

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: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)

Total number of questions — 155

Production of cummin seeds

†1076. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cummin produced during the last two years in the country;

(b) whether there is a possibility of heavy downfall in the production of cummin during the current year; and

(c) if so, the steps likely to be taken by Government to fulfil the demand of cummin?

(b) if so, the names of the said food products and to what extent their average annual production is less than requirement;

(c) whether the gap between production and demand of the said products has decreased during the last five years; if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) whether any time-limit has been fixed as target for bridging this gap in demand and supply in the country; if so, the details thereof?

Construction of rural godowns in States

†1078. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single rural godown is being constructed in Sikkim, Tripura, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram out of 3731 rural godowns under construction *vide* Rural Storage Scheme;

(b) whether only one rural godown in Nagaland and Union Territories and only

Production and demand of food products

†1077. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of certain food products in the country is less than their requirement;

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two rural godowns in Jammu and Kashmir are being constructed; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

National Cotton Mission

1079. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched the 'National Cotton Mission';

(b) if so, the salient features and objectives of the Mission; and

(c) if not, the time-frame within which the Mission would become operationalised?

Marketing reforms *vis-a-vis* warehousing

1080. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to radically modify the present system of agricultural marketing with a view to removing the element of monopoly in the present system of agricultural produce marketing committees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to introduce a system of warehousing under which the farmers would be given an advance equal to 80 per cent of the ongoing market price and under which the warehousing receipts would be treated as negotiable instruments; and

(c) the time by which these market reforms would be implemented?

Benefit of crop insurance

†1081. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers do not get the benefit of crop insurance scheme in case the crops are destroyed in a limited area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering to make Gram Panchayat level as the area of operation?

Decentralising procurement system

1082. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in favour of a decentralized procurement system for rice and wheat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a decentralized procurement system would reduce the costs of handling and carrying; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

Plant Quarantine order

1083. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have notified the plant Quarantine order in November 2003;

(b) if so, the aims and objectives of the order;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the plant Quarantine order has been suspended for implementation till May 31, 2005; and

(d) if so, the reasons for suspending/keeping the notification under abeyance for such a long period?

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ICAR research on loss of soil fertility

1084. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether due to continuous use of
chemicals and fertilizers, the soil is
gradually losing its fertility and the health
of the people is being adversely affected;
and

(b) if so, whether any research has been
conducted by ICAR in this regard and
if so, the details thereof?

Amendments to APMC

1085. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the
States to bring amendments to the
Agriculture Produce Marketing Act to
develop alternative and competitive
marketing structure in the private and co-
operative sector for directing and
encouraging marketing infrastructure
projects;

(b) if so, whether Government have also
urged that States should allocate land for
setting up alternative markets and exempt
them from preview of PMC Act; and

(c) if so, the States which have, so far,
considered the suggestions and by what
time these States are likely to amend the
Act?

Rain-fed cultivation area

1086. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether India has the highest
proportion of area under rain-fed
cultivation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cotton production

1087. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cotton production for
the year 2004-05;

(b) whether it is a fact that prices of
cotton J-37, Sanker-6 and Sanker-4 varieties
are considerably lower and are not even
compatible with the cost of production;

(c) the steps taken to safeguard the
interests of farmers by providing them
remunerative prices of cotton; and

(d) whether State Governments have
been asked to safeguard the interests of
cotton growing farmers?

MSP for Cotton and Jute

1088. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been
announcing Minimum Support Price (MSP)
for cotton and its agencies are procuring
the same from the cotton growers;

(b) the year-wise details of the States
which have been fixing MSP for cotton and
procuring it alongwith the details of MSP
fixed and volume procured since, 1990-91;

(c) the year-wise and State-wise volume
of subsidy provided, if any, to cotton
growers during the same period;

(d) the reasons for providing subsidy
to cotton and its procurement by States;

(e) whether similar facility of MSP and State procurement is available to Jute growers; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Comparative milk production

†1089. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that average production per cattle by the milch cattle in the country is much less than that of average production of the same world over;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

Horticulture farms in NER

1090. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of horticulture farms running in the North-Eastern States aided by the Central Government and the State Governments, variety-wise;

(b) the number and names of profit-making farms;

(c) whether there are sufficient numbers of cold-storages to preserve the horticulture produce and whether there is demand for additional new cold storages;

(d) the proposals for setting up new horticulture projects; and

(e) the plans in details to be adopted by the Central Government during the year 2005-06 for horticulture development in the North-Eastern States?

Joint Committee on crop insurance scheme

1091. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Joint Committee has been constituted to review the crop insurance scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the major recommendations of the Committee?

Milk production

†1092. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey to ascertain the total production of milk in public as well as private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof and total requirement of the milk per day; and

(c) the steps being taken to check the supply of adulterated milk and to overcome the shortage of milk?

Aid to dry and rain fed areas in Orissa

1093. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any national plan for diversification and introduction of new cash crops in areas mainly devoted traditionally to paddy cultivation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposed aid to be given to the dry and rain-fed areas in Orissa to help the farmers?

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Promoting medicinal plants through organic production

1094. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have joined hands with the Food and Agricultural Organisation of United Nations (FAO) in a new project for promoting production of medicinal plants through organic production;

(b) if so, whether this project was to be launched in January, 2005;

(c) if so, the details of the programmes that have been agreed in co-operation with FAO;

(d) whether cost of production in the country was lowest and quality was good but handling systems were not designed for quality; and

(e) if so, to what extent FAO would help Government in this regard?

