

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 10, 2003/Agrahayana 19, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;
Power; Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—144

Production of good quality coal

†793. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of good quality coal *i.e.* A&B grade is less as compared to its demand in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of coal of above mentioned grades produced in the country during the years 1990-91 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to increase the production of aforesaid coal grades from 1998 till date and the grade-wise quantity of coal reserve available in the country?

J.V. operation of coal mining units with private sector

794. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than one dozen small coal mining units in

different States are operating through joint venture with the private sector while the Bill for privatization of coal mining is awaiting Parliamentary approval; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Closing down of ECL mines

795. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 26 mines in Eastern Coal Fields are to be closed down on grounds of unviability;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard while safeguarding the thousands of workers' livelihood?

Grading and pricing of coal

796. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy for grading and pricing of coal on the basis of gross calorific value as opposed to the concept of useful heat value; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Purchase and import of machinery
by C.I.L.**

797. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the machinery purchased and imported by Coal India Ltd. during last three years;

(b) out of this, the purchase made by Western Coal Field Ltd.;

(c) whether the machinery purchased has been put in use or still laying idle in the godowns;

(d) the details thereof alongwith the reasons for not using the purchased machinery; and

(e) the money spent on purchase of these machinery?

**Upgradation of deep penetration
Jaguar Fighters**

798. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status with regards to upgradation of deep penetration Jaguar Fighters and Jaguar Trainers indigenously by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bangalore;

(b) the details of present status with regards to upgradation of Jaguar proto-type with the navigation and weapon attack sub-system indigenously by HAL and Defence Avionics Research Establishment;

(c) whether Government has released sufficient funds for these projects;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Contract for refit of a naval ship

799. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naval Dockyard, Mumbai awarded a contract relating to refit of a naval ship;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the contract was awarded to a private shipyard whose rates were not lowest nor documents complete; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Sainik schools in Uttar Pradesh

†800. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sainik schools in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise; and

(b) whether Government are considering to open more sainik schools in Uttar Pradesh?

**Crash of an IAF aircraft near
Hyderabad**

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

(a) whether an Indian Air Force aircraft crashed near Hyderabad on the 6th November, 2003;

(b) the number of pilots and others, if any, who lost their lives as a result thereof;

(c) whether an inquiry into the crash has been held; and

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

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**Purchase of MIGs and Admiral
Gorshkhov**

802. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement to buy 25 MIG aircrafts along with the Admiral Gorshkov; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

IMA firing range at Dehradun

803. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun is going to loose its massive live firing range at Asan near Dehradun;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of field firing ranges which have been taken over from Army during the last ten years;

(d) whether it will not have adverse effect on Military Training; and

(e) the alternative arrangements being made in this regard?

**Sonobuoy Processing and Control
System**

804. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sonobuoy Processing and Control System essential for processing of data relating to submarine was developed in June, 1987 to meet Navy's projected operational demand;

(b) if so, the amount invested therein;

(c) whether the efficacy and acceptability of the system was yet to be

established before paving the way for bulk production; and

(d) if so, the reasons for undertaking this project?

IAF air show at Srinagar

805. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force organised an air show at Srinagar in July, 2003 for general public there;

(b) whether a recruitment drive of airmen was also launched on the occasion;

(c) if so, the response of youth of the Kashmir Valley; and

(d) the number of persons selected for Air Force?

Defence production unit in Gujarat

806. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received from Government of Gujarat for starting Defence production unit in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the response thereto?

**Manufacture of Sukhoi-MKI fighters
by HAL**

807. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL has said that it will roll out the first locally built Sukhoi-MKI fighters in 2004;

(b) whether HAL is spending Rs. 32.5 billion to make this aircraft in addition to a capital investment of Rs. 32.5 billion on equipment and tooling; and

(c) if so, what are the details of this project?

Accidents of aircrafts and helicopters

†808. SMRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air Force's aircrafts including helicopters that met with accidents during the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 till date;

(b) the loss of life and property in these accidents; and

(c) whether Government have taken adequate precautionary measures to prevent such types of accidents in future?

Hotline between Coast Guards of India and Pakistan

809. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has proposed to Pakistan for a hotline between the Coast Guards of the two countries;

(b) whether India has also suggested non-arrest of fishermen in a certain earmarked zone within the territorial waters; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Pak Government on both the proposals?

Employment to ex-jawans

810. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-jawans who are yet to be rehabilitated by providing employment;

(b) the mechanism to ensure that such jawans are provided suitable employment within a time frame;

(c) whether Government are aware that there are many cases that on account of non-payment of bribes these jawans who have applied in response to advertised posts do not get jobs; and

(d) whether Government propose to contact all the unemployed ex-jawans to bring to the Government's notice cases of bribes affecting them?

Tender for supply of rockets

811. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had invited tender for the supply of rockets to Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount for which the tender was awarded and name of the vender;

(d) whether the tender was not awarded to the lowest bidder and if so, the justification thereof; and

(e) the extra amount paid as a result thereof?

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Recruitment in officers cadre in IAF

812. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of officers in Indian Air Force and people are not showing interest in joining the services;

(b) if so, steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the recruitments made in the officers cadre during the last one year?

