

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May 11, 2005/Vaisakha 21, 1927 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-
Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions —155

FDI in job-creating activities

5706. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-
CHARJEE: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided
to allow FDI in job-creating activities; and

(b) what are the segments where FDI
will be allowed and the details thereof?

(e) if so, details thereof and action taken
against them for tarnishing the image of
India;

(f) whether Spices Board had inspected
the chilli powder exported from India; and

(g) if so, why it could not detect that
the chilli powder contains banned
substance?

Ban on Indian chilli powder in European markets

5707. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the
Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Kingdom's Food
Standards Agency had found banned
substance in chilli powder exported from
India;

(b) whether Indian Chilli Powder has
been banned in the European markets;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some chilli traders in the
country have been found to be involved in
this contaminated chilli powder trade;

Export of low ferrous content iron ore to China

5708. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will
the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has mounted
vigilance over the recent spurt in export of
low ferrous content iron ore to China;

(b) whether there has been a
corresponding decline in the 'restricted'
exports of iron ore with more than 64 per
cent ferrous content;

(c) whether the domestic steel industry
has complained that high-grade iron ore is
being shipped out in the grab of low-grade
varieties; and

(d) if so, the Government's comments thereon?

Benefits from Indo-Pak bilateral trade

5709. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government envisages any benefit in bilateral trade between India and Pakistan through J&K and PoK by proposed Srinagar Muzaffarabad bus service from 7th April, 2005;

(b) if so, what are the likely items that passengers will be allowed to bring in and take away with and without custom duties;

(c) whether any weight and quantity restrictions will be imposed per passenger in view of safety of travelling in hilly tracks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New auction centres for Virginia tobacco

5710. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tobacco Board has opened any new auction centres for Virginia tobacco in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such new buying centres for Virginia tobacco;

(c) what other facilities are being made available to tobacco farmers in the country by the Tobacco Board;

(d) the details of new and innovative policies developed by the Tobacco Board in the current year for farmers; and

(e) the measures proposed to have the Tobacco Board become Pro-active?

Office of Development Commissioner in Bangalore

5711. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI LALIT SURI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that at present, the people of Karnataka have to rush to Kochi for all export related documentation;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Government to sanction an office for the Development Commissioner of Exports in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, when will the office of Development Commissioner of Exports begin operations in Bangalore?

Industry status to Express Companies

5712. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Express Companies engaged in movement of goods through parcels and documents have been demanding industry status with an independent regulator in order to get easier access to finances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Strict EU measures for import of chillies from India

5713. SHRI N.K. PREMA-
CHANDRAN:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether the EU has enforced strict emergency measures about import of Chillies from India;

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

(c) whether Government has initiated any corrective measures in this regard; and

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

Adverse publicity against Indian red chilli powder

5714. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Standards Authority (FSA) in UK has ordered the destruction of all suspect food stuffs manufactured over the past 16 months using 5 tonne consignment of red chilli powder from India as it is suspected to be contaminated with the banned, cancer causing chemical colourant Sudan-1;

(b) if yes, whether Government is aware of the fact that this adverse publicity for Indian red chilli powder could knock off the export of red chilli powder; and

(c) if yes, the steps Government proposes to take to monitor the quality of food products to be exported?

Export target

†5715. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target has been set to export worth 150 billion dollars and to create one crore additional employment opportunities during the next five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to achieve this target?

Steps to stop import of inferior quality vanilla

5716. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to stop the import of inferior quality vanilla to India;

(b) whether the Government have announced a minimum support price for 'vanilla' beans; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Employment by outsourcing

†5717. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IT professionals and non-IT professionals who have got employment in the outsourcing jobs being provided by foreign companies in India;

(b) whether the employment opportunities are likely to increase in India in this sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decrease in export of drugs

5718. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is a continuous decrease in export of drugs to U.S. and other countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the agencies concerned to correct the situation?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up Inter State Trade Council

5719. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Government is considering to set up an Inter State Trade Council;

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

(c) whether it is also true that Government had decided to remove cess on exports of farm products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Iron ore exports by MMTC

5720. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of iron ore exports sent by Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) in the last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by MMTC for such iron ore exports in the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that MMTC is not getting good price for our iron ore exports; and

(d) whether Government will carefully watch the low prices being got by MMTC?

