

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

Total number of questions—155

Agenda for development of North Eastern Region

2120. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the major agenda for Development of North Eastern Region;

(b) the short-term and long-term strategies;

(c) whether Government are aware that funds allocated for specific projects in many States of North Eastern Region are either diverted or unutilised;

(d) if so, whether Government are planning to tackle the situation; and

(e) whether Government have any agency to monitor utilisation of fund released for specific projects particularly of the fund allocated from non-lapsable pool?

Accruals and expenditure from non-lapsable pool

2121. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accruals and expenditure from the non-lapsable pool during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of projects sanctioned and funds released during the said period, State-wise;

(c) whether the States encountered any difficulties in getting funds for sanctioned projects under non-lapsable pool during the year 2000-2001; and

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

Pendency of State projects

2122. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the corpus available during the year 2000-2001 under non-lapsable pool;

(b) the pendency position of the projects submitted by various State Governments, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to expedite sanction of the pending projects?

Disinvestment in blue-chip undertakings

2123. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a three-year road map to

carry out disinvestment in blue-chip undertakings in telecom, power and oil sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when action in this regard is likely to be initiated?

Disinvestment of various PSUs

2124. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have off-loaded their stake in various Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of the PSUs disinvested with the names of prospective buyers with prices/stakes; and

(c) the names of other PSUs which are likely to be disinvested during the next two years?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2125. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Public Sector Undertakings in which disinvestment had been effected during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 1st April to October, 2001;

(b) the percentage of the equity which has been disinvested in each PSU; and

(c) the total amount collected by Government through disinvestment?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2126. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are divesting the majority stake in certain key PSUs including BHEL; and

(b) if so, the details of such PSUs including the percentage of Government equity to be diluted in these units and the time table, if any, for the above process?

Disinvestment of certain PSUs in Tamil Nadu

2127. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Sector PSUs in Tamil Nadu that are in acute financial crunch;

(b) whether any proposal has been sent to Government for the disinvestment of these PSUs in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of major oil companies

2128. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that major oil companies are being taken up for privatisation/disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the expected revenue inflow through this process?

Procedure of treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in private hospitals

2129. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recognised private hospitals attached to CGHS in different parts of the country, hospital-wise;

(b) the details of procedure of treatment in private hospitals by CGHS beneficiaries and how the reimbursement of expenses on treatment is being made by Government;

(c) whether CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to avail specialised treatments in private hospitals; and

(d) if not, the specific reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto?

Recognition to hospitals/diagnostic centres

2130. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL
VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether all recognized hospitals/diagnostic centres had applied for the recognition;

(b) if not, the reasons for giving recognition; and

(c) the reasons for recognizing six more hospitals in the second instance *vide* O.M. No. Rec. 24/2001/JD(M)/CGHS/Delhi/CGHS(P)/1076-99, dated 25th October, 2001 and not including them in the first list dated 7th September, 2001?

Manufacture of hard crown (Ophthalmic) glasses

2131. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, at present, there is no manufacturing facility to manufacture hard crown (Ophthalmic) glasses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-availability of indigenous technology and the cost of importing the machinery combined with high customs duty on import of glass manufacturing machinery act as a deterrent on setting up the facility for mass use;

(c) whether Government propose to review the customs duty in this regard with a view to facilitating setting up of such projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Interference in the working of CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road

2132. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

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

(a) whether CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Lodhi Road, New Delhi exclusively falls under the jurisdiction and administrative control of CGHS;

(b) if so, whether the Advisor/Deputy Advisor/Assistant Advisor of the Department of ISM&H regularly interfere with the working of the Hospital, attend the Hospital daily and issue prescriptions unauthorisedly;

(c) whether D.G./Director/Additional Directors do not attend CGHS hospitals/dispensaries and exclusively function from their respective offices whereas the Advisor/Deputy Advisor/Assistant Advisor of ISM&H attend this Hospital which impairs the independent functioning of the Hospital; and

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

Spread of small pox by Bio-terrorists

2133. SHRI H.K. JAVARE
GOWDA:
PROF. A. LAKSHMI-
SAGAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is likelihood of the spread of small pox in the country by bio-terrorists after anthrax; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures taken by Government in this regard?

PET facility in AIIMS

2134. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) how far the efforts to acquire a clinical PET facility in All India Institute of Medical Sciences have progressed;

(b) whether the PET scanner, Medical Cyclotron, target materials and laboratory requirements have been purchased; and

(c) by when the clinical PET facility will be commissioned?

Improvement in PHCs

†2135. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for large scale improvement in the functioning of Primary Health Centres;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the target of providing medical facilities to all cannot be achieved with the present system;

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

(d) the details of schemes formulated by Government to improve these Centres?

Cataract operation at Malaubari village in Guwahati

2136. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty three elder persons who underwent cataract operation at a Government sponsored blindness control camp at Malaubari village in Guwahati had developed serious complications and condition of three of them is critical;

(b) whether it is also a fact that twenty-two children died recently after being administered Vitamin A drops under a UNICEF sponsored campaign in Assam;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have ordered an enquiry in both the episodes; and

(d) if so, the findings in this regard?

News-item "CATS say hospitals don't care"

2137. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. 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, "CATS say hospitals don't care", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 20th November, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to make the Centralised Accident and Trauma Services more effective with the cooperation of hospital authorities?

Demand to spend one tenth of Budget on health services

†2138. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand to spend one tenth amount of the Budget on health services;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this demand; and

(c) if so, the details of the decision taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

Recognised Medical Colleges in NER

2139. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recognised medical colleges in the NER; and

(b) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to open new medical colleges in the region particularly in the State of Assam?