Development schemes for naxalite affected districts

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently prepared any scheme for development of the districts affected by the naxalite movements;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that further allocation of Rs. 2,475 crore has been made for the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details of the said scheme; and

(d) the names of the districts and the States affected by the naxalite movement alongwith the number of victims affected thereby in each State for the last three years?

Status of children staying with their mothers in jails

814. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the general status of children who stay with their mothers in jails;

(b) whether after certain age they are moved to juvenile homes;

(c) if so, whether placing them in juvenile homes is equivalent to violating their basic rights and human rights, since they would be in the company of criminal teenagers for no fault of theirs;

(d) whether as per Supreme Court's guidelines equal and fair chance in terms of nutrition, health and education is actually being given to such children; and

(e) if so, then to what extent?

Ministries/Depts. created in States for calamity management

815. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of such States where separate Ministries/Departments have been created for calamity management;

(b) the details of amount provided to these Ministries/Departments during the last two years;

(c) whether any norms have been formulated to identify the works to be done under calamity management; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to assure the compliance of these norms?

Vehicles operating in Delhi

816. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of vehicles operating in Delhi as on 31st October, 2003;

(b) whether the road space available to accommodate the vehicles in Delhi is

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inadequate and is unlikely to go up in the near future; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to restrict the number of vehicles and increase the road space during the next five years?

Stampede during Kumbh at Nasik

817. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many people died and got injured during Kumbh Mahotsav at Nasik during August-September this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what were the causes for security lapses for pilgrims;

(d) the steps taken by Central Government to prevent such incidents and the responsibility fixed on administration of concerned State; and

(e) the details of compensation paid for deaths and injuries?

Application format for Marriage Certificates in Delhi

818. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that each district of Delhi is asking for various set of information for getting marriage certificates from the Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that time taken for issuing the certificate is also very long; and

(c) what steps are being taken to rectify the discrepancies in the system?

Check on hostile attitude of witnesses before the magistrate

819. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to check the hostile attitude of the witnesses before the Magistrate which ultimately result in the acquittal of the accused; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when an amendment in the Cr. PC is likely to be made and if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening of station in Srinagar by UK Police

820. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that UK police is planning to open a station in Srinagar in an attempt to deal with criminals who target Britain from India;

(b) whether UK Government have made any request, formal or informal to allow the UK police to open a base in Srinagar for the purpose; and

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

Road accidents in Delhi

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

(a) the number of persons killed and seriously injured, separately, during 2003, so far, in road accidents in Delhi;

(b) the number out of them caused by trucks, blue line/green line buses under D.T.C. separately;

(c) whether action under Motor Vehicles Act, to suspend and cancel the licenses of the vehicles which caused serious accidents due to rash and negligent driving during the last three years, was taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cases under the Motor Vehicles Act in Delhi

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

(a) the number of cases for compensation under the Motor Vehicles Act, pending in Delhi as on 1st April, 2003;

(b) the number out of them pending for ten years and more over five years but less than ten years and over three years but less than five years;

(c) the reasons for slow disposal of such cases; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to expedite the disposal of such cases?

Fake passport

†823. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of fake passports have increased drastically in the recent times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a gang involved in making fake passports has been unearthed recently;

(d) if so, the action taken against this gang;

(e) whether Government have formulated any such scheme by which the

making of fake passports can be checked; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Law Commission's concern over misuse of POTA

824. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission of India has called upon Government to take steps to provide safeguards to prevent misuse of the Prevention of Terrorism Act; and

(b) if so, details thereof, indicating the context and background in which the recommendation has been made?

Rape of minor girl

825. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Police treads warily in minor rape case" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the culprit and the hospital authorities for raping minor girl in the vicinity of the hospital;

(c) whether it is a fact that former Police Commissioner intervened and tried to hush up the case by influencing the police officials; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against the former Police Commissioner/official for protecting the criminals in the case?

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Compulsory registration of marriages

826. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2214 given in the Rajya Sabha on the March 12, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court recently suggested to enact legislation for compulsory registration of marriages in the country to prevent menace of child marriage; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Prosecution of women for adultery

827. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Malimath Committee on reforming the criminal justice system has recommended that women should be prosecuted for committing adultery;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in regard thereto?

Recommendations of Justice Ahamadi Committee Report on NHRC

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

(a) whether it is a fact the NHRC sent its recommendations for improving its functions based on the Justice Ahamadi Committee Report to the Ministry of Home Affairs on March, 7, 2000;

(b) if so, Government's response in this regard and reasons for delaying to take up

the remedial measures to strengthen Commission's functioning;

(c) whether it is a fact that the 7th annual report of the Commission alongwith the Memorandum of Action taken has not been laid on the Tables of the Houses of Parliament; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Disuading government servants from demanding dowry

829. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Bihar has enacted a new legislation disuading all newly recruited employees from demanding dowry;

(b) whether the Central Government also propose to bring forward such a legislation for its employees; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Monetary assistance received by terrorists through Hawala

†830. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that separatists/terrorists of J&K receive illegal monetary assistance through 'Hawala';

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that annual figure amounts to Rs. 250 crores;

(c) if not, the information Government have in this regard; and

(d) the average annual illegal amount seized by the administration during the recent years which was meant for terrorists?