Thrust on employment in trade policy

5721. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commerce Ministry has decided to use trade policy as an effective instrument of growth by giving a thrust to employment generation, especially in semi-urban and rural areas; and

(b) if so, what steps are to be taken to implement the schemes seriously?

Gold prices

5722. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gold prices in the country during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rising prices of this precious yellow metal has any direct or indirect bearing on the gold mining activity in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Joining of Madrid system for International Registration of Trade and Service Marks

5723. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Membership of 'Madrid system of Trade and Service Marks' enables the applicant for international registration in the trade mark office of any country where the applicant has a substantial commercial interest or is domiciled and not necessarily in the trade mark office of his own country;

(b) if so, whether India is thinking of joining the Madrid for International Registration of Trade Marks and Service Marks; and

(c) when the formality of joining would be completed?

Import of vegetable oil from Nepal

†5724. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government *vide* Public Notification No. 30(RE/2003/2002-2007) dated 23rd December, 2003 issued by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, permitted State Trading Corporation to import one lakh metric tonne of vegetable oil from Nepal every year but due to import being carried out by fictitious middlemen, Government had to suffer revenue loss to the extent of approximately one and half crore rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Calcutta High Court has passed strict order on revenue loss *vide* its writ petition NO. 2810/2004?

Concessions given to Uttaranchal

†5725. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) the details of concessions provided to the new State of Uttaranchal by the Department of Industrial policy as on January 7, 2003 and thereafter;

(b) the reasons for such providing them to Uttaranchal;

(c) the factors thereof common to Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand;

(d) whether the facilities provided to Uttaranchal are likely to be provided to Chhattisgarh State also; and

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

Free trade area

5726. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

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

(a) whether China has proposed to develop a free trade area between the two countries;

(b) whether there have been various proposals under discussion between various Ministries on both sides;

(c) if so, whether all these agreements and decisions were discussed during the visit of PM of China to India;

(d) if so, whether India and China have agreed to build world's largest free trade area jointly; and

(e) if so, to what extent both countries have agreed to develop sound economy and play a greater role in world economy?

Export of cotton clothes

†5727. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton clothes are being exported from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise details of the cotton clothes exported from the country during the last three years; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country during this period through export of cotton clothes?

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Dollar window for export debt

†5728. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to set up Dollar window for export debt;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the profit/loss expected from the window?

Export Processing Zones and SEZs

5729. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Export Processing Zones and Special Economic Zones have so far been sanctioned;

(b) how many of them are operational;

(c) what are the incentives being given to the investors in those Zones; and

(d) how much do they cost to Government exchequer?

Increase in tea import

5730. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to short-fall in production of tea in the year 2004 the import of tea increased from 98.60 lakhs kg. in the year 2003 to 3.05 crores kg. in the year 2004;

(b) how much foreign exchange was paid for the import of tea in the year 2004, when tea is a major foreign exchange earner for the country; and

(c) what incentives the Ministry proposes to take to increase the production of tea in India?

Free Trade Agreement with Mauritius

5731. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Free Trade Agreement was signed with Mauritius during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to the country; if so, the precise terms of the agreement;

(b) the present status of annual trade exports to and imports from Mauritius, and how far it is likely to go under the new agreement, indicating additional terms of imports and exports to that country, including the fresh trade in services; and

(c) what other agreements for technical and other cooperation were signed during the said visit of Prime Minister?

Industrial sickness

5732. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

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

(a) the present status of industrial sickness in the country both in private and public sectors, separately and State-wise;

(b) whether Government have identified the factors responsible for industrial sickness in various regions of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to eliminate industrial sickness?