Amendment of PFA Act

2140. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in receipt of any representation from any organisation seeking amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto and action taken thereon?

News-item "What's wrong with our blood"

2141. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: 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, "What's wrong with our blood", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 19th September, 2001;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the aforesaid news-item?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

News-item "Nicholas Piramal asks DCI to order withdrawal of Grastim stocks"

2142. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: 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 "Nicholas Piramal asks DCI to order withdrawal of Grastim stocks", which appeared in the Financial Express, dated 21st September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against DCI for negligence in the matter;

(c) whether such type of incidents had been brought to the notice of his Ministry in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Involvement of PRIs in Family Welfare Programme

2143. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the Family Welfare Programme;

(b) the achievement of each State regarding the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the implementation of Family Welfare Programme; and

(c) the funds allocated to each State for the said programme during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Findings of high-level health experts on bio-terrorism

2144. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the high-level meeting of health experts held recently on global threat of bio-terrorism; and

(b) the steps being taken to implement the findings?

Achievement of goals under National Health Policy, 1983

2145. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to achieve the goals set in the National Health Policy, 1983;

(b) whether the existing National Health Policy is going to be reformulated; and

(c) how many recognized institutes are there in the country to import education/training on the Indian systems of medicine and homoeopathy, State-wise?

Irregularities in utilisation of funds for Polio-eradication

†2146. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of irregularities were found in the utilisation of funds given to State Governments for Polio-eradication;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the States had poor performance and they are categorised as big defaulters; and

(d) if so, the policy Government are going to adopt to tackle such situations?

Separate Health Policy for ISM & H

2147. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a separate Health Policy for

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Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy is on the anvil;

(b) whether the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy has so far prepared/issued 'essential drug' list for Ayurveda, Unani and Homoeopathy medicines;

(c) how many delegates visited our preservation-cum-exhibition on Indian systems of medicine organised for the delegates to the World Health Assembly for the first time in May, 2001;

(d) whether Government's new concept of 'Medical Tourism' includes promotion/globalisation of Indian Systems of Medicine; and

(e) if so, the budgetary allocations made during the year 2001-2002?

Doctors in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary, R.K. Puram

2148. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Questions 2927 and 3691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th and 27th August, 2001 respectively and state:

(a) the names of doctors posted in Sector-12, CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary and since when;

(b) whether it is a fact that only two doctors are working for the last three years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of sub-standard contraceptives in UP

2149. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been revealed in the report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India that sub-standard contraceptives were supplied in UP;

(b) whether it was due to this that the birth rate in the State could not be controlled and the targets fixed under National Family Welfare Programme were not achieved; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that population explosion is checked, particularly in UP and Bihar?

Adoption of two-child norm

2150. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has decided to enforce the two-child norm in the State barring its employees from having a third child;

(b) if so, whether any other State Governments are enforcing similar norm;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to enforce the two-child norm in the country; and

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

Decline in sex ratio

2151. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Drastic fall in country's sex ratio", which appeared in the Hindu, dated 28th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the present sex ratio, State-wise;

(c) the sex ratio during 1991 and 2001 and increase and decrease thereof State-wise;

(d) the names of the countries where population is similar to Indian population; and

(e) the action plan of Government to minimise/equalise the sex population in the country?

Bio-terrorism threats

2152. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any expert group of scientists and officials of investigating agencies to look into thoroughly the bio-terrorism threats as the FBI had been doing in the USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective measures Government have taken or propose to take for protecting the people against bio-terrorism threats, including public awareness campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

White Anthrax

2153. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: 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, "White Anthrax, red alert: Delhi powders its knows", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 18th October, 2001;

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

(c) the measures taken to combat the bio-terrorism unleashed by Anthrax?

Performance of State Programme for control of Blindness in Gujarat

2154. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of State Programme for Control of Blindness and the district blindness control societies in Gujarat; and

(b) the funds released under the National Blindness Control Programme during 2001, till date?

Mental Asylums

2155. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) how Government propose to ensure coverage of all the mental asylums in the survey directed by the Supreme Court of India;

(b) whether Government have defined the expression 'Mental Asylum' giving it a wider connotation and bringing all types of mental asylums mushrooming all over the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for approval of bio-equivalence centres

2156. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no guidelines for approval of bio-equivalence centres;

(b) if so, how the approvals are being granted by the Durg Controller; and

(c) whether the Drug Controller-General of India is accepting study reports from Centres which have no approval and when do they propose to come out with guidelines?

Treatment and rehabilitation of HIV infected children

†2157. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the information given in a press conference on 1st November, 2001 by Delhi Branch of Indian Academy of Paediatrics, in which it has been stated that about two hundred children get infected by HIV in the country everyday, whereas more than eleven thousand children die due to this disease every year; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts being made by Government for the treatment and rehabilitation of such children?

Central clearance for importing certain drugs

2158. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make it mandatory for researchers to obtain Central clearance for importing drugs meant for trial on human beings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

Setting up of PHCs in U.P.

2159. DR. SWAMI SAKSHI JI MAHARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in U.P. which qualify for setting up of PHCs but are without the same; and

(b) the steps being taken to set-up PHCs there?

Diabetes among adolescents

2160. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the study conducted by Delhi Diabetes Forum, diabetes is on the rise among adolescents;

(b) whether any concrete steps have been taken to control or completely eradicate this disease in the country;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard; and

(d) the programmes and schemes implemented by Government for the past five years to control diabetes in the country?