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Theft of vehicles in Delhi

831. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "Lots of theft, park at your peril" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what is the total number of vehicles stolen in NCT of Delhi during the last one year;

(c) how many vehicles have so far been traced and handed over to the owners; and

(d) whether police has shown incompetence in handling cases relating to theft of vehicles and if so, what are the future plans of Delhi Police to track down culprits immediately on filing FIR for thefts of vehicles?

Expenditure on anti-terrorism activities in the country

832. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated expenditure to the Exchequer for anti-terrorism activities undertaken in various parts of the country;

(b) what steps are being taken to procure modern equipments to combat terrorists who have the latest technology to strike terror in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to give latest training techniques to the forces to contain terrorism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deployment of CRPF in Kashmir

†833. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are deploying jawans of Central Reserve Police Force by withdrawing jawans of Army and Border Security Force from interior areas of Srinagar, Anantnag and Baramulla; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Talks with militant groups

834. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government's in its bid to resolve the militancy problem and to ensure internal security, has undertaken a strategy to bring all militant groups to the table for talks, especially in the light of recent attacks on the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and blasts in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction so far; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Cases filed in courts by Delhi Police

835. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in courts by Delhi Police during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of cases in which accused were acquitted during the above period;

(c) what inducement/punishment is awarded to investigating officer on winning or losing a case; and

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(d) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of cases are lost due to not contesting the case effectively?

Unified command force for naxal infested States

836. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have mooted the proposal of forming an unified command force for all the naxal infested states;

(b) whether Government have offered to post National Security Guards for Chief Ministers of above States; and

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

Amount spent on flood relief measures

837. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial amount of money had to be spent during current year on flood relief measures in the flood affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of money paid to next of kin of those killed by floods?

Declaration of floods in Assam as National Calamity

838. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam requested the Central Government to declare the floods which

ravaged the State in the Monsoon this year as a National Calamity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the specific assistance given to the Government of Assam to deal with the serious situation arising out of the devastating floods?

Freedom Fighter's Pensions to Satyagrahis in Goa during 1954-55

839. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to sanction Pension to persons from Maharashtra and other States for offering Satyagraha in Goa during 1954-55;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Government records prove the participation of these people, selected for pensions, in the Satyagraha;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the basis on which these people are selected for the pension?

Atrocities on SCs/STs

†840. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a rise in the incidents of murder and atrocities on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes in the States of Bihar, West Bengal, Assam and Uttar Pradesh for last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the State-wise and year-wise details of the atrocities committed especially in terms of

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murder and arson on them during the last three years; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to check such incidents?

Death of a person under Madipur Police Station

841. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sushil Kumar Singh resident of Madipur area was done to death by a team of policemen at the Punjabi Bagh Police Station in October 2003, which led to a street battle between the residents of that area and policemen;

(b) if so, the details of the case and what action has so far been taken against the policemen found responsible in this case; and

(c) whether any compensation was given to the next of the kin of the deceased and if so, the details thereof?

Dowry and physical violence against women

842. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints relating to dowry and physical violence against women registered during the last three years in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the number of cases disposed of and the cases pending?

Deaths in police stations in the country

843. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of custodial deaths that have taken place during last three years in the police stations in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any inquiries have been instituted by Government to ascertain the cause of these deaths; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Sexual harassment of women at their work place

844. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the context of ever increasing incidence of rapes and other related crimes against women, Government have called for a review about implementation of the Supreme Court's directions for prevention of harassment and sexual abuse of women at place of work in different States and Union Territories;

(b) what guidelines were issued by the Apex Court in this regard;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and State Governments to enforce the same; and

(d) the number of cases of each type of abuse against women at place of work in each State and Union Territory since issue of guidelines?

Sexual harassment

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the guidelines prescribed by the Supreme Court in the Vishaka Judgement are not being followed by many Government departments/ universities/educational institutions in the Public and Private Sectors and professional bodies;

(b) if so, whether the Government have evolved any effective measures to implement and evaluate the guidelines of the Supreme Court and the Government's plans to enact a comprehensive Bill to deal with complaints of sexual harassment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and National Commission for Women (NCW) have given any recommendations to the Government or any bodies in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Modernization of police forces

846. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to bring a three-tier central funding scheme for the States to facilitate the modernization of their police forces and beef up their network for more effective anti-terrorist and special operations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

New terrorist outfit M.D.F.

847. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new terrorist outfit 'Muslim Defence Force' which is active in the country especially in the States of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recent bomb blasts in Mumbai are the outcome of this organization; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to contain the activities of M.D.F.?

Anti-terrorism Force

848. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate anti-terrorism force trained to counter nuclear and chemical warfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to train this force for specialised courses in Israel, UK and USA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these Governments have acceded to the proposal for training in their countries?

Rehabilitation of victims of terrorism and communal violence

†849. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far by Government to solve the rehabilitation problem of help less orphan children, widows and old persons in different parts of the country which have been rendered so due to terrorism and communal violence; and

(b) the names of Governmental and non-Governmental institutions engaged in the service of helpless persons, orphans and widows?