Policy changes for market access to farmers

1095. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to make major policy changes that would remove all restrictions and impediments in the way of the farmers having access to markets where they opt in the best prices; and

(b) if so, the nature of concrete decisions taken, so far and by when these are due to be implemented?

Launching National Horticulture Mission

1096. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched "National Horticulture Mission";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time-frame within which the Mission would be launched?

Rice intensification

1097. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) also called as Madagascar Method is practised in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have tested this method; if so, the details thereof;

(c) the conclusion of the research report by Government and whether this method can be used for improving better rice production; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Encouraging herbal agriculture

†1098. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any programme to encourage herbal agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely increase in production as a result thereof?

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Pulses production

1099. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of various pulses in each State during the last three years;

(b) the total domestic consumption during that period;

(c) whether the production was self sufficient;

(d) if not, whether Government are importing the pulses to meet the domestic requirements; and

(e) if so, the total import of pulses both in quantity and value during the last three consecutive years?

Allocation to U.P. under Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme

1100. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted by Government to Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05 under Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme;

(b) the funds, so far, utilised by the State under the scheme; and

(c) the specific purposes/projects on which the funds have been utilised by the State and the benefits accrued as a result thereof?

World Bank suggestion for withdrawal of MSPs

†1101. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has suggested

to withdraw the Minimum Support Prices in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's views with regard to the suggestion of World Bank?

Scientists' apprehension on Jatropha Crop

1102. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural scientists have advised caution on Jatropha Crop which is proposed to be used as an alternative fuel;

(b) if so, the details of their apprehensions; and

(c) the action plan of Government to address such apprehensions?

Private sector participation in marketing

†1103. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to increase private sector's participation to develop marketing of agricultural crops;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to reduce the utilities of Agricultural crop marketing committees and wholesale markets/Mandis;

(c) if so, whether Government have consulted State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the number of States which have given their consent therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not taking the States into confidence?

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Declining production

†1104. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of
productivity in agriculture sector especially
that of wheat in the country has been on
the decline for some decades;

(b) if so, the details of the productivity
growth rates in the country being assessed
during 80s, 90s and from 2000 to 2004;
and

(c) the reasons for the decline thereof?

Shortage of fodder for milch cattle

†1105. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a
shortage of green and dry fodder for milch
animals in the country;

(b) if so, the shortage of fodder that
existed in 1990 and the fodder shortage
estimated to be in 2004;

(c) whether the requirements of fodder,
with a view to meeting the same for the
live-stock of the country has been assessed
by Government; and

(d) if so, the assessment with regard to
the requirement of fodder in the country in
2004 and the quantity of fodder available
in the country?

**Import of horticulture planting
materials**

1106. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government have any
proposal to import genuine horticulture
planting materials from other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Post harvest loss of fruits and
vegetables**

1107. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post
harvest loss of fruits and vegetables in our
country is about Rs. 67,500 crore;

(b) whether the post harvest loss ranges
from 20 to 40 per cent while losses in pulses,
oilseeds and cereals ranges from 10 to 30
per cent; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose
to take to reduce the post harvest loss?

Patents on Drugs

1108. SHRIMATI JAYA
BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the
issue of Ordinance on Product Patents, the
availability of medicines is likely to be
affected; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have
taken in this regard?

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Fertilizers at reasonable prices

†1109. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

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

(a) whether chemicals and fertilizers are made available to the farmers at fixed price by Government;

(b) whether Government keep in mind the condition of the farmers while fixing the price of chemicals; and

(c) whether Government propose to take some fresh steps for the farmers of backward classes so that they can get economic benefit?

Shortage of fertilizers in U.P.

1110. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a huge shortage of fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the demand during the year against the supply of fertilizers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to meet the demand?

Drugs under patent protection

1111. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are firming up plans to ensure that drugs getting patent protection are available to consumers at their lowest international price;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan;

(c) whether the apex court has asked the Centre in 2003 to formulate criteria to keep the price of life saving drugs within control;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard till now; and

(e) the reasons for delay in implementing the directions?

Banned PPA in Indian market

1112. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs containing Phenyl Propanol Amine (PPA) for nasal decongestion and considered prone to stroke are banned in many parts of world but are freely sold in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to minimize effect of such formulations in anti-cold pills to prevent stroke?

Quality standard for bread

1113. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the laboratory tests conducted for quality on twenty brands of bread by Consumer Education and Research Society (CERS), a consumer rights non-governmental organisation has revealed that only six of them conformed to the prescribed standards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that twelve brands out of them did not even carry the 'best before' date; and

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(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to ensure that all brands of bread conform to the quality tests?

Foodgrains to BPL people

†1114. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains required to be distributed to people under BPL category under Public Distribution System;

(b) the quantity of foodgrains being distributed;

(c) whether all the people belonging to BPL category have not yet been benefited by it; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Utilising CWC godowns

1115. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the space of godowns belonging to Central Warehousing Corporation in Andhra Pradesh utilised by FCI to store its grains;

(b) the steps FCI would take to utilise the godowns of CWC;

(c) whether it is a fact that FCI is duty bound to prefer CWC godowns over private godowns; and

(d) the steps proposed by FCI to assist CWC?

Sugar production

1116. SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to drought in Karnataka and Maharashtra, Government have pegged down the estimate of sugar production for this year at around 120 lakh tonnes, leaving only a meagre carry-over of about 10 lakh tonnes for 2005-06;

(b) whether the physical checks conducted by the sugar industry revealed a disparity between the actual stocks on buffer and Government's higher claims of buffer holdings of sugar; and

(c) whether the retail prices of sugar are expected to remain static at around Rs. 22.00 per kg. and if so, whether duty free import of sugar is being considered to lower the market prices?