Integrated National Drug Policy

†2161. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are spending only one per cent of total budget on health services;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to spend ten per cent of the budget on health services;

(c) whether various organisations of doctors have urged the Government to formulate perspective integrated National

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Drug Policy so as to ensure safe as well as cheap medicines to patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of PHCs

2162. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the functioning of the Primary Health centres recently in the country in order to achieve the goal of health for all;

(b) if so, the number out of them, which are well-equipped;

(c) the number of PHCs opened in the country during the last three years and proposed to be opened during the current financial year, State-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to upgrade more PHCs, Community Health Centres to Hospital Status;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to allocate adequate funds for the purpose; and

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

Compromise on quality of drugs

2163. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether quality or standard of drugs are being compromised due to the wide practice of third party manufacturing or manufacturing under loan licence system by many reputed companies;

(b) if so, whether Government envisage any measures to curb this; and

(c) if so, the measures being contemplated?

Departure from process patent regime

2164. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a departure from the process patent regime in respect of the manufacturing and availability of the essential drugs will adversely affect the prices of drug formulations; and

(b) if so, the concrete measures Government are contemplating to avert such serious problem?

Flourishing spurious drugs trade

2165. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack in coordination between Government and State Governments the trade of spurious drugs is flourishing in the country;

(b) if so, whether the spurious drugs manufactured in a particular State is sold in other States resulting in confusion for the authorities to take any action;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to prepare any concrete action plan to check sale or manufacture of spurious drugs throughout the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inordinate delay in handling applications in DCI office

2166. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications received per month in the DCI office for

various categories of approvals required from this office;

(b) the time taken for clearance of applications;

(c) whether it is a fact that many cases take a lot of time for clearance from the Department;

(d) the steps being taken to streamline the system of this office;

(e) whether it is a fact that NOC for exports take a long time for clearance causing cancellation of export orders; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Tenure of stay in CGHS Medical Store Depots

2167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a certain tenure of stay was fixed for staff working in CGHS Medical Store Depots in Delhi/New Delhi as these depots were considered "Corruption Prone Zone";

(b) if so, the tenure of stay fixed for each category of officials posted there;

(c) the names of officials, with the tenure of their stay, in these depots during the last six years;

(d) whether it is a fact that certain officials are transferred for a short spell and posted again to Medical Store Depots; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken to rectify the situation?

Funds to Gujarat for upgradation of emergency facilities in hospitals

2168. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided funds to Gujarat for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities in the hospitals of the State;

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

(c) whether Government propose to provide funds to more hospitals of the State for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of RCHP in Gujarat

2169. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCHP) in Gujarat;

(b) the funds released to the State under RCHP during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom?

Spread of dengue

2170. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dengue has recently raised its ugly head not only in Delhi but in Chennai and Tamil Nadu;

(b) the preventive measures taken by Government to prevent spreading of this disease during the last year as well as current year;

(c) the reasons for spread of dengue in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) the steps taken to treat dengue in Chennai and Tamil Nadu and prevent its spread in other parts of the country?

Permission for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in Private Ayurvedic Hospitals

2171. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in line with Government's stated policy to promote greater use of Indian Systems of Medicine including Ayurveda, Government have recognized the Vaidyaratnam P.S. Varier's Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal for treatment of CGHS beneficiaries;

(b) if so, whether Government have extended this facility to this hospital's branches at Karkardooma, Delhi and elsewhere in the country;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would permit treatment of CGHS beneficiaries at similar other private Ayurvedic hospitals in Delhi as facilities provided by these specialized private hospitals are not available with Government run Ayurvedic Hospitals/ Dispensaries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

People killed by tobacco related diseases

2172. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over eight lakh people are killed annually by tobacco related diseases and several lakh more are disabled in the country;

(b) whether tobacco generates an annual revenue of nearly Rs. 5550 crore but it spends Rs. 13500 crore on treating patients from tobacco related diseases; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to

discourage the use of tobacco among the Indians specially among the women, whose intake of smoking has been increasing in the country?

New anti-anthrax vaccine

2173. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: 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 "JNU lab could give Washington its latest weapon against terror" stating that a bio-technology Scientist Shri Bhatnagar has developed an anti-anthrax vaccine, with much less toxic effects than the one developed lately by the Pasteur Institute, which appeared in The Indian Express, dated the 4th November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the vaccine has been finally tested for its efficacy, toxicity and side-effects; and

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

Potential of ayurvedic/herbal drugs in the international market

2174. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ayurvedic/herbal drugs have great potential in international market;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give some concessions to herbal drug industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government will give such concessions to domestic herbal drug manufacturers?

Renewing of CGHS cards

2175. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) when were the CGHS cards last renewed;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the quality of paper used in the existing CGHS cards is poor; and
- (c) by when Government propose to renew all the cards using better quality of paper?

Employees working in CGHS dispensaries in UP

†2176. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of CGHS dispensaries in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (b) the number of employees working therein?

Seats reserved in medical colleges for kins of Jawans killed in action

2177. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to fix certain percentage of seats in newly set up medical college at Delhi for the kins of Jawans killed in action;
- (b) if so, the percentage fixed therefor;
- (c) whether Government are considering to extend such gesture in other Government

colleges in the country in coordination with the State Governments; and

- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken?

National drive for eradication of Cancer

2178. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cancer cases in the country are continuously increasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government propose to launch a national drive against this dreaded ailment like T.B., leprosy etc. to eradicate it; and
- (d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Population control programmes

2179. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have stopped the population control programmes;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that we have achieved full control over growing population;
- (c) if not, where are those awareness programmes such as showing documentaries, slogans about small family, advertisements in print and electronic media which were found everywhere from cinema slides to distracted walls and restricted only to PHCs of villages; and
- (d) the statistics about achievements since 1991?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Term of DCGI

2180. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the fixed term of Drug Controller General of India (DCGI);

(b) whether Government are considering the appointment of any IAS Officer as head of Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO); and

(c) whether the matter has been referred to UPSC for selection?