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Inter-State Trading Council

5733. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up Inter-State Trading Council to boost exports, especially in the areas of agro-products, marine products and handlooms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the changes made in the Export Promotion Capital Goods and Advance Licensing Schemes;

(d) whether it is also a fact that cess on export of agriculture and plantation commodities has been abolished; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Misuse of export schemes

†5734. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the schemes being launched by Government to boost the exports;

(b) whether Government propose to review these schemes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the schemes are being misused ; and

(d) if so, what are the details for the last two years along with scheme-wise details thereof?

Sick industries in Tamil Nadu

5735. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the sick and closed industrial units in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu as on March, 2005;

(b) since how long these units have been closed/fallen sick alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of workers rendered jobless following the closure of these units; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for revival of these industries?

Revision of DFCE Scheme

5736. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has revised the Duty Free Credit Entitlement (DFCE) Scheme recently;

(b) in what manner is the new revised DFCE Scheme different from its original form;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has found the DFCE Scheme to be unworkable for exporters;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the DGFT harassed exporters by not implementing the announced DFCE Scheme in 2004-05;

(e) what steps will be taken to ensure that the DGFT is made accountable for such negligence in not implementing the assured incentives; and

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(f) the action taken in this regard against the DGFT;

Export-oriented crops

5737. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Questions 2328 and 784 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23.3.2005 and 9.3.2005 respectively and state:

(a) the steps taken to educate farmers to grow more export-oriented crops; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to see that the benefit of exports also reach the farmers?

Import of cement

5738. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cement imported during the last three years, year-wise showing countries of import;

(b) whether imported cement is cheaper/expensive than domestically produced cement; and

(c) the brand names in which the imported cement is sold?

Export of traditional and non-traditional items

5739. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of the country's exports in traditional items such as raw materials and agricultural produces and non-traditional

items such as engineering goods and other value-added/manufactured goods during each of the last three financial years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any schemes for increasing exports of manufactured/value-added goods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including targets fixed for the export of manufactured/value-added goods for the next three years?

Foreign Capital Investment in retail market

†5740. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has advised to grant approval for foreign capital investment in the retail market of India;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and the details of the advice;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision to conduct study on this advice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural exports

†5741. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural

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products of India have to compete with that of developed countries in international market under free trade market under WTO;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that subsidy upto 300 billion dollars per year is being provided for exports of agricultural products in developed countries;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the above-said crisis would continue to be faced by Indian agro-products for the next five years following the recent Delhi Declaration of G-21 Nations; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by Government to deal with this crisis?

Special incentives for export-oriented units and Special Economic Zone units

†5742. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is implementing the schemes to provide special incentives to export-oriented units and Special Economic Zone units to increase export;

(b) if so, the number of units working in the above-said zones as in March, 2005;

(c) the average quantum of annual exports by these units from 2001-02; and

(d) the percentage of the above exports separately as compared to the total export of the country?

Schemes to promote export industries

†5743. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several schemes to promote the export industries in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes that existed during 2004-05;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the relief of an average of Rs. 40,000 crores annually is being granted to the exporters through these schemes; and

(d) if not, the fact in this regard and the annual amount of relief on an average during the last three years?

Industries for rural areas

†5744. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to set up small and cottage industries in the rural areas to stop the migration of rural unemployed people to the urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action on these requests;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Manufacturing aircraft carriers

5745. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is joining the elite club for manufacturing of aircraft carriers; and

(b) whether Indian Navy is short of aircraft carriers in its fleet operations?

Section Officer posts lying vacant in AFHS

5746. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Section Officer lying vacant in Armed Forces Headquarters;

(b) if so, since when they are lying vacant;

(c) what are the reasons for not filling the vacant posts; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry to fill such vacant posts?

Orders of LCA by Air Force

5747. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air Force has put orders for LCA;

(b) if so, what are the details; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons?

Opening up of weapons manufacturing facilities to foreign countries

5748. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the defence industries in the country are planning to offer to the foreign countries the facilities for manufacture of the parts of weapons manufactured there; and

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

Soldiers involved in illegal activities

†5749. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of soldiers in army indulging in rape, smuggling and illegal activities is continuously increasing;

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

(c) the number of soldiers court-martialled during the last five years; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to check the increasing indiscipline in the army?