Steps to make mining sector safer

†850. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make mining sector safer and pollution free

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keeping in view the frequent accidents occurring therein;

(b) the number of accidents which occurred in this sector so far in the year 2003 as compared to year 2002 along with the number of persons killed therein;

(c) whether Government propose to put into use the laser developed in order to make the use of explosives more safe while conducting mining work as also to make it pollution free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Minerals in Himachal Pradesh

851. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of different kinds of minerals found in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether any plan has been chalked out for commercial exploitations of existing minerals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Uranium mining in Meghalaya

852. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uranium Corporation of India has decided to start Uranium mining in the Domiasiat area in Meghalaya;

(b) whether Government has taken any precautionary measures to protect the people of Domiasiat area from any possible radiation that might affect them and the environment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government has identified a new site for Uranium mining in Shillong but is unable to carry out the work under the fear that Uranium mining is dangerous for the people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Investment crunch in the mining sector

853. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment crunch in the mining sector which is likely to lead to shortage of coal production and other minerals in the next 10 years; and

(b) the details of steps are being taken by the Government infuse fresh investment to meet the projected demand for coal and other minerals?

Wind power capacity in India

854. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the wind power capacity in India;

(b) the policy of the Government to encourage exploration of this avenue by 2007; and

(c) the role of Indian Wind Energy Association in this regard?

Creating Non-Conventional Energy Sources

855. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is giving special preference for creating Non-Conventional Energy Sources in every state, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Non-Conventional Energy Sources are economical and less expensive; and

(c) whether it could reach the remote areas?

Subsidy to Solar Home Lighting System

856. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is providing subsidy to the Solar Home Lighting System;

(b) if so, the target allotted to Karnataka during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

(c) what is the achievement; and

(d) the amount of subsidy released to Karnataka for Solar Home Lighting System and also Solar Street Lighting System during 2002-2003 and 2003-2004?

Potential of different kinds of non-conventional energy sources

857. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the potential of different kinds of non-conventional energy sources in the country, State-wise;

(b) the actual production of electricity through such non-conventional energy sources, State-wise;

(c) whether Government plans to tap on conventional energy sources in the country; and

(d) what is the position of Gujarat in production of non-conventional energy sources to its potential?

Training and exhibition to popularise Non-Conventional Energy Sources

†858. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have organised any training programmes and exhibitions in the State of Bihar for popularization of Non-Conventional Energy in the field of solar and wind energy;

(b) if so, when such training programmes and exhibitions were organised along with the places where the same were conducted;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reorganise such exhibitions and training programmes in Bihar this year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Processing waste to produce power

859. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large amounts of garbage is dumped every-day and also sometimes it gets piled up in the colonies polluting the areas;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to process the waste garbage and produce electricity and biogas;

(c) how many such plants are existing in various cities across the country; and

(d) what steps are being taken to encourage this?

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Energy from foodwaste

860. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) is using fruit and vegetable waste to generate electricity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demonstration plant Naroda GIDC, generates about 130 units of electricity everyday out of one tonne of foodwaste; and

(c) if so, the efforts the Government plan to make to encourage the use of foodwaste to generate energy?

Downsizing strength of IAS officers

861. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of IAS officers employed in Government of India;

(b) the total revenue spent on these officers by way of salary, allowances, housing facilities, transport allowance, TA/DA etc.; and

(c) how Government plans to downsize and right size the number of bureaucrats to bring down the expenditure and number of personnel?

Right to strike by Government employees

862. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India ruled a few months back that the Government servants had no right to resort to strike for the settlement of their problems or grievances against the Government;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government employees' Unions and Associations have expressed their strong resentment against the judicial pronouncement and urged Government to file a review petition before the apex court and if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Government's wage bill

863. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's wage bill including pensionary liabilities is growing at a very fast rate for the past several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to contain the Government expenditure on this account within sustainable limits?

Cases against IAS officers

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

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation has sought permission to initiate cases against some I.A.S. officers during the year 2003;

(b) if so, the names of those officers against whom C.B.I. has sought the permission and the dates on which such a request was made in each case; and

(c) the details of cases for which approval has been granted to C.B.I. by the end of October, 2003?

CVC's order for curbing practice of gifts to Government officials

865. SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:
SHRI RAMADHAR
KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had issued an order recently prohibiting the practice of piling Government officials/officers with gifts on important festivals and other parties/functions;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the order issued by the CVC;

(c) what method the CVC is using to curb the practice of providing gifts to officers of PSUs, banks and other Government organisations;

(d) whether under CSS rules, Government officials are debarred from obtaining gifts of the value of more than Rs. 25/-; and

(e) if so, the reasons for duplication of work by issuing an order by the CVC?

Moratorium in Government appointments

866. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all appointments in the Government remain under moratorium;

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

(c) if not, the exemptions and the details thereof;

(d) whether moratorium on appointments also include those on compassionate ground; and

(e) if so, whether this moratorium does not violate the very principle of appointment on compassionate ground?