Wheat export

†1117. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for exporting wheat in view of the abundant production of wheat in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the countries which have sent their demand to India for exporting wheat to their countries during 2003-04 and 2004-05?

Proxy labour in FCI

1118. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a thriving racket in the FCI loading/unloading operation in West Bengal in which proxies carry out the work for labours on FCI payroll earning many times their wages;

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(b) whether Government have ever considered this proxy labour menace causing huge revenue loss to the Corporation; and

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

Sugar production

1119. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY :
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether sugar production in India has gone down by 14 per cent in 2004-05;

(b) if so, whether estimates considered by Government experts suggest that it would be around 12 million Mt in 2004-05;

(c) whether the production is not encouraging one this year also;

(d) if so, the main reasons for the same;

(e) whether the total sugar output is expected to rise in 2005-06;

(f) if so, the efforts being made in this direction; and

(g) whether higher sowing is one of the main reasons for giving encouragement in improving sugar production in 2005-06?

Meeting the shortage in food products

†1120. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of foodgrains in the country during 2004-05 is estimated to be lower than the target fixed;

(b) if so, the details of the target fixed and the actual production;

(c) whether it is also a fact that import would be needed for meeting the requirement of certain food products in the country; and

(d) if so, the names of food products to be imported and the quantity thereof and the details of the import as compared to last year?

PDS benefits to remote areas and tribal regions

†1121. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that needy persons in remote areas and tribal regions are not getting the sufficient quantity of foodgrains under PDS even today;

(b) if so, whether Government have any concrete policy to provide the benefits of the PDS in the said areas; and

(c) the complete details thereof?

Allocation of grain stocks to CWC godowns

1122. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FCI has received representations to allot some grain stocks to the vacant CWC godowns in

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Tadepalligudem in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether FCI is aware that a huge labour force is unemployed in Tadepalligudem who were earlier working for CWC godowns;

(c) the steps FCI propose to review and assess the local situation there;

(d) whether at least 25000 tonnes of rice will be allotted to CWC godowns; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

Improving conditions of FCI godowns

1123. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India has not been able to utilize its godowns to their optimum capacities;

(b) if so, the total number of FCI godowns in the country and their capacities;

(c) whether it is a fact that many godowns of FCI are in a dilapidated condition;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken to improve the condition of these godowns;

(f) the total quantity of foodgrains lying in open due to shortage of godowns even after the taking of private godowns by FCI on rent; and

(g) the steps taken to store the foodgrains in safe godowns?

Plantation projects in rural areas

1124. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for development and promotion of plantation projects in rural areas of the country particularly in the NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and area-wise and the total outlays allocated for the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hazards to population in the vicinity of Thermal Power Plants

1125. SHRI PYARIMOCHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious hazards being caused to the population in the vicinity of Thermal Power Plants by flyash and the extensive damage being caused to the top soil all over the country by the manufacturing of bricks; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider prohibiting the use of bricks made from soil in all buildings within a radius of 200 Kms from Thermal Power Plants and giving adequate transport subsidy to make use of flyash bricks viable?

Mangroves in Mumbai

1126. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

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instructed the Maharashtra Government to protect the mangroves in Mumbai city; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and details about the total number of mangroves in the city and the action, so far, taken to protect these mangroves?

Kyoto Protocol's emission targets

1127. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India leads the world in terms of the number of projects accorded to it by the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board as per the Kyoto Protocol;

(b) whether it is a fact that so far, India has received 54 CDM projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that 430 million tonnes of carbon dioxide have to be reduced world wide annually to meet the Kyoto Protocol's emission targets; and

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

Poaching of leopard and tiger

1128. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police seized massive haul of 39 leopard and 2 tiger skins etc. on 1st February, 2005 presumably killed by poachers;

(b) if so, whether Government have been able to ascertain the Wildlife Reserves/ Sanctuaries and Zoos to which the killed big cats belonged, and poachers responsible for their killing;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against poachers; and

(d) the steps being taken to stop poaching of wild animals?

Panel for comprehensive report on Yamuna

1129. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi Government has constituted a panel for preparing a comprehensive report on Yamuna; and

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

National Lake Conservation Programme

1130. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government is implementing the National Lake Conservation Programme;

(b) if so, the number of lakes taken up for conservation and development;

(c) the amount, so far, released by Government during 2004-05;

(d) whether Karnataka Government has requested for inclusion of more lakes under this programme;

(e) if so, the names of the lakes sought to be included and the estimated cost for taking up these new lakes; and

(f) the action, if any, taken in this regard?

Killing and smuggling of leopards and cheetahs

†1131. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that organs of wild animals including hides of leopards and cheetahs worth million of rupees are smuggled on the largest scale only second to the smuggling of drugs in the country, and despite the existing laws and ban, killing of wild animals and smuggling of their organs are going undeterred;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to make stringent law to protect wild animals which are on the verge of extinction and to stop their smuggling;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the protection of wild animals would be ensured?

Plan to review EIA report

1132. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to review the Environmental Impact Assessment Reports prepared for Sethusamudram Shipping Channel Project in the wake of the Tsunami disaster in Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Elephant population in reserved forests of Orissa

1133. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a marked fall in the elephant population in the reserved forests of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the past three years; and

(c) the action plan to control this fall in the number of elephants?

Population residing in reserved and protected forests

1134. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families and the figure of population residing in the reserved forests and protected forests since the period prior to 1980, State-wise;

(b) how many of them belong to Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether there are proposals from the State Governments to relax the implication of forest laws in order to provide settlement of land to these families; and

(d) if so, the fate of those proposals?