Patriot missile

†5750. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level of US Defence Headquarter 'Pentagon team, has submitted details of the capabilities of latest version of Patriot before a team of Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India also held talks with Israel on a similar missile system;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Russia is also willing to supply S. 300 V missile to India;

(d) whether Indian Army is evaluating these three missiles;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Closure of Army Canteens due to VAT

5751. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1000 Army Canteens were closed temporarily in the first week of April with a view to implement VAT; and

(b) if so, what alternative arrangements were made to cater all the 4.5 million retired/ serving personnel during the time of closure of such canteens?

Outstanding dues for use of IAF aeroplanes and helicopters

5752. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former PMs, Ministers, Chief Ministers etc. owe Indian Air Force crores of rupees on account of the use of aeroplanes and helicopters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to recover the due amount;

(d) whether Government have written off any amount payable to IAF during last five years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Vacant post of Controller General of Defence Accounts

5753. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of one Controller General of Defence Accounts who is head of the Department of Defence Accounts lying vacant since December, 2003;

(b) if so, why this post has not been filled so far from the eligible cadre officers with the reasons therefor; and

(c) how long would it take to fill this post?

Discrimination against SCs in appointments

5754. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SC candidates are discriminated against in the appointments in Military Schools;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that SC candidates selected for the post of master Gazetted physics selected by the UPSC *vide* 2001/03/02/173/2000-III in September 2001 (Published in E.N.-13-19 October, 2001) have not yet been given appointment so far even after the medical examination and completion of other formalities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government propose to give appointment to the above mentioned SC candidates?

Transport facility for children of servicemen and ex-servicemen to and from schools

5755. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transport facility for children of servicemen studying in Army Public School and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Delhi is being provided by Army;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this service was also extended to the children of ex-servicemen on payment;

(c) whether this facility has been withdrawn in respect of wards of Ex-serviceman;

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

(e) whether Government propose to restore the facility in view of the hardships experienced by Ex-servicemen because of this withdrawal, if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of aircraft carrier

5756. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India's most ambitious ship building project to carry 37,500 metric tonnes aircraft carrier for navy will start this year;

(b) if so, details of the mega project;

(c) whether the ship that is going to be built is the same version of the normal aircraft carrier; and

(d) if not, what is the difference between the normal aircraft carrier and the ship that is going to be built by India?

Phasing out of MiG-25

5757. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MiG-25, Indian Air Force's most hush hush spy plane is on the verge of being phased out; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Operationalisation of 'Karwar base'

5758. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crucial Western Naval Command's future home 'Karwar base' is likely to be made operational very soon; and

(b) if so, the weapons it proposes to house on the base and the purpose it would serve?

Sea Bird Project in Karwar

5759. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Sea Bird Project in Karwar is likely to be operational;

(b) the total amount so far spent on the above project;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that there is 30 per cent of civilian staff shortage for this project; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to sanction the required manpower?

Expertise to conduct rescue operations for submarine crew

5760. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though India operates 17 submarines, it does not have the expertise to conduct rescue operations for its submarine crew in the event of a crisis;

(b) whether India has signed an MoU with the USA for rescue of Indian submariners in the event of mishaps;

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

(d) whether US agencies were allowed to inspect our country's submarines to ascertain whether US's 'Deep Submarine Rescue Vessels' (DSRVs) were compatible with India's submarines; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard, with amount paid so far to the USA for such inspection?

Sale of CSD items in open market

†5761. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CSD, which is only used by serving and ex-servicemen of defence services, is providing tax-free consumer items;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government have received complaints with regard to selling of these consumer items particularly liquor on higher rates in open market;

(c) if so, whether Government are making new arrangements to check on the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of Civil Aviation Rules, 1937

5762. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force has requested the Centre to review the Civil Aviation Rules, 1937;

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

(c) the Centre's reaction thereto?

Closer ties between US and Indian Navies

5763. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Navy has offered to Indian Navy to have closer ties between the two navies;

(b) if so, the details of the offer; and

(c) the reaction of the Indian Government in the matter?

