation to victims of custodial violence

*2642. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering enactment of law to provide compensation to victims of custodian violence amending the Code of Criminal Procedure making it mandatory for a Judicial Magistrate to investigate cases of deaths, rapes and disappearances in custody;

(b) whether widespread instances of custodial deaths/violence mostly happen in lock up and prison; and

(c) if so, whether Ministry is considering Law Commission's recommendations for insertion of section 114B in the Indian Evidence Act to introduce a rebuttable presumption that injuries sustained by a victim in police custody be presumed to be caused by a police officer?

Selling of girls in Haryana

†2643. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that girls are brought and sold to Haryana from the States like Jharkhand, Assam and Bengal;

(b) if so, the information that Government have in this regard; and

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

Functions of CISF at airports

2644. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any effort on part of Government to create a more sensitive and better oriented CISF to man airports and airport counters and various other functions at airports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that long lines and delays usually occur at the slow and in-efficient way that CISF personnel handle security screening and such matters;

(c) to what extent have senior officers of the CISF been vigilant to improve the methods of work and also comportment by CISF personnel at airports; and

(d) the steps proposed to ensure that the CISF has better training and management practices to deal with growing air traffic?

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Increase in terrorist attacks

2645. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is increase in the number of bomb blasts/terrorist attacks in the entire country especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps Government are taking in this regard?

Naxalism in States

†2646. SHRI PYARELAL KHAND-ELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report naxalism has started spreading its tentacles to Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether it is also a fact that naxalism has spread over 21 States of the country;

(c) the details of naxalite incidents in various States of the country during the year 2006 along with the number of persons killed and injured due to these incidents;

(d) whether Centre and States have prepared any concerted plan to combat the naxalism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to restrict infiltration from Nepal

2647. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 102 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 2005 and state:

(a) in view of political doldrums in Nepal, what actions are being taken by

Government to restrict infiltration into India; and

(b) whether Government would ensure to take actions to flush out undesirable elements like K.L.O., U.L.F.A. etc.?

Terrorist/naxalite activities in Madhya Pradesh

†2648. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Centre/State Government to check terrorist/naxalite activities in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether intelligence/security forces are being strengthened;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent, the CRPF has been provided by the Centre to the Madhya Pradesh, if not, the reasons therefor?

Stopping of relief work by Christian Missionaries in J&K

†2649. SHRI PYARELAL KHAND-ELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relief work being undertaken by Christian Missionaries in some earthquake hit areas of Jammu and Kashmir have been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Naxal attacks

2650. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the attacks launched by left extremist outfits in various parts of the country during the last one year till

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April, 2006 against the establishment, namely police stations, jails, trains, railway properties etc.;

(b) the reasons for high success rates achieved by these outfits ;

(c) the details of the villages in various districts especially in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal where these outfits are having upper hand during the last three years; and

(d) the measures if any, being taken for reversal of the situation?

Rehabilitation of Tsunami victims

2651. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance so far given by the Centre for the relief and rehabilitation of Tsunami victims of 26.12.2004, State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the number of persons/families who have so far been rehabilitated, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the number of persons and families, who still need help for their rehabilitation, State and Union Territory-wise and the extent of Central assistance required for the purpose?

Negative impact of video games containing violence

†2652. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the sale-purchase of video games showing violence available in the Indian markets and the illegal production thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the psychological impact being made on the children by such video games; and

(c) if so, the measures being made by Government to check the import production and sale of such video games?

Murder of a woman in Bangalore

2653. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the recent criminal assault and murder of a young woman at Bangalore;

(b) if so, what action Government are taking for the safety of women in industries;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the number of women in the industry is likely to grow;

(d) if so, whether Government are preparing any mandatory guidelines for the safety of women in industries;

(e) if so, the salient features of the guidelines and whether National Commission of Women is playing any role in this respect; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Special cell to maintain law and order situation in Bihar

†2654. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the comment made by High Court, Patna wherein Central Government have been asked that whether any special cell can be opened for Bihar in order to keep strict vigilance on law and order situation in the State;

(b) whether any statement has been received from the State Government in this regard; and

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

**Compensation to persons killed/
injured in road accidents**

2655. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of court cases for the payment of compensation in respect of those killed and seriously injured in road accidents in Delhi pending as on 1st January, 2006;

(b) the number out of those which are more than three years old;

(c) the reasons for slow progress of these cases; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to expedite such cases as inordinate delay in the disposal of such cases causes immense hardship to the concerned, particularly those belonging to the weaker sections of society?