Second phase of Ganga Action Plan

†1135. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the second phase of Ganga Action Plan, potable water of River Ganga has become fully clean; and

(b) if so, the details of the total amount spent, so far, on it?

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Environmental impact of Tsunami on coastal areas

1136. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
DR. ALLADI P.
RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRIEKANTHA K. THAKUR:

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

(a) the environmental impact of Tsunami on coastal areas;

(b) whether climatic conditions have changed on the coastal belt of the country due to Tsunami; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to repair the environmental change?

(a) whether Government have allowed diversion of forest land to Government departments for developmental projects and providing public utility facilities;

(b) if so, whether legal status of forest land would remain unchanged and clearance of such development projects would be subject to condition that same is need-based;

(c) whether diversion of land would be permitted for construction of schools, dispensaries or hospitals, laying of electric and communication lines in addition to drinking water; and

(d) if so, how many States have agreed to develop forest land and whether any clearance from his Ministry has been given to these States?

Reports on the damage suffered by the Keoladeo Ghana National Park

1137. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports on the damage suffered by the Keoladeo Ghana National Park due to official neglect and denial of water to the wetland; and

(b) the impact on the migratory birds that arrive during the winter and the steps taken for the conservation of the park?

Diversion of forest land to Government departments

1138. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

Pilot project for making compost from biodegradable waste

1139. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that two pilot projects, launched in April, 2002, in NOIDA for making compost from biodegradable waste have been successfully executed, and are being jointly managed by RWAs, NOIDA authority and the Citizens Environment Improvement Society;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry is thinking of expanding the base of this experiment by encouraging other States, etc., wherever feasible, towards undertaking similar projects by giving suitable technical inputs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Forest land from Periyar Tiger Reserve for forest temple

1140. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala and Devassom Board Authorities have submitted proposal seeking forest land from Periyar Tiger Reserve in the Western Ghat for developmental activities of the forest temple of Sabarimala in Kerala;

(b) whether Government would approve the above proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Enforcement of emission norms

1141. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Apex Court has given notice to the Centre and States for enforcement of emission norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to develop a software for 'all pollution under control certification centres' to help standardization of the process across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Forest Commission

1142. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the role of National Forest Commission;

(b) how the Commission is constituted; and

(c) the achievements of the Commission, so far?

Generation of employment and income by FPIs

†1143. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the possibilities of generation of additional employment and income by the Food Processing Industry in the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the details of the results achieved; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to encourage the Food Processing Industry in the agricultural sector?

Laboratories to test pesticides in food

†1144. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether Government have evolved any mechanism to check the presence of pesticides in food stuff, potable water, fruits, wine, etc.; and

(b) if so, the number of laboratories set up in the country under this mechanism and the locations thereof, together with the annual checking capacity thereof?

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Jaundice in Mumbai

1145. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the last two months Jaundice has broken out in Mumbai and its adjoining areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the elite class of the city has also been affected by this disease; and

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

Ayurvedic system in USA

1146. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some medical schools in the USA have proposed to launch short term accredited Ayurveda course, as part of their complementary alternative medicine education, and Government of India have agreed to depute a number of professors to teach the course so as to promote the Ayurveda system of Medicine;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal received and support offered by Government; and

(c) the details of any similar requests received from other countries and programme, if any, already being executed by Government to promote Ayurveda System of Medicine?

HIV afflicted population

†1147. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV afflicted persons in the country stood as nearly 15 lakh in the year 2004;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 96978 persons are confirmed to be in the grip of HIV from the year 1986 to December 2004;

(c) whether six States of the country including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu account for 80 per cent of the total figures worked out in the whole country;

(d) whether Government intend to formulate a special programme to ward-off this highly infectious disease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Bio-terrorism

1148. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has developed a comprehensive action plan to strengthen country's capability to combat the threat of bio-terrorism;

(b) if so, the details of the specific infectious Organism identified, so far;

(c) the number of bio-safety laboratories set-up, so far, in the country with location and address of each laboratory;

(d) the names of countries/foreign organisations, assisting in setting up bio-safety laboratories in the country; and

(e) whether these laboratories confirm to international standards?

WHO study on AIDS

1149. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the World Health

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Organisation (WHO) or by Government agencies on HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) the details of deaths due to HIV/AIDS in the country during the last two years; and

(d) whether any campaign has been launched by Government to educate people about HIV/AIDS and if not, the reasons therefor?

AIIMS like institutions

1150. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under consideration for establishing an All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof with date of commissioning; and

(c) if not, by when the State of J&K can expect an AIIMS like institute?

Eradication of communicable diseases

1151. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any effective measures for the complete eradication of Hepatitis-B, TB, Malaria, Dengue, Kala Azar, Polio etc., in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive and remedial measures being taken by Government so that these deadly and dangerous diseases could be effectively eradicated?

Emergency service in CGHS

1152. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emergency service in the CGHS dispensary in Laxmi Bai Nagar has been stopped for indefinite period;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the services will be restored?

Parivar Medicine

†1153. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Board of Examinations under his Ministry is going to introduce a three year course of post graduate level named Parivar Medicine;

(b) whether an entrance examination will be held for admission in this course;

(c) whether the candidates will be examined after completion of three years of training; and

(d) the details of the Parivar Medicine course and by when this course will be introduced?