Safety of Srinagar-Muzaffrabad bus passengers

†5764. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made by the Army for the safety of the bus passengers and regular operation of bus service in view of the threat of the terrorists to create obstruction for Srinagar-Muzaffrabad bus service;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the arrangements made for regular operation of bus and the safety of the passengers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Acquiring of French submarines

5765. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cabinet sub-committee on security has sent its approval for acquiring and building French submarines 'Scorpene'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to give its approval?

US aid for augmenting Indian Naval strength

5766. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief of the Indian Navy recently paid a visit to the US for seeking American aid for augmenting Indian Naval strength and capacity; and

(b) whether he sought support for PC-3 Orion maritime reconnaissance aircraft; if so, the details of US-assistance sought and the outcome thereof?

Supply of combat aircraft and nuclear reactors by USA

5767. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.S.A. has recently offered to supply combat Aircraft and civilian nuclear reactors to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

Reinstatement/promotion of former Air Vice Marshal

5768. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered reinstatement/promotion of former Air Vice Marshal after the Apex Court declared the action of the Government biased by the former Chief of Air Staff;

(b) whether Government has inquired into the matter as to the role of former Chief of Air Staff in denying the promotion;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action against the erring officials in Air Force; and

(d) what is the Government's strategy to avoid such occurrences in future?

Assault on DU lecturer

5769. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 9.11.2004 asked the Delhi Police to submit a report on the assault on a Delhi University lecturer;

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

(c) whether the above lecturer filed an application in March, 2004 apprehending a threat to his life from the Delhi Police;

(d) if so, whether action will be taken to entrust the investigation on the above assault to the Central Bureau of Investigation; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the same?

**Beating of gang rape victim in
Tis Hazari**

5770. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a victim of gang rape and her mother were beaten by her assailants in Tis Hazari Court recently;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (c) what action has been taken against the police officials who had produced those accused in the court?

Galiara Yojana, Golden Temple

5771. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount Central Government have sanctioned and actually released for 'Galiara' project around Shri Harmandar Sahib (Golden Temple), Amritsar; and
- (b) the status report of the project?

Loss and relief to TN for Tsunami

5772. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total estimated loss of life due to Tsunami in Tamil Nadu in each of the affected districts including Chennai city;
- (b) what is the estimated value of property and valuable lost in the Tsunami tidal waves in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) what is the total amount of relief sought by Government of Tamil Nadu from the Central Government for these victims;
- (d) whether the Centre has accepted the demand fully or partially; and

(e) what is the total amount of relief funds released by the Centre so far against the sanctioned funds?

Misuse of funds received from abroad

†5773. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Chhattisgarh based political parties or social organisations which have been granted permission to receive funds from abroad;
- (b) whether Government have noticed that the amount received from abroad has been used for anti-national activities;
- (c) whether Government of Chhattisgarh have brought some of such cases to the notice of Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government propose to check/ban the same in view of the likely misuse of the funds being received from abroad?

**World class infrastructure in India for
dealing with natural calamities**

5774. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has recently faced a severe calamity of enormous magnitude and impact, in the form of Tsunami and is struggling to put in place a disaster management system;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian representative at the UN Sponsored Disaster Management Conference at Jakarta on 5th January, 2005 had offered to provide training for search and rescue operations and setting up web based disaster management information systems; and

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(c) whether the representative also claimed that India now possessed a world-class infrastructure for dealing with natural calamities?

Change in National Anthem

5775. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a few people have asked for a change in the National Anthem; and

(b) if so, what are Government's response?

Relief materials to Tsunami victims

5776. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the relief had not reached the needy and genuinely affected people of the Tsunami disaster;

(b) whether the material flown to certain areas was 10 times more than the requirement and most of it was of less use to victims; and

(c) whether unregulated supply of medicines had raised fears of health hazards?

Promotion of teachers in MCD

5777. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in MCD Assistant Teachers without B.Ed. degree are being promoted as TGT, whereas Nursery Teachers even with B.Ed. degree are not being promoted as TGT, if so, the

reasons for discrimination against the Nursery Teachers who are all female; and

(b) by when the rules for promotion of Nursery Teachers with B.Ed. degree to the post of TGT are likely to be framed so the discrimination being meted out to them is done away?