Ban on smoking at public places

2181. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued orders in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent judgement to ban smoking in all public places in the country;

(b) if so, whether a monitoring machinery has been set up to ensure implementation of the judgement of the apex court; and

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

Purchase of formulary medicines

2182. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted by the CGHS Stores of Allopathy and ISM&H for the purchase of formulary medicines for their dispensaries/units/hospitals in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) whether these procedures are often changed;

(c) if so, the details of the reasons thereof;

(d) whether there are any separate prescribed rules for the purchase of medicines for Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga and Naturopathy in Delhi and outside Delhi; and

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

CPSUs in Jharkhand

2183. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the Central PSUs presently functioning in Jharkhand with details of their Chiefs and headquarters;

(b) the total investments made by Government in each PSU, so far;

(c) how many of them are earning profits and how many of them have become sick and how many stand referred to BIFR, alongwith details of those PSUs; and

(d) the details of revival plan, if any, on the anvil for the sick PSUs?

New Automobile Policy

2184. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-
CHANDRA REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government are proposing to introduce a New Automobile Policy;

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

(c) the salient features of this policy; and

(d) what will be the benefits of the policy to the Automobile Sector?

Closing down of PSUs

2185. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to close down some of the Public Sector Undertakings under the control of his Ministry;

(b) if so, which are the PSUs intended to be closed;

(c) what attempts are being made to run these undertakings efficiently and profitably;

(d) whether Government have prepared any revival package for these undertakings; and

(e) the details of the revival package implemented?

Introduction of new models of cars and vehicles

2186. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that every month new models of cars and other vehicles are being introduced in the country;

(b) if so, the brand names of such passenger cars and vehicles presently plying on Indian roads with their ex-showroom prices;

(c) whether in view of heavy congestion on road, Government would consider a total ban on issue of letter of indent for manufacture of new passenger cars; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Profit making PSEs

2187. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 49 operative PSEs under his Department, only 13 PSEs are making profit during the current financial year even when Government have spent huge amount for their revival since 1990-91; and

(b) how many PSEs, till date, have signed MoUs, which aim at improving performance thereof?

Compulsory retirement of handicapped employees in MUL

2188. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maruti Udyog Ltd. has resorted to compulsory retirement of handicapped employees;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of employees, retired so far as a result thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of representations have been made by the affected employees in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government to mitigate the grievances of these employees?

New heavy industry in Assam

2189. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any new heavy industry in hilly area of Assam during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

News-item "Indian diesel engines are outdated"

2190. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Indian diesel engines are outdated", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 8th November, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the diesel engines are ancient and the economic figure for diesel engine cars is far below those of petrol engine cars;

(c) whether it is also a fact that particularly in Germany the technology on diesel engine has progressed tremendously; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to bring the Indian technology on diesel engine up-to-date?

Accumulated loss of HMT

2191. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated losses of HMT, so far;

(b) whether Government have any financial package for the HMT; and

(c) whether Government propose to introduce voluntary retirement scheme in the HMT?

List of journalists covering various news media

2192. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Government to provide with the list of journalists covering various news media and journalists in the States all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the methods devised by Government to check and control the Spate of non-accredited journalists in the news reporting;

(d) the action taken against such journalists, State-wise; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Facts and figures regarding cable operators

2193. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would be able to provide the facts and figures regarding cable operators in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the revenue being collected as entertainment tax from cable operators in the country per annum?

Indecent scenes shown in the films

‡2194. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite the presence of Film Censor Board, indecent scenes are still shown in many films;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take other effective steps to check the picturisation of indecent scenes in the films;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

OBCs are being de-reserved and filled by others despite imposition of a ban on 'de-reservation' of vacancies reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs with effect from 1st April, 1989 by DOPT OM No. 36012/6/88-Est (SCT), dated 25th April, 1989;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the instances where vacancies/posts reserved for SCs/STs and OBCs have been de-reserved and filled by persons other than those for whom they were reserved since 1st April, 1989 in her Ministry and its attached and subordinate offices during the last five years?

Plans to augment information media in J and K and NER

2195. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared plans to augment information media in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details of the installations to be made, modified and augmented under the plans, indicating their locations, estimated cost, and time-frame; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to implement the same?

De-reservation of vacancies for SCs/STs and OBCs

2196. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of vacancies/posts reserved for SCs/STs and

Partnership of States in Doordarshan

‡2197. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have demanded for their partnership in the Doordarshan or for a separate TV Channel;

(b) if so, the State Governments which have made such demand;

(c) when the demands were received by Government from these State Governments; and

(d) the decision Government have taken thereon?

Performance of DD News Channel

2198. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DD News, the 24 hour satellite news channel, has not

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

been performing well and all set for a quiet close down;

(b) whether any official survey has indicated that the viewers average is very low as compared to Aaj Tak, Star News and BBC; and

(c) whether the top 10 producers of commissioned programmes on the channel received several crores of money for making programmes which had very poor viewership?

Issue of notices to advertising agencies for clearance of dues

2199. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati has recently issued legal notices to a large number of advertising agencies for recovery of about Rs. 85 crore;

(b) if so, the details of the amount due from these agencies, agency-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that no such notice has been issued to the National Film Development Corporation which owes over Rs. 20 crore;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any guidelines have been laid down to ensure that fresh programmes or extension of programmes to advertising agencies are not allowed to be aired unless they clear their outstanding dues?