**Initiative to contain
naxalism**

2656. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh strategy or initiative have been taken by Government to counter the challenge posed by the naxalite organizations especially in the North-Eastern part of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Criteria for declaration of classical
language**

2657. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued notification regarding criteria for declaration of classical language;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government intend to declare Kannada as classical language in view of its rich culture and heritage?

**Unemployment allowance in Andhra
Pradesh**

2658. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Central Government seeking a sanction for providing unemployment allowance to the unemployed people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) by when the aforesaid amount is to be made available to the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

Increase in unemployment rate

2659. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the latest National Sample Survey, the unemployment rate in the country has gone

up from 1.9 per cent in 1993-94 to 2.23 per cent in 1999-2000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment has gone up from 2.2 per cent in 1995 to 4.3 per cent in 2000;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard to create more and more employment opportunities; and

(d) what schemes Government have for organized and unorganized sectors in the country?

Monitoring of working conditions of employees in Business Processes Outsourcing

2660. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to monitor the working conditions of the employees in Business Processes Outsourcing sector and ensure implementation of various labour laws in this sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted on the working conditions of employees in BPO sector in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Appraisal of Planning Commission

2661. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been fall in employment even after reforms were launched in 1991 according to mid-term appraisal of Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to generate more employment opportunities?

Safeguarding interest of labourers in Delhi

†2662. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken so far to safeguard the interests of labourers working in the industrial units to be closed down owing to the directions of the apex court in the National Capital Region of Delhi;

(b) whether Central Government have also constituted a Committee to safeguard the interests of the labourers;

(c) whether this Committee has submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Law to protect laid off workers

2663. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to bring out a law to protect workers laid off by outsourcing and offshoring operations on the line of Britain;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Compensation and insurance amount paid to families of deceased workers in Chhattisgarh

†2664. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the workers killed in mishaps while at work in medium and heavy industries in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the minor children alongwith women and men killed in these mishaps;

(c) the details of the amount of compensation prescribed and that of insurance provided to the families of deceased workers; and

(d) the names of workers killed in Chhattisgarh alongwith the details of the amount of compensation given?

Investment in equities by EPF Organisation

2665. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that EPF Organization has been allowed to invest Rs. 100 crore in equities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of companies in which EPFO has invested; and

(d) its impact on the rate of interests on EPF and PPF?

Consultancy agency for investment alternatives for E.P.F.

†2666. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees Provident Fund Organisation has hired a consultancy agency to suggest investment alternatives for E.P.F;

(b) if so, the objective thereof;

(c) whether labour unions have objected to it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Covering teachers under Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972

2667. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to amend the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to bring the teachers in schools and other educational institutions under its coverage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the Bill is likely to be introduced?

National Child Labour Project Scheme in AP.

2668. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed some more districts

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in the State to be covered under the National Child Labour Project Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of proposals which have been given clearance along with the proposal which are under consideration of the Government?

Difference in the wages to men and women

†2669. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been revealed from the survey of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducted between January 2004 to June 2004 that difference and inequality are still existing between men and women with regard to wages;

(b) whether it is a fact that in rural India a male labourer earn an average of Rs. 56.53 as daily wages whereas a female labourer earns an average of Rs. 36.15 only as daily wages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by Government to bridge this gap?