Disparity in pay scales of Editor

867. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a disparity in the pay scales and the status of the post of editor in various Central Government Departments and ministries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the names of the departments/ministries where this post exists and the pay scale and status attached to it; and

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(c) the steps taken to remove the disparity?

SC ruling on similar jobs

868. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in its ruling has stated that employees performing similar jobs, but having higher qualifications can be treated differently; and

(b) if so, the action Government are taking in the light of the judgement by the Supreme Court?

All India Services

869. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make All India Service like IAS, IPS and IFS, all India cadre instead of confining to State cadre; and

(b) whether as per the present system IAS, IPS and IFS cadre can be changed to the advantage of State or the officer concerned?

Increasing the power generation

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had implemented targeted schemes to increase the power generation in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the target fixed for increasing the power generation in the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(c) what has been the actual growth rate of power generation during the aforesaid years; and

(d) the reasons for non-achieving the targets fixed for increasing the power production in the country during the aforesaid years?

Assessment of power generation capacity in the States

†871. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the power generation capacity in the States of the country;

(b) if so, the power generation capacity at the end of March, 2003 in each State of the country;

(c) the details of power generation capacity of central institute as well as State Electricity Boards in the said production capacity; and

(d) the actual production of each of the State Electricity Board during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 and the percentage of production in comparison to installed capacity?

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Target of power generation of Gujarat

872. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is planning of different States for power generation during the Tenth Plan and financial allocation of meet the plan targets;

(b) the target of Gujarat State for power generation during Tenth Plan and financial allocation made;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 232 MW of Power is to be allotted to Gujarat from Sardar Sarovar Narmada Hydro Project; and

(d) the effort of Gujarat to achieve the target whether any shortfall is likely?

World Bank assistance to rural electrification schemes

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation is likely to get financial help from the World Bank for implementing rural electrification schemes in the villages;

(b) if so, whether Power Ministry has held meetings with World Bank officials as well as power equipment suppliers in this regard in August, 2003;

(c) if so, to what extent these schemes will help in achieving the target of electrifying one lakh villages covering one crore households by 2007; and

(d) what are the steps taken for utilising World Bank funds for rural electrification?

Installation of Power Transformers at Athurvala avistapith in Dehradun

874. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Tehri Hydel Development Corporation has not provided the basic power infrastructure in terms of adequate number of transformers in the Athurvala Avistapith area (Dehradun) resulting in frequent power breakdowns and extreme voltage fluctuations;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Tehri dam displaced people in this area are facing tremendous difficulties due to high voltage fluctuations resulting in damage to electric appliances;

(c) whether Government propose to install adequate number of power transformers in the above area specifically near street No. 8 Athurvala area;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Guidelines of the CERC for power sector

875. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has recently announced guidelines and enabling procedures for open access in transmission in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the distribution companies and trading companies would be benefited by the guidelines of the CERC; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

Mega Power policy

876. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to announce the new tariff regulations and trading policy for the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, these are expected to be made operational;

(d) whether Government also propose to carry out a comprehensive change in the mega power policy; and

(e) if so, the details of the proposed amendments?

New Power project proposals pending with the Government

877. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of proposals for setting up of power projects in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, how many proposals are pending with the Government, with the names of the companies and capacity of proposed power plants; and

(c) whether Government propose to encourage the setting up of gas-based power plant in India in future, and if so, steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Utilisation of funds in world bank aided power projects

878. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of World Bank had visited India to hold discussion with the officials of the department of Energy and Power Corporation of India with regards to reforms in Energy sector and utilisation of funds in World Bank aided power projects;

(b) if so, the details in this regard including the projects/schemes implemented/schemes proposed to be implemented by the Government in power sector; indicating the allocation, power capacity and utilisation of funds in each of these projects and schemes; and

(c) the total loan amount received upto this day from World Bank towards power projects and schemes and the loan amount and service charges outstanding as on this day; due to World Bank out of their loans released upto this day for power projects and schemes?

Power plants set up in the country

879. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of power plants set up in different parts of the country during the year 2002-03 and till date;

(b) the details of power plants proposed to be set up during the next two years in the State of Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the details of funds allotted for the purpose?

**Mega project status to Bellary
thermal power project in
Karnataka**

880. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka had
requested the Government to accord mega
project status for Bellary Thermal Power
Project in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose
to accord mega status to the above project
to allow it to get waiver of excise duty for
components used?

Power to all by 2012

881. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's vision
of providing power to all by 2012 seems to
be very difficult to achieve;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to cut
duty on power equipment imports;

(c) whether according to estimates, the
current burden of accumulated losses on
the States are over Rs. 3,00,000 crore;

(d) if so, whether the Electricity Act
2003 was formulated to rationalise the tariff
structure by bringing in competitive
environment;

(e) if so, what are the other difficulties
that are being faced to implement the Prime
Minister's vision of power to all by 2012;
and

(f) to what extent these hurdles have
been removed?

Power Supply by DVC to Asansol

882. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of
POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether DVC supplies power to
Asansol town in West Bengal through
WBSEB;

(b) whether there are frequent power
disruptions/cut from DVC side causing
severe problems to the domestic consumers
and small scale industries in this area;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and
remedial measures to eliminate the same;
and

(d) if not, the number of disruptions
from DVC to Asansol area during last three
months, with monthwise details thereof?