CBI raids

†5778. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.A.S., I.P.S. and I.F.S. officers who have been raided by C.B.I. during last three years;

(b) out of them, the names of the officers of Joint Secretary level and above together with the names of the Departments to which they belong to;

(c) the authority which grants permission to conduct raid against the officers of Joint Secretary level and above; and

(d) the details with regard to such permissions sought for, granted and rejected during the last three years?

Modernisation of police

5779. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and disbursed to States for modernization of police forces, during the last three years;

(b) whether more funds and grants are given to States which are affected by naxalite violence;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Pending cases in TADA courts

5780. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases under TADA are still pending in various TADA courts in the country;

(b) how many TADA accused and under trials are still in jails; and

(c) what has been the conviction rate/acquittal rate under TADA cases?

Deportation of illegal migrants

5781. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and State-wise number of cases relating to detection of illegal migrants and their deportation pending in various courts since 1990;

(b) the commitments made by the concerned State Governments before the Courts in their respective Affidavits with reference to steps for detection and deportation of illegal migrants;

(c) whether situation has been reviewed in the recent past;

(d) if so, findings thereof, including number of migrants deported year-wise;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the number of Tribunals constituted under the IM (DT) Act, 1983;

(g) the establishment/operational costs incurred since inception; and

(h) the number of cases disposed by them?

Meeting of CMs to discuss security related issues

5782. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has convened a meeting of all Chief Ministers on 15th April, 2005 to discuss security issues;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether Government are likely to review the general law and order situation apart from debating strategies to deal with terrorism, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir and also extremist activities in North-Eastern States and also the naxal problem; and

(d) if so, what are the main decisions arrived at and whether Centre has agreed to help and assist in regard to naxal problems and also terrorist problems in various States?

Crimes in Bihar

†5783. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
DR. NARAYAN SINGH
MANAKLAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crimes committed after imposition of President's rule in Bihar recently; and

(b) whether incidents of crime have increased in Bihar after imposition of President's rule?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Recovery of Uranium by Assam Police

†5784. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Police recovered one kilogram of Uranium from two youths in the night of 10th April, 2005;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Department of Atomic Energy, Shillong was printed on the packet recovered;

(c) if so, how these youths acquired this packet; and

(d) the reasons for incidents of theft of Uranium in spite of the mining was stopped in Meghalaya in the 1990s due to protests made by the local villagers?

Visa on arrival

5785. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has any proposal to grant visa on arrival to citizens of Pakistan over 65 years or below 12 years of age; and

(b) if so, the modalities worked out in this regard so far?

Fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border

5786. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total stretch in kilometres along the Indo-Bangladesh border targeted to be fenced;

(b) the total expenditure to be incurred on the fencing;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy in this regard;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by when the above border area is likely to be fenced?

Implementation of Human Rights Laws

†5787. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a Human Rights Reports issued by America, the record of India has not been up to the mark in the implementation of human rights laws and also to protect the human rights;

(b) the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to avoid criticism from foreign countries and also to improve such situation?

Facilities at the work place of N.D.M.C. employees

5788. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain Departments of the New Delhi Municipal Council, the employees have to work in the field in hazardous conditions during scorching heat and while clearing the drains, where adequate infrastructure is not provided to the employees;

(b) the name of the employees with date of demise who died while in service in N.D.M.C. during the year 2004-05; and

(c) the steps taken to provide proper facilities at the places of work of the employees?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Special treatment to Tihar inmates

5789. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Delhi High Court reprimanded the Union Government for giving special treatment to jail inmates who are undergoing sentence in Tihar and other jails;

(b) whether any special medical treatment is being given to foreign nationals who are undergoing sentence in Tihar and other prisons;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for giving special treatment to them?