Financial assistance to Prasar Bharati

†2200. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of

setting up of Prasar Bharati as an autonomous body, Government have to provide financial assistance for this institution;

(b) if so, the financial assistance provided to this institution during the last five years; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance likely to be given in the current financial year?

Time taken by various programmes

2201. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public broadcaster Prasar Bharati spends 46 per cent of its total telecast time on entertainment;

(b) if so, whether only 18 per cent is spent on education;

(c) whether 35 per cent is taken by information programmes;

(d) if so, whether the Prasar Bharati has been urged to devise a special policy to raise revenues without affecting the quality of programmes;

(e) whether the Prasar Bharati has suggested several measures to raise revenue other than through advertisements;

(f) if so, whether Government have considered these suggestions; and

(g) if so, whether Government have been urged to ask the Prasar Bharati to provide more time for education?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Launching of children's channel by
Chennai-based Pentamedia
Graphics Ltd.**

2202. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chennai-based Pentamedia Graphics Limited was to launch its children's channel Splash in the second week of September;

(b) if so, the main features of this channel;

(c) whether the channel with youth between 4 and 14 years as the target viewers, will air programmes including tutorial inputs; and

(d) if so, to what extent this channel has been welcomed by the children in the country?

**Development of infrastructure for film
making**

2203. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smaller countries have developed wonderful infrastructure for film making which attract film makers from all corners of world including India to shoot their films at these places thereby generating huge foreign exchange; and

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

**Coverage of Indian culture by
Doordarshan**

†2204. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan

is working against the Indian culture through its cable transmission and advertisement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to promote our culture; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that we have no policy to maintain our culture?

Income through advertisements

†2205. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that advertisements on Television and All India Radio are the major source of income; and

(b) if so, the details of income earned by both the media, separately, through advertisements during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

**Establishment of a mini studio of DD
in Jabalpur**

†2206. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting during his stay in Jabalpur had declared to establish a mini studio of Doordarshan in Jabalpur;

(b) by when the said mini studio would be set up;

(c) the details of its present status; and

(d) whether any provision in the budget has been made for this?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Government support to AIR

2207. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Radio (AIR) has reached the remotest part of the country;

(b) if so, the areas still starved of this communication system;

(c) whether it is also a fact that AIR has decided to adopt sponsorship/advertisement gimmicks;

(d) whether Government propose to club inputs of Doordarshan and support AIR, which is the only means reaching remote parts of the country; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce norms for Doordarshan telecasting to prevent the exhibition of obscenity?

Repair of TV Tower in H.P.

†2208. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the T.V. tower located in Varing village of Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh is out of order for many months as a result of which people are deprived of the sole source of entertainment;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to restore it at the earliest; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to reach the T.V. programmes to far-flung villages of tribal districts of Himachal Pradesh?

Interactive FM Channel for prompt response

2209. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of an interactive FM Channel for communicating with policemen and people for prompt response;

(b) whether Prasar Bharati came to an agreement with the Home Ministry on the proposal; and

(c) if so, by when Government expect to bring it into effect?

Setting up of LPT Centres in Tamil Nadu

2210. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of number of LPT Centres in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether there is a demand or thinking on the part of Government to set up more LPT Centres in Tamil Nadu; and

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

Performance of FM Stations

2211. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FM Stations operating as on date;

(b) the details of their performance;

(c) the steps taken to ensure good quality of programmes put across by these stations; and

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(d) whether Government have realised the financial target visualised in this venture?

Advertisements of Ministries regarding their performance

2212. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the full page advertisements appearing in almost all the newspapers sponsored by almost all the Ministries with photographs of the Prime Minister and the Ministers of respective Ministries and their achievements;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred by each Ministry on such advertisements during the last two years; year-wise and Ministry-wise; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to stop the wasteful expenditure of the Ministries on this account?

Efforts to make Doordarshan programmes entertaining

†2213. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after setting up of Prasar Bharati, some specific efforts have been made to make the programmes of Doordarshan effective and full of entertainment; and

(b) if so, the details of these efforts and the achievements made by means of the same until now?

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Supply of Video Compression System

2214. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 5-Channel Video Compression System supplied by M/s Gujarat Communication and Electronics Ltd. in 1995 at a cost of more than Rs. three crore did not work;

(b) whether R&D wing of Doordarshan upgraded this system;

(c) if so, at what cost;

(d) whether the liquidated charges amounting to Rs. 16.52 lakh have not been realised; and

(e) the steps being taken to realise the charges from the firm?

Concession to entertainment sector

2215. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for providing more concession to the entertainment sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for giving it parity with the IT sector; and

(d) what would be the intended impact thereof?

Cement Cartel

2216. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that leading cement manufacturers in the

country were accused of collusion for creating an artificial cement crisis and hike in the prices during 1999-2000;

(b) whether Government have investigated the cartel;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are also aware that cases of such cartel in cement sector existed in the country in the past also and are still pending for judgement; and

(f) if so, the details of the investigation done in the past and reasons for cases not being decided yet?

Restoration of the seniority of SC and ST employees on promotion

2217. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister announced Government's resolve to bring about a Constitutional Amendment to restore the seniority of SC and ST employees on promotion as it existed before issuing DOPT OM No. 2001, 1/1/96-Estt. (D), dated 30th January, 1997 in the Convention of SC/ST MPs on 5th December, 1999;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and progress achieved in bringing about the proposed Constitutional Amendment; and

(c) the status of the proposed Constitutional Amendment as on today?

Speedy, economical and fair justice to common man

2218. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that eye witnesses turn hostile from their testimony before the judge in the court due to money and influence;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that taking undue advantage of provisions of Indian Criminal Procedure Code, Lawyers get engaged in saving the accused by unfair means instead of helping the court to get to the root of the truth; and

(c) if so, what reforms Government are contemplating for speedy, economical and fair justice to the common people of the country?