**The US and EU interest in India's
tackling of power blackouts**

883. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether US Government and some
European Union Governments have
approached India to know as to how India
tackles the power blackouts;

(b) if so, the names of countries which
have contacted Government of India in this
regard; and

(c) the details in this regard?

Fast track I.P.P. projects

884. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will
the Minister of POWER be pleased to
state:

(a) the status of the seven original fast
track Independent Power Producing
projects for which the Government had
extended courtner guarantees;

(b) whether there is any possibility of overcoming the problems that may be impeding the progress of these projects;

(c) whether there has been any private-foreign/domestic investment in transmission and distribution sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Disputes in hydro power projects of Rajasthan and NESs

885. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the Hydro-power projects disputes concerning the State of Rajasthan and other Northern States; and

(b) how the Central Government propose to solve the issue?

Projects adopted by NHPC in NESs

886. SHRI DRUPAD BORGHAIN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the projects adopted by NHPC for implementation in North-Eastern States in last three years;

(b) by when Subangiri Lower Project is likely to be started;

(c) what is the status of other projects of Subangiri, Dihang and Tipaimukh prepared by the Brahmaputra Board; and

(d) whether NHPC propose to look afresh at the projects?

Installation of faulty electronic meters in Delhi

887. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news

item titled "DERC question meter norms" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) has conducted field surveys and found that most of the electronic meters installed in Delhi are running too fast; and

(d) if so, the names of the companies who have supplied these meters and what action the Commission has taken to replace these faulty meters?

New Power Plant in Orissa

888. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed production capacity of electricity in the country and the total requirement and the provision of increasing the efficiency in Tenth Five Year Plan in private sector and public sectors; and

(b) whether any new power plant is proposed to be set up in Orissa?

Invoking sovereign guarantees by foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project

889. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project are trying to invoke sovereign guarantees after some court decisions in their favour; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

890. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives given to States by the Central Government under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) to encourage State Electricity Boards to reduce power losses during 2000-01; 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) the quantum of power loss reduction achieved as a result of above said incentive, State-wise during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(c) the mechanism to see that the amounts released to various States in incentives is utilised properly?

World Bank loan for rural electrification

891. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has sought World Bank loan for rural electrification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages which are bereft of power in the country and also those in the Orissa State; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to provide power to all the villages in Orissa State?

Defective e-meters

892. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item

captioned "DERC finds e-meters faulty, will rethink test method", as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the details of meters found defective by DERC with the names of the companies; and

(c) whether DERC have issued any directive to the State Electricity Board (SEB) debarring it to purchase meters from these companies, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Distribution of Power to private parties

†893. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distribution of power has been handed over to private parties in most of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite privatisation the problems of the public are intact;

(d) whether it is also a fact that transmission/electrification has also been affected adversely after privatization; and

(e) if so, the action being taken by Government to overcome these problems?

Study on fluorosis in drinking water

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has commissioned a study on the extent of fluorosis and has decided to launch a special programme to tackle the problem as part

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of a Rs. 12,545 crore plan to provide drinking water to all villages by 2004;

(b) if so, whether Government has examined this study report;

(c) if so, to what extent the amount earmarked in the Tenth Plan for rural Development programmes on drinking water has been utilised; and

(d) to what extent the target set for 2004 will be met?

People benefited under N.F.B.S.

†895. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited district-wise during the last three years under the National Family Benefit Scheme (N.F.B.S.) of Central Government in different district of Bihar in lieu of natural deaths and deaths by accidents;

(b) the details of the benefits given in each case to the families of the deceased under this scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Balmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana

†896. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started Balmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of houses and toilets sanctioned under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh so far?

Drinking water shortage in Himachal Pradesh

897. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages/cities in Himachal Pradesh not getting sufficient drinking water supply;

(b) by when Government propose to provide clean drinking water to these villages/cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no water supply to some of the villages in Lambagaon, Kosari and other areas in Tehsil Jaisughpur (Kangra District) for weeks together; and

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

Drop in poverty ratio

898. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poverty ratio in rural areas has dropped to nearly half between 1983 and 1999-2000; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the proportion of the rural population living below poverty line estimated at 45.65 per cent has come down to 27.1 per cent in the terminal year of last century?

Irregularities pointed out by CAG in SGSY

899. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General report has detected irregularities in the

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implementation of the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, between 1999-2002;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the funds released for the programme were being diverted to other projects;

(c) if so, the other discrepancies pointed out by the CAG; and

(d) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Proposals under Swajaldhara Scheme from Rajasthan

900. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received proposals from State Government of Rajasthan for the provision of Drinking water and water for irrigational purposes under the Centrally sponsored 'Swajaldhara Scheme';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share between the Centre and the State of Rajasthan for this Scheme;

(d) the amount of funds already allocated by the Centre to the State in this regard; and

(e) the number of districts adopted by the Centre for earlier provisions and the progress made in this direction till date?