FAO Report regarding workers

2670. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Report that agriculture workers who did not own or rent the land on which they work or the tools and equipment they use are often earning wages well below those earned by industrial workers;

(b) whether it is a fact that major component of Indian Economy is "agriculture or agriculture related operations";

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to ensure that agriculture workers are adequately paid for their labour; and

(d) whether any study has been made to find out specific reasons for agriculture workers generally living in dire conditions, if so the details thereof?

Productivity and competitiveness of work force in PSUs

2671. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any long-term plan to improve productivity and competitiveness of workforce in public sector manufacturing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of child labourers in Karnataka

2672. DR. VIJAY MALLYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that a large number of child labourers are employed in mining in the Bellary-Hospet region in Karnataka;

(b) whether any cases have been booked against mining contractors who have violated the Child Labour Act;

(c) whether it is a fact that the failure of traditional occupations like agriculture and

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weaving has forced parents to send their children to do hazardous work in mines; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the rehabilitation of children who discontinue their studies to earn a livelihood?

Minimum wages

2673. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state the rate of minimum wages for unskilled, semi- skilled and skilled workers in the State of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan as on 31st March, 2006?

Job opportunities

2674. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job opportunities generated by the MNCs/private sector during the last three years;

(b) the percentage of unskilled/semi-skilled employment opportunities out of that; and

(c) whether Government propose to direct MNCs/private sector to accord priority to rural candidates in providing employment opportunities?

Child Labour Welfare Projects

2675. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of child labour in the country as per the latest census;

(b) whether the Union Government has asked the State Governments to furnish details of the works undertaken under the Child Labour Welfare Projects; and

(c) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

Improving the condition of landless and homeless labourers

2676. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of landless and homeless labourers in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the programmes being implemented for improving their conditions, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government has reviewed or proposed to review these programmes so that the assistance given to improve condition of labourers?

Rural Development projects and schemes

2677. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the rural development projects and schemes submitted by the State

Governments during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes/projects cleared/sanctioned State-wise, particularly for Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the number of projects/schemes pending sanction together with the reasons for keeping pending; and

(d) by when these are likely to be sanctioned?

Migration of labourers in Orissa

2678. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any information that a large number of labourers are being migrated from KBK districts of Orissa after the harvesting seasons; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the migration of labour force from these districts?

Reforms in textiles sector

*2679. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Textiles sector needs more reforms and investment;

(b) whether the IMF has asked India to step up reforms and investment in this sector to bolster the sector's competitiveness; and

(c) if so, the action plan of the Centre to revamp and upgrade this sector and remove the existing constraints to boost up its exports?

Unsatisfactory implementation of Poverty alleviation programme

†2680. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poverty alleviation programme is not being run satisfactorily as a result of which amount disbursed for the same is being squandered;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the steps taken in that regard by Government during the last two years; and

(c) whether any official has been found guilty?

Providing funds for potable water

†2681. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India would provide funds for arrangement of potable water in all the rural habitations; and

(b) the details thereof?

Backlog vacancies

2682. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies in all the cadres as on 31st March, 2004 in all the departments under the Ministry;

(b) the number of vacancies filled in during the last two years; and

(c) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

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**Implementation of National Rural
Employment Guarantee Act**

2683. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the districts covered under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, State-wise at the initial stage;

(b) the allocation of funds made to each Distt.;

(c) the present status of implementation in each district;

(d) the criteria/guidelines for selection under the above Act; and

(e) the States covered under the first phase, where the minimum wages fell short of Rs. 60 per day?

**Procedure for selection of districts
under NREGP**

†2684. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of two hundred districts selected under the Rural Employment Guarantee Programme introduced on 2nd February, 2006;

(b) the procedure adopted to select the districts from various States; and

(c) the way by which Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission have coordinated and the role of States in this programme?

Implementation of NREG Act

2685. SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State of affairs regarding implementation of N.R.E.G. Act in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra;

(b) who is monitoring from Central Government; and

(c) the details of amount disbursed to above States as on 31st March, 2006?