Curriculum on physiotherapy

1154. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a revision of duration and course contents in physiotherapy at under graduate and post graduate levels *vis-a-vis* other medical streams and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up an

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exclusive Council of Physiotherapy at the national level to promote education facilities, and aids for a faster growth comparable to international standards;

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

Conflicting views regarding number of AIDS victims

1155. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are conflicting views regarding the number of AIDS victims in the country;
- (b) if so, what according to Government's sources is the correct estimate of this figure;
- (c) the steps taken by Government, so far, to contain the incidence of HIV/AIDS cases in the country and with what success; and
- (d) the further steps proposed to be taken in this regard to curb the fastest growing health problem in the country?

National Immunisation Programme

1156. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vaccinations/innoculations given under National Immunization Programme;
- (b) whether Government have any plan to include more vaccines to the existing list; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Essential drugs

1157. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to allow more firms to produce essential drugs to offer competitive price; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to maintain high degree quality and availability of essential drugs?

Tuberculosis in West Bengal

1158. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether high incidence of tuberculosis has been prevailing among the rural poor, particularly in Murshidabad district in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details of number of TB patients died during the last five years in Murshidabad and the number of patients alive yet, year-wise;
- (c) whether adequate attention has been given for providing medical treatment and nutrition to the TB patients alive in the district and preventing spread of TB among the villagers unaffected yet;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of financial grants provided, including those by multilateral agencies, for combating TB, State-wise?

Natural calamities

†1159. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the

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Department of Health is not competent enough to tackle the situation arising out of natural calamities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to tackle the situation arising out of natural calamities?

Population Control

1160. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to include private doctors in the population control programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the compensation package to doctors in this regard?

Health care to poor

1161. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to provide integrated health-care services to the people including rural poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof including allocation of funds therefor; and

(c) by when it is expected to be implemented?

Neo-natal deaths

1162. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of neo-natal deaths which have taken place in the country during the last 5 years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that close to one in every 3 babies die in India before they are 4 weeks old;

(c) what steps his ministry is taking to bring down the infant mortality rate below 20 as per the National Population Policy; and

(d) whether one of the important reasons behind this is unequal access to healthcare facilities to pregnant women?

AIDS and other immuno deficiencies

1163. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how Government are making a distinction between Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome and Human Immuno Deficiency Virus on the one hand and HIV and other cases of immuno deficiency on the other to minimise the stigma associated with AIDS;

(b) whether any representation has been received to this effect;

(c) if so, the action Government have contemplated in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that health functionaries at grassroots level are clubbing all cases of immune deficiency together; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Campaign for awareness about diabetes

1164. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to spend Rs. 100 crores as a part of its mega campaign to increase awareness about diabetes;

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

(c) whether any help from the private pharma companies and leading hospitals has been taken for a more effective awareness campaign;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action plans of Government to screen every individual in the country through this campaign for effective results?

Primary health facilities

1165. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:
SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

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

(a) the population covered by one primary health centre on average in the country and also in each State;

(b) the average cost of medicines supplied by Government per patient getting medical treatment from the outdoor section and also getting admitted in the hospital;

(c) what facilities Government propose to provide for a citizen in respect of health care to achieve the stage of 'health for all'; and

(d) the present status as compared to the goal of 'health for all'?

Task Force on medical tourism

1166. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force

has been constituted for studying the prospects of medical tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the States have been consulted in the matter?

Infant feeding

1167. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to repeal the Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Feeds (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to move Food Safety and Standards Bill, 2005;

(c) whether the repeal of IMS Act will lead to unhealthy marketing practices of infant milk substitutes and infant foods; and

(d) whether the repeal will also take away the initiative for promotion of breastfeeding, to which India has committed under the WHO and UN convention on the rights of the child?

Population explosion

†1168. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether population explosion is a hurdle in the path of developmental policies;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government, so far, to create awareness among the people to spread education regarding the need to control population

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and to set the norms of a small family;

(c) what has been the outcome thereof and which States have achieved the targets set to control the population; and

(d) whether Government are considering to bring appropriate legislation in order to encourage the norms set for population control/small families?

Establishment of a Central Ayurvedic University

†1169. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish a Central Ayurvedic University for research and development of the Ayurveda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this University is likely to be established?

Bird flu

1170. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has warned the Asian countries including India about bird flu virus (avian influenza);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated regulatory guidelines on poultry feed and is moving towards making them mandatory, besides setting up certifying agencies and testing laboratories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

1171. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the WHO's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will come into force on February 25, 2005 having received a mandatory 40 member-country ratifications;

(b) whether India is a signatory to the above convention and if so, whether it proposes to make anti-tobacco consumption measures more stringent; and

(c) whether India is currently spending more funds on checking tobacco-prone health hazard measures than its revenue generated through central excise duty on tobacco products?

Adulterated and synthetic milk

1172. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that adulterated and synthetic milk is being sold through various retail outlets in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage of total milk production in the country which is unadulterated;

(c) the likely adverse effects of adulterated milk if consumed by infants and children;

(d) the steps Government have initiated, so far, and propose to take in near future; and

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(e) the number of persons booked for production and supply of adulterated and synthetic milk during the last three years?

Prohibited substance in Gutkha and Pan Masala

1173. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the Gutkha and Pan Masala manufacturers are using the prohibited substance like Magnesium Carbonate in manufacturing of Gutkha and Pan Masala;

(b) whether Government are also aware that prolonged use of such prohibited substance is the cause of oral cancer and fibroids in the mouth; and

(c) the measures taken up by Government to stop the manufacturing of Gutkha and Pan Masala containing such substances?

WHO report on leprosy

1174. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that according to the report of WHO, leprosy has completely been eradicated globally except India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the plans of Government to eliminate leprosy through the active participation of NGOs and Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute?