Public and Private Ltd. companies in the country

2219. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

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

(a) the number of public and private limited companies that have been registered as on 30th September, 2001 in the country, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the total capital, other investments and turnover of these companies;

(c) the total employment given in these companies;

(d) whether it is fact that more than 50 per cent of these companies are running into losses;

(e) if so, the actual position during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001; and

(f) the number of companies which have been declared sick and referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR)?

Show-cause notice to BBA

2220. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Bullion Association has been rigging and manipulating the price over the decades while arriving at the daily gold rates;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the MRTPC issued show-cause notice to the BBA in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the BBA in this regard?

Cases settled by Lok Adalats

2221. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases settled by the Lok Adalats in the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of Lok Adalats held during the year 2000-2001 in different States?

Revision of electoral rolls

2222. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether revision of electoral rolls in the entire country is progressing satisfactorily;

(b) by when the revision work is likely to be completed; and

(c) other details in this regard?

Requirement of additional Judges

†2223. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judges in the Supreme Court, High Courts, District and Session Courts as against the number of pending cases in various courts in the country at present and how many additional judges are required to dispose off these cases;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of courts and the judges;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Special courts for trial of foreign terrorists

†2224. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set-up special courts for trial of foreign terrorists; and

(b) if so, whether such courts will come under the jurisdiction of army?

Recommendation of National Expert Committee on Women Prisoners

2225. DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Expert Committee on Women Prisoners headed by Justice Krishna Iyer has recommended establishment of Women's Courts and Naari Bandigriha Adalats in the country to dispense justice to Women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the action Government propose to take in the light of these recommendations?

Prosecutions against errant Companies

2226. SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in the interest of corporate transparency and compliance of the law of the Companies Act, 1956, ordered prosecution of errant Companies; and

(b) if so, the list of such Companies where prosecutions have been ordered during the past two financial years by the Company Law Board/Department of Company Affairs for infringing various provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and the result thereof, separately, for each Company?

Lease rental of Mumbai Port Trust

2227. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether income from lease rental constitute major source of income for Port Trusts;

(b) whether the outstanding lease rental of Mumbai Port Trust recorded a whooping increase to Rs. 550.95 crore during the period 1994—99;

(c) the steps being taken by Mumbai Port Trust to recover lease rent arrears;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mumbai Port Trust did not furnish the data on land use plan in accordance with the Centre's guidelines of 1995; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Establishment expenditure of Cochin Port Trust

2228. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's directives to port trusts restrict establishment expenditure to 30 per cent of operating expenditure;

(b) whether the Cochin Port Trust had been incurring very high establishment expenditure from 43 per cent to 53 per cent (of operating expenditure) in violation of Government's directives;

(c) whether per employee productivity in Cochin Port Trust is far below that of neighbouring ports like New Mangalore, Tuticorin, etc.; and

(d) whether Cochin Port had incurred expenses on idle wages paid to crew attached to dry-dock and fork lift section both of which were out of commission for quite some time?

Dust Control System in JNPT

2229. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expenditure of Rs. 5.25 crore by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust was incurred on a Dust Control System in March, 1990;

(b) whether the system is not working; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Fall in profits of shipping companies

2230. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of terrorists

attacks in September in US, Shipping Companies are facing 20-30 per cent fall in their profit margins this year;

(b) the estimates of profits of Shipping Corporation of India in this year;

(c) whether it will perform better this year or its profits are likely to fall; and

(d) the steps being taken to advise the SCI to maintain its profit level?

Plan to increase the navigable depth in Kolkata and Haldia ports

2231. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present navigable depth in approach channels to Kolkata and Haldia Ports;

(b) whether any planning is being made to increase the navigable depth in Kolkata and Haldia Ports; and

(c) if so, the details of the project alongwith estimated cost, targeted date of completion and targeted navigable depth?

Development of Brahmaputra river for cargo transportation

2232. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Inland Waterways Authority of India is planning to develop the Brahmaputra river for transportation of cargo to and fro from Assam;

(b) the fund allocated for de-silting river bed for making it navigation worthy;

(c) the allocation of funds for other infrastructures which will be necessary to attract private investors; and

(d) whether there is any plan to divert Brahmaputra river through our country-avoiding river route *via* Bangladesh?

De-notification of port limits of Salaya Minor Port

2233. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat had de-notified port limits of Salaya Minor Port and transferred the same to Kandla Port only for import of crude for IOC refineries;

(b) if so, whether permission has been granted by Kandla Port Trust to put up a SBM in Kandla Port limit (in Vadinar area) for crude import for Essar Refinery;

(c) whether Government are considering to transfer revenue that may be generated through SBM for Essar Refinery to Government of Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal to expand the services of SCI

2234. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India has a proposal to expand its services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the present services extended by SCI have been found ineffective;

(d) if so, the steps taken by SCI to improve its services; and

(e) the profits/losses suffered by SCI in the past three years?

Non-inclusion of some castes in the list of OBCs

2235. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some castes in Orissa have not been included in the OBC category in the Centre's list where the State Government has declared the same caste as backward;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some castes with equal status and origin from Orissa have been included in the Centre's list; and

(d) if so, whether Government have assessed the social implications of this injustice, which has divided the people on caste lines, creating socio-cultural and other problems in future?

Increase in unit cost under National Scheme for Scavengers

2236. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the unit cost from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 5,00,000 under National Scheme for Scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, the number of units sanctioned in the revised rates to the States, together with the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) how many units have been requested by the Government of Karnataka for the year 2000-2001?