Myanmar Army Intrusions

5790. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Myanmar Army intrusions into Indian Territory since 2002, with date, year-wise;

(b) how many Indian citizens are abducted or forcibly detained so far by Myanmar Army during this period; and

(c) whether the Myanmar Army during the course of their intrusion had extorted anything from the Indian citizens, if so, the details thereof?

Car thefts in Delhi

5791. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that car thefts are rising in Delhi and the police has not been able to solve the crime;

(b) if so, how many cars were stolen during the last two years; and

(c) what is the detection rate in car thefts?

Fencing at Indo-Pak border in Gujarat

†5792. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the work of fencing is completed on Indo-Pak border in Gujarat;

(b) the work remained to be completed in Kutch district;

(c) the work remained to be completed in the district of Banaraskanta; and

(d) whether Government plan to complete the work of fencing in the remaining areas?

Package to post 1978 forest encroachers

5793. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned to the Andaman and Nicobar administration by the Government of India as package to post 1978 forest encroachers and when;

(b) whether the amount so received was distributed by the Administration to the encroachers;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of these 4000 encroachers families and their means of livelihood?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Online lottery

5794. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that online lottery has grown sharply during the last few years without any regulations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by Central Government to regulate them;

(c) whether it is also a fact that single digit lottery is being conducted illegally on a large scale in the country and the Central Government has no record of the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government thereon?

Modernisation of Police in Uttar Pradesh

†5795. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have released its share of funds sanctioned for the modernisation of Police in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay in it?

Assam Accord

5796. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the main provisions of the 1985 Assam Accord that the Central Government signed with the All Assam Students Union (AASU);

(b) the provisions out of them, which have not so far been implemented and are the major cause of discontentment in Assam; and

(c) the action recently taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to improve the situation in the State?

Enforcement of 91st Constitution Amendment Act, 2003

5797. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 91st Constitution Amendment Act, 2003 for rightsizing the strength of the Union and State Cabinet has been enforced throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

No right to Manipuri Hindus to own land

5798. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Manipuri Hindus are not allowed to own land and accordingly they are deprived of their voting rights whereas the non-Hindu tribes are enjoying voting rights;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any steps to rectify this anomaly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Modern fire fighting equipments in
Delhi**

5799. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS
KAUR:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fire fighting force in the capital, Delhi, is not equipped with proper latest modern fighting equipment and proper fire resistant dress and headgears to effectively undertake the risky duty of fighting fire and rescuing those in danger;

(b) if so, whether and when the need for updating and equipping them with latest facilities has been examined, if so, what remains to be desired in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in the matter indicating the provision made for the purpose this year?

**Habitable area under occupation of
non-Hindu tribes in Manipur**

5800. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manipur geographically is having more hilly areas and only 10% area out of total habitable land is under occupation of Hindu tribes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the rest of habitable areas is under occupation of non-Hindu tribes; and

(c) whether Government are also aware that non-Hindus are allowed to own lands there?

**Complaints received by NHRC from
Punjab**

5801. SHRI VARINDER SINGH
BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from the State of Punjab during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(b) the action taken on such complaints during the period;

(c) the number of complaints lying pending for action; and

(d) the steps taken to dispose them quickly?

Co-operation to deal with terrorism

5802. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRIMATI VANGA
GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and other countries in the Bay of Bengal areas have decided to increase levels of co-operation to deal with terrorism and other crimes including currency fraud and forgery; and

(b) if so, the modalities worked out by Government with different countries in this regard?

More powers to Delhi Government

†5803. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any charter of demands has been received so far from the State Government of Delhi after January 2004 for granting more powers to Delhi Government;

(b) if so, the details of the charter of demands, the date on which it was received;

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(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Law to combat terrorism

5804. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) following the repeal of POTA, whether Government is examining any other Act which will empower States to combat terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the existing Acts which are used for combating terrorism; and

(d) whether it is a fact that without a powerful Act like POTA or TADA, the States are helpless with the ordinary laws to combat terrorism after September, 11, and December, 13?

Delegation of powers to collectors to confer citizenship

5805. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are delegating powers to confer citizenship to collectors; and

(b) if so, the modalities worked out by Government in this regard?