Leprosy eradication

†1175. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of leprosy patients in the country;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by WHO in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to constitute a board to solve the problems of leprosy patients; and

(e) by when the leprosy is likely to be eradicated totally?

Health improvement programme

1176. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether the recent study on social progress and outlook made by World Bank shows that health indicators in India have not exactly improved and shows a mixed bag of results;

(b) if so, whether according to the study various reasons have been mentioned in its survey report;

(c) whether Government have considered this study report of the World Bank regarding the health progress; and

(d) if so, what are the main steps that are being considered to improve the health programmes as suggested by the survey report?

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Patent on drugs

1177. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the new patent regime cleared by Government to meet World Trade Organisation deadline would raise the prices of certain drugs to an alarming degree;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the patients suffering from cancer, HIV/AIDS and heart disease will be most affected by the new regime as drugs for these ailments will be affected in the first term at least by 10 to 20 times the current price; and

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

Spurious milk

1178. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that a large quantity of synthetic milk which is injurious to health have found way in markets of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, U.P., Bihar, Punjab, Haryana and Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of persons booked for production and supply of this milk during the last two years; and

(c) whether Government propose to enact stringent law for such persons and if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be enacted?

Hospitals in Delhi

†1179. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of costly equipments and medicines made available by Government in the hospitals located in the Capital, patients are told to buy them from outside;

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be taken by Government to check this malpractice;

(c) whether Government are going to constitute a committee to look into the matter; and

(d) if so, by when the committee is likely to be constituted?

Tobacco induced diseases

1180. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of tobacco induced diseases, particularly due to cigarettes and beedis, are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard for the last five years, year-wise, with funds allocated and spent on campaign against smoking and treatment of the affected people;

(c) whether it is a fact that the law banning smoking in public places has failed to yield the desired result; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to make the law more stringent?

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Rabies vaccine

1181. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Drug Controlling Authority has rejected Institute of Preventive Medicine's proposal to revive the production of vaccine for rabies in its laboratory at Nacharam, Andhra Pradesh due to lack of good manufacturing practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would rescue the patients by releasing special grants immediately to the laboratory for reviving and upgrading it on a humanitarian basis to cope-up with the demand of 7000 vials in a year against 1500 vials which could be supplied in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

AIIMS like hospitals

1182. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress, so far, made for the setting up of six AIIMS like hospitals in the backward States of the country under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana; and

(b) by when each institute/hospital is expected to start functioning?

Radiation from Government hospitals

1183. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government hospitals, particularly hospitals in Delhi are releasing excess radiation, affecting the health of many patients; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to see that radiation is not discharged from the hospitals?

Malnutrition deaths in Melghat

1184. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since 1990 there have been deaths due to malnutrition in the Melghat region of Maharashtra as was brought to Hon'ble Prime Minister's notice during July, 2004;

(b) if so, whether these deaths are due to malnutrition or due to lack of inter-departmental co-ordination or non-availability of food; and

(c) the steps Government propose to ensure that foodgrain availability match the requirement of population of that area?

Telemedicine

1185. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether Government have recommended guidelines and standards for the practice of Telemedicine in India and has also recommended a framework for an information technology infrastructure for health;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommended guidelines;

(c) whether these recommendations have been put on website to initiate a public debate; and

(d) if so, the response of the public thereto?

Bhopal gas leak

1186. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first technical report of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on the gas leak from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal has been submitted recently;

(b) if so, the details including the action taken or proposed to be taken on the above report;

(c) the number of people of Bhopal suffering as stated in the report;

(d) whether there is any attempt to utilise the present report gainfully and systematically for clinical management of the victims;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Hepatitis-C

1187. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously observing and controlling the problems being faced by a number of people due to Hepatitis-C in various parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for controlling the spread of Hepatitis-C and improving the technique of diagnosis effectively in the country?

Irregularities in CGHS hospitals

1188. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that certain irregularities were detected in the functioning of CGHS hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CBI has been asked to go into this issue and whether they have submitted their report; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to streamline the process?

Cancer in J & K

1189. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of Kashmir are facing a new threat i.e., cancer which is on the rise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that local hospitals in the valley are ill-equipped to combat this deadly disease; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to provide proper treatment to the patients in the Kashmir Valley?

Cancer cases in Delhi

1190. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one in 15 men and one in 12 women living in urban areas particularly in Delhi are at the risk of developing cancer;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and
 (c) the preventive measures Government have taken, so far, or propose to take in this regard as a whole and particularly in Delhi, Punjab and Maharashtra?

Cancer

1191. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the World's highest incidence of cancer of the gall bladder, mouth and lower pharynx;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to a report, thyroid cancer has been detected in women in the coastal districts of Kerala, Karnataka and Goa;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said report had highlighted and confirmed earlier observations that the breast cancer has replaced cervical cancer as the leading site of cancer among women in Indian cities and that lung cancer is the most common cancer in various Metropolitan cities in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to reduce the changing risk of cancer?

Suicide in AIIMS

†1192. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 5th January, 2005 a patient committed suicide by jumping down in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and a number of such incidents have also taken place previously, which raise question mark on the security arrangements; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken for administrative and security arrangements?