Centres working for handicapped persons

2237. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the associations/centres working for the handicapped persons, State-wise;

(b) the grants given by Government during the last three years to these centres;

(c) whether some complaints have been received by Government against the management of such centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Reservation for OBCs in U.P.

2238. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has had the Government's approval for reservation of posts and job opportunities earmarking a definite percentage of opportunities for the most backwards out of the quota for the other Backward Castes;

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

(c) whether such proposals have been received from other State Government's also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of reservation policy in Ninth Schedule

‡2239. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to put reservation policy in the Ninth Schedule of Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Embracing of Buddhism by dalits

2240. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that thousands of dalits have embraced Buddhism in a big rally in the National Capital;
- (b) whether the conversion is considered as a consequence of atrocities on dalits and officials apathy towards their problems or otherwise; and
- (c) the reaction of Government on this issue?

Barrier-free access for disabled

2241. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inaccessibility in buildings deprives disabled of a better education and job opportunities; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to frame time bound programme to have barrier-free access at all public and private buildings for the disabled?

Training for child beggars to become self-dependent

2242. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the problem of beggary in Delhi especially on and around the traffic lights;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to rescue the poor people from the clutches of beggary;
- (c) whether in order to rescue the children from beggary, Government propose to have some Children Homes-cum-Training Institutes in Delhi, which can rear and train them to become self-dependent youth; and
- (d) whether Government have any policy of involving the NGO's and voluntary organisation working in this area?

NGOs working for tribals

2243. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how many NGOs are being funded by his Ministry facilitating them to work for tribals throughout the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any black-listed NGO has been granted aid in the past two years; and
- (c) whether any extra-Constitutional authority has been attached with his Ministry to recommend and monitor the disbursement of the grant?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Non-utilization of funds allocated for girls' hostel

2244. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Annual Report of his Ministry for the year 2000-2001, a sum of Rs. 12.00 crore was allocated in the Budget for the year 2000-2001 under the scheme for construction of girls' hostel out of which only Rs. 32 lakhs have been spent;

(b) if so, the reasons for such a large amount remaining unspent; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for expeditious release of funds under the said scheme?

Corruption in allocation of funds for SC/ST hostels and schools

2245. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe hostels funded by his Ministry in Karnataka since 1998, till date;

(b) the number of applications pending in his Ministry for approval;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are instances of involvement of officials of his Ministry in large scale corruption in the allocation of funds for such hostels/schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Decreasing number of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar

2246. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of aboriginals (Tribes) in Andaman and Nicobar has been decreasing during the last five decades and some tribes are extinct now;

(b) the reasons for their decreasing number; and

(c) the action Government are going to take for welfare of aboriginals?

Loan given by NSTFDC

2247. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various purposes and the organisations to which the National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation gives loan;

(b) whether Adivasi Vikash Parishad is also granted loan;

(c) if so, the upper limit fixed for giving loan to Adivasi Vikash Parishad and other organisations;

(d) whether it is a fact that the upper limit of thirty lakhs has now been brought down to ten lakhs; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Progress of schemes in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

2248. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various programmes/ schemes in operation in tribal areas, particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the progress made under each programme/scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

**Progress of welfare programmes run
by NGOs in NER**

2249. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state the details of the
allocations made and utilisation status in the
NER indicating the progress made on
execution of welfare programmes by NGOs
during the last three years, scheme-wise
and State-wise?

List of SCs/STs

2250. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the
Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased
to state:

- (a) the list of Scheduled Castes and
Scheduled Tribes as exists on 1st October,
2001;
- (b) the criteria for identification of
Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) when the name of a tribe/caste gets
deleted from the list; and
- (d) whether there is any provision for
inter-transfer of the schedules?

**Starvation deaths of tribals in
Maharashtra, Kerala
and Rajasthan**

2251. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken any
action against the reported starvation deaths
of tribals in Maharashtra, Kerala and
Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by
Government to ensure more employment to
the tribals?

**Tribal families listed below and
above the poverty line in
Madhya Pradesh**

2252. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will
the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

- (a) the total population of Scheduled
Tribes in the State of Madhya Pradesh
according to Census conducted in 1981 and
1991;
- (b) the total number of families of
Scheduled Tribes in both the Census;
- (c) how many Scheduled Tribe families
in the State of Madhya Pradesh have been
assisted upto 31st March, 2001 and brought
above the poverty line under poverty
alleviation schemes/programmes ; and
- (d) the number of Scheduled Tribe
families in Madhya Pradesh living below
the poverty line as on the 31st of March,
2001?

**Disappearance of Kamara Tribe in
Orissa**

2253. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Kamara
Tribe which inhabits the forest of western
part of Orissa is about to disappear due to
poverty and diseases;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the
Kamaras were not listed as a tribe by
Government as a result of which they were
deprived of the special rights and privileges
granted to the tribes in the country; and
- (c) if so, the action taken so far in this
direction?

News-item, "Adivasi youth to go on the offensive"

2254. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Adivasi Youth to go on the offensive", which appeared in the Hindu, dated 3rd September, 2001;

(b) whether the Adivasis who constitute one percent of the Kerala population are the worst hit section of the people; and

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

Grain Bank Schemes in tribal areas

2255. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Grain Bank Schemes are being implemented in all tribal areas to provide food security; and

(b) if so, how the schemes would improve the conditions of rural poor to check their migration?

Regularisation of Sainik Farms and Farm Houses

2256. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to regularise Sainik Farms and other Farm Houses in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the Sainik Farms and Farm Houses are grossly violating land use regulations and building bye-laws;

(c) if so, the reasons for regularising the Sainik Farms and Farm Houses; and

(d) the other steps Government propose to take to remove unauthorised constructions in Sainik Farms and Farm Houses?