Loan to Rajasthan under PMGSY

901. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI
AZAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from State Government of

Rajasthan for grant of loans for construction/ maintenance of roads in the tribal and backward areas of the State under PMGSY;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the amount of funds required by the State; and

(c) whether Government have plans to grant the said loan to the State of Rajasthan and if so, by when?

Housing Schemes

902. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various housing schemes which are working at present;

(b) the target set and achieved up to March, 2003;

(c) the States where ineligible beneficiaries were selected and amount involved in such cases;

(d) the States where houses were allotted on the recommendations of district authorities and the number of cases in which houses could not be completed; and

(e) whether beneficiaries were not involved as envisaged and if so, the details thereof?

Land Reform Assistance to Rajasthan

903. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI
AZAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise details of financial assistance the Central Government has given to the State Government of Rajasthan under Land Reform Assistance for the last three years;

(b) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has asked for an increase in this Central assistance; and

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

**Target for improvement
of land**

†904. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total area targeted to be improved by Government under the schemes of Department of Land Resources such as Drought Prone Area Programme, Desert Development Programme and Integrated Barren Land Development;

(b) the percentage of target achieved so far;

(c) by when the target is likely to be achieved; and

(d) the reasons for delay in achieving the targets?

Financial assistance to Andhra Pradesh under ARWSP

905. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how it compares with other Southern States, State-wise; and

(c) the number of rural water supply schemes implemented in each of Southern States during the said period?

Rural infrastructure

906. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current scenario of rural infrastructure is far from encouraging;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have identified some key issues in building some of the rural infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Monitoring quality of drinking water

†907. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to keep an eye on the quality of drinking water also among the prescribed issues for rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the system evolved to keep an eye on the drinking water and other issues for rural development and whether some authority has been made responsible for the drawbacks therein; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

IAY in Rajasthan

908. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent district-wise, year wise under Indira Awaas Yojana in Rajasthan during the last three years;

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(b) the number of people in each district who have benefited from this scheme in the State during the said period; and

(c) what other amenities, apart from basic homes being provided under the scheme, have been provided for the people living in houses under this scheme?

Implementation of scheme by NGOs

909. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which schemes of the Ministry were implemented through Non-Government Organisations till fresh guidelines are issued to implement such schemes through Panchayats;

(b) what is the experience of the Ministry in implementing various schemes of rural development through Non-Government Organisations; and

(c) whether the Ministry has received any representation to review the fresh guidelines and allow NGOs also in implementing the schemes of the Ministry?

Devolution of powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions

910. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about three million representatives including one million women and five lakh Dalits and Adivasis elected for the Panchayats all over India, have little scope of functioning in the absence of devolution of 29 subjects by the States to Panchayati Raj Institutions; and

(b) if so, whether Government have monitoring mechanism to find out

whether provisions under Panchayati Raj Act, are being implemented and envisaged benefits are being accrued to the grassroot people?

IAY Houses in Orissa

911. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Indira Awas Yojana Houses constructed in the country in the last four years and the total amount sanctioned;

(b) the total Indira Awas Yojana Houses sanctioned for Orissa and number of houses constructed; and

(c) the total number of Indira Awas Yojana Houses sanctioned for Orissa specifically for super cyclone 1999 and number of Indira Awas Yojana Houses completed?

W.B. support for Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project

912. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has financially supported the Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project with a sum of \$112.56 million; and

(b) if so, the social and economic development projects to be carried out from the World Bank funding?

Rural Employment Generation Schemes

913. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is

implementing Rural Employment Generation Scheme in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the persons benefited through this scheme during the year 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 till date, State-wise?

SGSY funds

914. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in several States the three-Member team consisting of the BDO or his representative, a banker and the Pradhan of the Panchayat concerned was not constituted, as envisaged, to identify the potential Swarozgaris under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that lot of funds were either diverted or unspent under the SGSY in several States;

(c) if so, which were the States where the rules were flouted in implementing the scheme; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken against the erring States?

Poor coverage of SGSY

915. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 4.59 per cent of the total BPL families were covered during 1999-2002 under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and as a result of this the target of covering of at least 30 per cent of the BPL families under the scheme in five years also appears unrealizable;

(b) if so, the reasons for the poor

coverage of the scheme between 1999-2002;

(c) the State which were lagging in the implementation of the Scheme;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the funding pattern of the SGSY *i.e.* in the ratio 75:25 by the Centre and the State, was not strictly followed and there was a significant shortfall in the release of matching funds in several States;

(e) whether there were large scale diversions, misutilisation and parking of funds curtailing the actual funding for the programme in several States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Sanitation coverage in India

916. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total sanitation coverage in India by 2003 only stands at 42per cent, while rural coverage is about 28per cent; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Ministry has resolved to sanction the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) projects to all districts in the country by the end of 2006 and the projects would be completed by the 2010 deadline?

Proposals received under SJGSY and water supply scheme from Maharashtra

917. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal received by union Government during last one year from Maharashtra Government under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, and Rural Water Supply Scheme, district-wise;

(b) the funds demanded by the State Government and the funds sanctioned by Government;

(c) whether the schemes are timely completed by the State;

(d) if not, the reasons there for; and

(e) action taken by Government thereon?