PMGSY in Buxer district of Bihar

†2686. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target-wise details of schemes being implemented under the "Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojana" in the Buxer district of Bihar;

(b) whether these roads are being constructed providing the desired quality within the fixed time-limit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether under this scheme Government propose to construct Koran Sarai-Narainpur-Iradi road which is a very important road for lakhs of residents there; and

(e) if so, by when this work would be completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Construction of roads under PMGSY
in Tamil Nadu**

2687. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the country as on date and the number of roads not constructed as per schedule, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu;

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(b) whether Government has held any officials responsible for not completing the construction works as per schedule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

Working hours in textile sector

2688. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the measures such as increasing the minimum working hours in exclusive textiles zones to 60 hours a week from the present 48 hours and changing contract labour laws in regard to textiles sector are contemplated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether workers association have also been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, their reaction thereto; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Uttaranchal

2689. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana at many places surveys have been conducted but no progress has been made towards construction of the roads;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that a road between Tahat and Bang Cheri, in Bageshwar in Uttaranchal is also waiting construction since long although survey of it has been taken place?

Job cards under NREG Act, 2005

2690. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many job cards have been issued so far in the identified districts by the Gram Panchayats, where National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, is being made applicable;

(b) what is the ratio of men and women of such Job Card Holders; and

(c) have the Gram Panchayats appointed any counsellors who have expertise in educating the prospective applicants to fill up the application forms?

Cash payment to workers under rural employment scheme

2691. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the workers under various rural employment guarantee scheme would be given their food entitlement in view of the reported inadequate stocks in Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns;

(b) whether the workers will be given cash payment instead of payment in kind (foodgrains); and

(c) if so, in order to ensure that the full cash payment is received by the workers, whether Government are considering creation of post office bank accounts for each worker to transfer the cash payment directly into their accounts?

Implementation of Gram Sadak Yojana in Goa

2692. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gram Sadak Yojana is being implemented in the State of Goa;
- (b) if so, the projects undertaken;
- (c) the cost involved; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Grameen Sadak Yojana

†2693. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent by Central Government on Grameen Sadak Yojana during the last three years;
- (b) whether State Government also contribute in this scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Complaints about irregularities in PMGSY

2694. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received complaints about some irregularity and loopholes in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken against erring agencies;
- (c) whether Government have fixed accountability and responsibility for the proper implementation of this scheme in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

2695. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Badiyara-Maghara Road was included in the District Rural Roads Plan of Shimla District under PMGSY in 2001 but the road has been constructed only upto Nandla village;
- (b) whether due to negative attitude of the authorities, the road from Nandla to Maghgara has not been constructed despite the area being hilly and construction of road would benefit thousands of villagers and fruit/vegetable growers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and directions issued to State Government; and
- (d) the names of contractors against whom the action is proposed to be taken for delay and non-fulfilment of PMGSY guidelines?

Proposals of Madhya Pradesh under SGSY

†2696. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of proposals received by Government from Madhya Pradesh State under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana during the last three years and current year of 2005-06;
- (b) whether Government have cleared all the proposals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when such proposals are likely to be cleared?

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**Allocation of amount under Rural
Employment Guarantee Scheme to
M.P.**

†2697. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDLWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the desired amount of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has not yet been received by the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reason therefor and by when the above said amount would be allocated and how much this amount stand at;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is causing delay in payment of wages to the rural unemployed people; and

(d) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any demand letter to the Central Government in this regard?

Roads under PMGSY in Chhattisgarh

†2698. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of roads constructed/ under construction in Chhattisgarh under PMGSY during the last three years in respect of which quality test was conducted by programme implementation unit, State quality monitor and National Quality appointed by State Government;

(b) the names of the roads in respect of which defective construction has been noted alongwith the name of agency which detected the defect and whether any action has been taken against the constructor concerned;

(c) the names of roads in Raigarh and Jashpur districts in Chhattisgarh that are damaged and since when;

(d) by when these roads will be repaired and the names of contractors who will do the repair work; and

(e) the details of the action being taken by Government to get the roads repaired?