PM's call to check corruption in DDA

2257. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the Prime Minister has called for drastic action to check rampant corruption in DDA in his letter of October 8, as reported in the Hindu of October 12, 2001;

(b) if so, a brief summary of his communication;

(c) whether Prime Minister's Office has received any communications/articles from any of the senior citizens suggesting steps to improve DDA functioning with a three Member Committee; and

(d) if so, the names of the persons, gist of the proposals and the action taken thereon to change the mind-set of officials to contain corruption?

Pathetic condition of parks in Gole Market

†2258. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parks in various colonies of Gole Market, New Delhi are in pathetic condition and these parks have turned into dens of smack addicts and drunkards; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the condition of these parks?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Action taken against DDA employees

2259. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item published in Delhi newspapers in October, 2001 about rampant corruption in DDA, based on the studies made by PMO;

(b) if so, the details of the studies made in the PMO with brief summary; and

(c) the progress on each of the items alongwith the action taken against individual DDA officials and their names?

Task force to boost construction sector

2260. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up soon a task force to boost the construction sector and facilitate urban development;

(b) whether the current decade would be the decade of development and will create prosperity; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken alongwith details thereof?

Amenities in unauthorised colonies in Delhi

2261. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unauthorised colonies in Delhi are

without drinking water and electricity facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time-bound programme has been drawn in order to provide these basic amenities in these colonies; and

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

Provision of glazed tiles in the quarters of Laxmibai Nagar

2262. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quarters in Laxmibai Nagar for which ten per cent charges for glazed tiles in the kitchen/bathroom have been deposited by the allottees in the month of February, 2001 and thereafter, but the job is yet to be completed;

(b) whether such jobs should be completed within three months;

(c) if so, the reasons for not completing the jobs within the stipulated period; and

(d) by when the job will be completed and the action proposed to be taken against the concerned officers/contractors for not completing the job within the prescribed time-limit?

Pending cases of payment of dues of deceased employees in CPWD

2263. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that if an employee is not traceable for the last seven years and subsequently declared as dead by the competent authority then payment

of all dues is made to his mother/wife/ successor on claim;

(b) if so, the number of such cases pending even after a lapse of two years after the submission of claim in Delhi Central Circle VII under the jurisdiction of CPWD, New Delhi Zone III; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to settle the pending cases immediately?

Pay scales in CPWD

2264. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the pay scale of Junior Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Executive Engineer, Superintending Engineer, Chief Engineer, Additional Director-General and Director-General of works in C.P.W.D;

(b) whether Government have approved the pay scales of Rs. 12000-18000/- as a non-functional selection grade of Executive Engineer in CPWD; and

(c) if so, the effective date of the above pay scale and number of posts identified presently in the grade of Executive Engineer (Civil) and Executive Engineer (Electrical)?

Implementation of poverty alleviation schemes

†2265. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great scope for improvement in implementation of poverty alleviation schemes being run by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the outcome of these schemes is not satisfactory;

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have decided to improve the implementation of these schemes?

News-item "Ill-conceived schemes hamper anti-poverty drive"

2266. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ill conceived schemes Hamper Anti Poverty Drive", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 1st October, 2001;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the schemes were conceived for the purpose of appeal but lacked commitment and purpose in most cases and that desired results could not be achieved; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken to make such schemes completely successful and effective in implementation?

Changing the look of Delhi

2267. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how far the DDA could change the look of Delhi full of unauthorised constructions; and

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(b) the number of demolitions made during the last six months in North West Delhi and North Delhi?

Allotment of land to Kataria Education Society

2268. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Kataria Education Society has been allotted land by DDA for a Nursery School in Paschim Vihar (A-I Block), New Delhi in violation of rules;

(b) whether Government have received representations/letters from MPs as well as Residents' Welfare Association for cancellation of land allotted to the Society; and

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

Imposition of broad gauge technology for Delhi Metro Rail Project

2269. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether strong protests have been lodged by Delhi on the decision to impose the outdated broad gauge technology in Delhi Metro Rail Project;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the matter;

(c) whether broad gauge technology is creating certain problems for Kolkata Metro Project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in order to avoid cost overrun?

Completion of Metro Rail Service between Shahadra and Tees Hazari

†2270. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in construction of Metro Rail Service between Shahadra and Tees Hazari;

(b) whether it is a fact that completion schedule has been changed from March, 2002 to October, 2002;

(c) if so, whether the completion work will be completed according to new completion schedule positively; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds for slum development in Karnataka

2271. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated to the State of Karnataka for the development of slums under various schemes since 1998, till date;

(b) whether the State of Karnataka utilized the amount fully; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken for its utilization?

Covering of balconies in Gole Market area

†2272. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CPWD has

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covered some balconies of type-II quarters in sector-4, Gole Market, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the balconies of other quarters would be covered;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal with regard to fixing of tiles in kitchens and bathrooms of these quarters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the work would start?

Encroachment on DDA Land

2273. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of encroachments on Delhi Development Authority's land in Delhi has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of cases of such

encroachments came to notice and the number of encroachments removed and land developed during this period; and

(c) the number of cases in which action was taken against DDA's employees for conniving with the land mafias in Delhi?

Recommendations of 13th Congress of Housing Cooperatives

2274. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 13th Congress of Housing Cooperatives at their meeting held in the first week of November, 2001 at Delhi have suggested urgent need for Disaster Management Policy and submitted their recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

NEW DELHI;
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Secretary-General.

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