Government hospitals in Nagaland

1193. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government civil hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres proposed to be set up in the country particularly in the State of Nagaland during the next five years;

(b) whether the places have been identified in the State for setting up of those hospitals and health centres for the people of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Computerised reservation counters at Azamgarh, Mau and Sultanpur

†1194. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that despite long queues of passengers, only two counters of computerized reservation are operating at Azamgarh, Mau and Sultanpur railway stations and generally generator is not used in case of power-failure as a result of which the passengers have to wait for hours;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the number of counters and regularize the use of generators at the said stations;

(c) whether Government also propose to install Unreserved Ticketing System at these stations; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Unprofitable rail routes

†1195. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) total number of rail routes in the country which are not making profit;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take for making the said rail routes profitable?

"Palace on Wheels" in Karnataka

1196. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways in consultation with Government of Karnataka proposed to run "Palace on Wheels" in Karnataka's major tourists places;
- (b) if so, the status of the project alongwith its cost and number of kilometers to be covered; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for non implementation of such a project?

Increasing the speed of trains

†1197. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to increase the speed of several trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the trains whose speed would be increased; and
- (c) whether Government are also considering to increase the speed of trains running between Mumbai and Pune, Mumbai and Manmad and Mumbai and Ahmedabad?

Differential pricing norms for passengers

1198. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that with a view to cut losses on its Passenger Services Railways propose an occupancy driven strategy to rationalize the passenger traffic movement in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways is thinking of implementing differential pricing norms for passengers travelling in the Indian Railways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Vijayawada railway station

1199. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the Vijayawada railway station and the tracks there have been rated as the most dirty in the country;
- (b) if so, whether any efforts are being made by the Railways to inculcate the sense of hygiene and sanitation in staff and passengers;
- (c) the specific steps to be taken by the Railways to bring about cleanliness at this railway station;
- (d) the basic problem being found in maintaining hygiene on the tracks in the railway station; and
- (e) the time-frame to clean up this railway station?

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Accident at Kan-han

1200. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 50 persons were killed and several others seriously injured when a tractor-trolley carrying marriage party was hit by passenger train on 3rd February, 2005 at an unmanned railway crossing at Kan-han, 30 Km. from Nagpur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid by Railways to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any inquiry has since been ordered into this accident; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the inquiry?

Refund on cancellation of fake tickets

1201. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various divisions in Western Railway are making refunds on cancellation of fake tickets;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has made any enquiry and registered any case;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

V-Satellite Hub

1202. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed to set up V-Satellite Hub to provide V-Set connectivity to remote and inaccessible locations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Bhutan rail link

1203. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to link up some Indian border towns in Assam and West Bengal with a rail head to five cities in Bhutan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the pattern of funding the project, and the present status of the proposal?

ACD in North Frontier Railway

1204. SHRI URKHAO GWRA
BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provision of Anti Collision Device (ACD) on the routes of North Frontier Railway is coming into reality as promised in the Rail Budget of 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fake railway tickets

1205. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fake Railway tickets are being sold in Vadodara,

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Ahmedabad and other Divisions of Western Railway by responsible railway officials;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken against the erring railway officials and employees and authorized travel agents involved in this illegal activity; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that various divisions of Western Railway are making refunds on cancellation of fake tickets?

Basic facilities on important stations

1206. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that many important stations lack basic facilities like utility shops, medical shops, drinking water, etc.;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to provide all basic facilities on a war footing to all stations and atleast to important stations in the first instance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Super-charge levied on railway passholders

1207. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether super-charge is levied on railway passholders travelling daily between Akola and Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received reports that these passholders have to stand in long queues to purchase super-charge ticket and in this process many times they miss the train;

(d) whether Government have received complaints and suggestions in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether Government propose to stop charging super-charge from passholders or increase the fee of monthly pass proportionately to save them from inconvenience and harassment at the hands of railway staff?

Inclusion of Bairagarh in Bhopal Railway Zone

†1208. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Bairagarh is a part of Bhopal Municipal Corporation;

(b) whether the people of Bairagarh have demanded his Ministry to include Bairagarh in Bhopal Railway Zone;

(c) whether it is a fact that Bairagarh is still a part of Ratlam Railway Zone due to which the people living there have to suffer a lot; and

(d) whether Government would seriously consider to remove Bairagarh from Ratlam Railway Zone and include it in Bhopal Zone keeping in view the demand of the people of Bairagarh?

Movement of trains at Vijayawada Railway Station

1209. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central Railway has made any study of the movement of trains at Vijayawada Railway Station;

(b) whether any effort has been made to ensure that important trains come to the nearest platform to the exit area;

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(c) the difficulty in planning arrivals and departures in such a way that passengers can conveniently leave the station with the minimum of hardship and delays;

(d) whether expert help is needed from outside to plan this basic technical issue; and

(e) if so, whether any help would be sought from outside the Railways?

Manned and unmanned railway crossings

1210. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for setting up manned and unmanned railway crossings;

(b) the number of unmanned level crossings in the country, zone-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that serious accidents frequently occur at unmanned level crossings resulting in heavy loss of life and property;

(d) if so, the details of such major accidents during the last three years, with total compensation granted to the victims and loss to the railway property;

(e) whether there is any time-bound proposal for converting all unmanned level crossings into manned level crossings; and

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

Tipu Express and Thanjavur Express

1211. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from commuters for a short stop of Tipu Express and Thanjavur Express at Chennapatna;

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

(c) the facilities provided at

Chennapatna Railway Station during 2004-05?

Broad gauge conversion of Mahuva-dhasa in Gujarat

1212. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much time has passed for the conversion of Mahuva-dhasa in Gujarat from metre gauge to broad gauge;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pipavav Port Authority was involved in this project and to share the expenditure towards the same but the amount has not been paid by the authority; and

(c) whether Railways is keenly watching Pipavav Line which has put a lot of inconvenience to the public and if so, the plans of Railways in this regard?