**Self-Help Groups under SGSY in
Andhra Pradesh**

†2699. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as per the guidelines, 50 per cent groups of women only are to be formed, out of the Self-Help Groups to be formed in every block under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana;

(b) whether these guidelines have been fully complied with in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the number of Self-Help Groups formed, district-wise, in Andhra Pradesh and the number of groups, out of these, which are of women only; and

(d) the total number of women groups/ self-employed women, district-wise in Andhra Pradesh which were provided assistance under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana?

PMGSY in Nalanda district of Bihar

2700. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether PMGSY is being implemented in Nalanda district of Bihar;

(b) what are the details of roads in the district which have been included under the scheme;

(c) whether Government would include Nalanda-Nari road under this scheme which connects a large number of villages and is the lifeline of thousands of villages;

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

**Rural water supply programme
in A.P.**

†2701. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the programme-wise, year-wise and district-wise details of the targets fixed, funds allocated to the State Government and actual achievement of targets regarding the installation of hand pumps, to revival of traditional resources of water and to supply of drinking water in primary schools in the villages of Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government under the two year programme for rural water supply amounted by the Prime Minister in 2003;

(b) whether these targets could not be achieved completely; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the target of these programmes likely to be achieved for Andhra Pradesh?

**Sanitation and drinking
water projects**

†2702. SHRI JAI PARKASH
AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of
RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to
state:

(a) whether some of the projects like sanitation, drinking water supply and projects relating to rural areas development submitted by States particularly Delhi are pending with Central Government as on date;

(b) the date since when these projects are pending; and

(c) the State-wise details of total funds provided for the implementation of such projects during the last three years and till date alongwith the names of these projects and areas for which the funds, have been allocated mentioning their year-wise achievement separately?

Drinking water supply in Orissa

2703. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has unveiled five-pronged strategy for drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a Centrally sponsored project; and

(d) if so, the action plan of the Centre to help the Orissa State to cover all the villages in the State for safe and guaranteed drinking water supply?

**Full coverage of rural areas with
drinking water facility**

2704. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
Will the Minister of RURAL
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of areas which have been covered, partially covered, not covered with drinking water supply facilities under various programmes during each of last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the future plan of Government during the current plan period to achieve full coverage of rural areas with drinking water supply facilities in the country?

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Quality of drinking water in rural areas

† 2705. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proper arrangements have been made to check the quality of water supplied under handpump and ground water scheme in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the dates on which such arrangement has been reviewed to ensure its compliance and the dates on which the quality of water being provided in rural areas has been tested by the Central team; and

(d) the number of hand pumps and ground water schemes in each State and the water received from which has been declared unfit for drinking during the last three years?

Setting up of textile units in Tamil Nadu

2706. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new textile units set up in Tamil Nadu during the last three years in various sectors, year-wise; and

(b) the efforts made by Government to assist in setting up these textile units?

Purchasing of cotton by Cotton Corporation of India

† 2707. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of the cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India from different States particularly from

different districts of Andhra Pradesh during the last year;

(b) whether the Corporation had purchased the entire cotton available in the cotton market of Adilabad, Warangal, Guntur and other districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the norms adopted by the Cotton Corporation of India to fix the purchase price of cotton for different States?

Development of jute Industry

2708. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop jute industry;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan indicating the amount sanctioned for investment in this sector;

(c) the measures taken by Government for the revival of sick units; and

(d) the number of jobs that would be generated with the revival of the sick industries?

Proposals of Chhattisgarh pending with Development Commissioner, Handloom

†2709. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by Government of Chhattisgarh pending with Development Commissioner, Handloom in the Ministry;

(b) the reasons for delay in according sanction to the said proposals;

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(c) by when the proposals will be
accorded sanction; and
(d) the details thereof?

(a) whether Government of
Chhattisgarh has forwarded any scheme to
his Ministry for providing international
market facility to the craftsmen of the State;

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(b) if so, whether his Ministry has given
administrative sanction to this scheme; and

†2710. SHRI RAMADHAR
KASHYAP: Will the Minister of
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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