**PMGSY roads in
Madhya Pradesh**

918. SHRI P.K. MAHESWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2003-04, district-wise;

(b) whether the performance under the above scheme is not satisfactory in the State; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Setting up Textile Parks in the
country**

919. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Textile Parks in various parts of the country to promote the handloom sector;

(b) if so, the details of the project and the number of parks set up so far;

(c) whether there is any request from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance to set up Textile Parks in the handloom towns in the State; and

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

**Curbing the import of cheap
chinese silk/fabrics**

920. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the silk producing States have urged the Union Government to curb the imports of cheap chinese silk/fabrics;

(b) if so, whether there has been a sizeable increase in the imports of Chinese silk/fabrics after the imposition of anti-dumping duty on Chinese yarn; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check such import of cheap Chinese silk./fabrics?

**Implementation committee for Debt
construction package for textile
industry**

921. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a Ten Member implementation Committee for the smooth implementation of the recently announced debt reconstruction package for the textile industry;

(b) if so, what will be the other main purposes of this Committee;

(c) to what extent the Committee would monitor the progress of the debt reconstruction package implementation and whether it would also study the issues that may be brought before it periodically; and

(d) by when the panel is likely to submit its recommendations?

Centres of National Institute of Fashion Technology

922. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned centres of National Institute of Fashion Technology at Tirupati and Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the State Government has demanded that such centres should be set up at Vijayawada and Warrangal; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

Setting up sericulture research institute in Karnataka

923. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a premier sericulture research institute in Japan proposes to relocate its operations to another prominent silk producing country;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre to arrange for locating the institute in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details and efforts made by Government in this regard?

Setting up garment, apparel and weaving parks in M.P.

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

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh propose to set up a garment and apparel park in Indore and weaving park in Burhanpur;

(b) whether Government would give a grant of Rs. 100 crore in both the projects; and

(c) whether Government has any such proposal to encourage such parks in the cash-strapped State of Orissa, to boost economy of the State, if so, the details thereof?

Target of textile exports

925. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the anticipated textile exports of \$13 billion for year 2002-03, was achieved;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the anticipated target of textile exports during 2003-04;

(d) the target achieved by the end of October, 2003; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to ensure the fulfilment of target for the year?

Establishment of apparel parks in Karnataka

926. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for establishment of apparel parks at Bangalore and Bellary; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the targeted date for completion of the projects?

Handloom weavers in the country

927. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Handloom weavers in the country, State-wise and number of sick handloom units in the States;

(b) whether Government is providing any financial assistance to the handloom weavers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up handloom market complexes

928. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Market Complexes for the development of handloom sector in the Southern States;

(b) if so, the number of such complexes so far set up, State-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan in this regard;

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

(e) what other measures Government have taken for the development of handloom sector in Southern States?

Curtailement in cotton export quota

929. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the spinning units in India have sought relief from spiralling cotton prices through a curtailement in cotton export quota for six months;

(b) whether China is buying Indian cotton in large quantities and if so, whether this surge in Chinese cotton imports is due to its cotton crop failure last season; and

(c) how far the current rise in domestic cotton prices has affected the handloom and powerloom sector?

Textile exports

930. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strategy being adopted by Government to boost textile exports from the country in view of the increased quota sanction from Europe and other countries;

(b) how does India compare with China in terms of textile exports; and

(c) the details of vision and implementation process Government have evolved to challenge China and to increase India's share in textile exports?

Bail out package for textile units

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

(a) whether Government has worked out a bailout package for potentially viable textile units, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the source of funding these units; and

(c) whether Government has identified location for setting up apparel parks, if so, details thereof?

Decline in export of handicraft products

†932. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the export of handicraft industries products during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the target fixed for export for the current year;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) what has been the actual quantum of export in this regard and the amount earned thereby; and

(d) the reasons for not achieving the target of export?

Unhealthy working conditions

933. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether women workers in textile and food processing industries are being discriminated with stagnant wage rates and unhealthy working conditions; and

(b) the measures proposed to impart training to women to upgrade their skills to enable them adapt to changing modernisation technology to avoid gender discrimination?

Effect of WTO ruling against EU

934. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent WTO Ruling against EU's provision of Trade preferences (Drug Window) will positively impact on export of Indian Textiles *vis-a-vis* Pakistan;

(b) what steps, if any, have been taken to ensure the cost and quality competitions of Indian textiles as compared with Chinese and Bangladesh exports;

(c) what specific measures, if any, have been taken or contemplated by the Government to increase the global market share for Indian sellers; and

(d) whether Government proposes to make legislative changes with respect to the various statutory enactments that regulate silk and textiles industries in India?

Import of Silk

935. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of silk imported in the country during the last three years;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange spent on the import of silk; and

(c) the details of schemes formulated by Government so far to stop the increasing import of silk and to produce it in the country?

Hike in the textile import quota for India by EU

936. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the EU decision to hike the textile imports quota for India will facilitate increase in our exports to these countries in terms of our earnings in Dollars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an appreciating rupee is likely to affect competitiveness of our textile exports; and

(d) whether cheaper dollar will make import of superior cotton varieties more attractive and make value added textiles more competitive?

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Secretary-General.

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