E-ticketing in railways

†1213. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are now going to introduce 'E-ticketing';

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the authorised as well as unauthorised railway ticketing agents would also use the said facility; and

(d) whether Government are aware that black-marketing of tickets can be started by the agents by booking all the tickets at one go?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Survey for new rail track between
Gangapur City and Dhaulpur**

†1214. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criterion set for laying down rail track in the country;
- (b) whether any survey regarding a new rail track between Gangapur City to Dhaulpur has been conducted;
- (c) if so, the details and the status thereof; and
- (d) by when the sanction for laying the said rail track will be given?

Railway projects

1215. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region completed during the last three years;
- (b) the total funds spent on these projects;
- (c) the new projects to be taken up during the current year; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Life of railway coaches

1216. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the life of various railway coaches;
- (b) the average age of various coaches being run as on date; and
- (c) what is the rate of replacement of various coaches?

**Plan to outsource the non-core
activities of Railways**

1217. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a detailed plan has been formulated to outsource the non-core activities of the Railways and also to rightsize the Ministry with a view to enhancing efficiency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its present status; and
- (c) the details of any machinery established to ensure that the prime responsibility of the Ministry relating to its core activities of a national transport organization, both as a commercial transport organization and a vehicle for social change, is not ignored or compromised?

Outsourcing of ICF works

1218. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the need for outsourcing of Integral Coach Factory (ICF) works;
- (b) the number of agencies and particulars of each contract with details and whether the works cannot be processed or items not processed in ICF; and
- (c) the tenders/contracts called for and the agencies who have responded and rules and regulations that apply for works to be carried out and costs of each item with break up details?

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Rail terminal at Anand Vihar to decrease crowd

†1219. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of rail terminal to be constructed at Anand Vihar to decrease crowd at Delhi/New Delhi Railway Stations;

(b) the reasons for delay in construction despite budgetary allocation;

(c) whether the target of 2006 for starting terminal has been pushed ahead due to this delay;

(d) if so, the details of the approved work to be undertaken in first, second and third phase of the terminal alongwith the details of the time schedule for the same;

(e) whether the work of laying two additional lines from Anand Vihar to New Delhi is also included in this project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

New, ongoing and pending rail projects in punjab

1220. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of new, ongoing and pending rail projects and surveys for laying new rail lines and flyovers in Punjab alongwith targets fixed for their completion;

(b) the amount allocated and spent thereon till date, project-wise;

(c) whether some of these projects are behind the schedule; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government for their timely completion?

Kitchha-Khatima rail route

†1221. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of laying down of Kitchha-Khatima rail route;

(b) if so, by when the work on the said rail route is likely to be started;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal for extension of the said rail route upto Rudrapur and Tanakpur on both ends;

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal of extension of the said rail route;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Condition of railway stations situated outside the metro cities

†1222. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of railway stations situated outside the metro cities is not satisfactory at all;

(b) whether Government have any plan to improve the conditions and amenities at those stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Steel prices

1223. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of steel has gone up and there is a big hike likely to happen in March, 2005;

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(b) if so, the details about the price rise and its impact upon the raw materials; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check the price rise?

Export obligations of MMTC

1224. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to lower iron content in the ore eligible for exports by private exporters in order to curb misuse by domestic exporters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the misuse by private operators has stood in the way of export obligations of MMTC;

(d) if so, how far MMTC would be benefited by lowering the iron content for private operators; and

(e) the reasons why MMTC is not able to face competition from domestic exporters?

Steel prices

†1225. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of steel are estimated to have risen to 135 per cent in the country between March, 2003 and February, 2005;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) the prices of steel in March, 2003 and in January, 2005 respectively;

(d) the reasons for such a hike in the prices;

(e) whether the prices of the items required for the production of steel have gone up in the country; and

(f) if so, the names of items along with the quantum of hike registered in each item during the said period?

POSCO's MoU with Orissa

1226. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pohang Steel Company (POSCO) of South Korea would sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Orissa for setting up a steel plant;

(b) if so, the proposed capacity of the steel plant; and

(c) the investment proposed to be made by the POSCO in the said plant?

Companies exporting better quality iron-ore

†1227. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some iron-ore exporters had exported the iron-ore of better quality than the approved one;

(b) if so, the names of such companies;

(c) the action being taken against these companies; and

(d) the details of steps being taken to stop such tendency?

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Sale of iron-ore to domestic steel industries

†1228. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that iron-ore is sold to steel producing industries in the country at a rate lower than its international market price;

(b) if so, the average price of iron ore in the international market during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and first nine months of 2004-05; and

(c) the rates at which iron-ore was sold by National Mineral Development Corporation during the said period?

Investors' MoU with Orissa

1229. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that investors have signed Memoranda of Understanding with Orissa Government for manufacturing of nearly 18 million tonnes of steel in the State and further 15 million tonnes capacity is also on the anvil; and

(b) whether Government would consider adequate financial support to the

State Government for creating necessary supporting infrastructure for the purpose, since this additional capacity would be nearly equal to the existing capacity of steel in the country?

NMDC mines in Chhattisgarh

†1230. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where iron-ore mines of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) are situated in Chhattisgarh alongwith the information regarding period of lease of mines, lease-wise, mineral-wise;

(b) the quantity of production of iron-ore during the last three years from these mines and the quantity of minerals exported out of this production alongwith the quantity of minerals supplied to the plants situated out side the State and the quantity supplied to the industries situated within the State;

(c) whether NMDC would supply iron-ore on priority basis to fulfill the requirement of the industries established in Chhattisgarh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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