External aid for reconstruction in Tsunami hit areas

5806. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though India refused global relief aid of billions of dollars following Tsunami devastation, Government declared that India was open

to external assistance and advice in rebuilding and reconstructing the destroyed economies and ecologies of the coastal region;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of such reconstruction aid offered and received from different countries; and

(c) whether such aid has been or is being distributed to different affected coastal States, if so, the details in this regard?

Abduction of BSF officer by BR

5807. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recent media reports, Assistant Commandant of the Border Security Force was abducted by the Bangladesh Rifles and later on his body was sent to BSF having torture marks on his person;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter; and

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Bangladesh authorities, if so, the details thereof?

Issuance of passports to criminals

†5808. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passports are being issued to criminals due to inactiveness of police and carelessness of departmental officers in the matters of passport investigation;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop the same in future;

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry in this matter; and

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(d) if so, the details of the persons found guilty alongwith the action taken against them?

Persons killed in Gujarat riots

5809. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people have been killed in Gujarat riots after Godhra incident and of which community;

(b) how many persons are missing, injured and rendered widows, orphaned;

(c) how much amount of compensation to each individual have been paid by Government; and

(d) whether Government published the said data of these people district-wise as recommended by the NHRC?

Entering of Nepali Maoists

†5810. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Nepali Maoists have made entry in the bordering areas of India specially in Siliguri;

(b) whether it is a fact that Maoist extremists injured in the encounters with Nepali Army are getting treatment in the hospitals in Siliguri;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the efforts being made by Government to check their entry in India;

(e) whether it is a fact that this issue was also raised in the Chief Minister's Conference; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign aid for rehabilitation of Tsunami affected areas

5811. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have conveyed to US for long term foreign aid to deal with rehabilitation and reconstruction work for Tsunami affected areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether internal and external aid received, so far, is not sufficient for the work to be undertaken; and

(d) if so, the details of the extent of the shortfall?

Shortage of staff and equipment in missing persons Squad in Delhi Police

5812. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken note of media report that Missing Persons Squad (M.P.S.) of the Delhi Police declared the age of 19 years old person who committed suicide as 30 years, and as a result, family of the deceased could not perform his last rites;

(b) whether the Squad is woefully short of personnel and equipment as compared to the size of population of U.T. and increasing number of missing persons reported; and

(c) if so, how and by when the Squad is proposed to be suitably augmented?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Losses of Livestocks during Tsunami

5813. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Cows, Buffaloes, Heifers, Calves, Pigs, Poultry birds and Ducks of the Islanders were lost due to the earthquake-cum-Tsunami that hit the A&N Islands on 26th December, 2004; and

(b) what is the scheme of Government to compensate the losses of livestock at (a) above sustained by the Islanders?

Constitution of Disaster Management Authority by Delhi Government

5814. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi State has constituted a Disaster Management Authority;

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

(c) whether under the above programme, Government propose to shift high-risk markets to some safe places; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Dual citizenship

5815. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to grant dual-citizenship to Non-Resident Indians (NRIs);

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented with salient features of the proposal;

(c) whether Government has also received representations from NRIs for

voting rights in elections in India; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of Government to the representations received from NRIs?

Declaration of CAW cell as illegal

5816. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working of the 'Crime Against Women (CAW) Cell' has been declared 'illegal' by a local Delhi court on the ground that it has been functioning in contravention of the law of the land;

(b) if so, whether closure of this useful Cell is likely to adversely affect the interests of women, especially those belonging to weaker and backward sections; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of filing an appeal for judicial review on the ground that protection of rights and dignity of women would be jeopardised?

Relaxation in Forest Conservation Act

†5817. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for granting relaxations in Forest Conservation Act for the construction of police station buildings, school buildings, hospital buildings, roads etc. in the naxalite affected areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government would extend financial assistance for new capital as per the proposal furnished by the State of Chhattisgarh?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Renewable energy programme in Darjeeling district

5818. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of West Bengal has requested to declare hills of Darjeeling district as a Special Category Area and allowing financial assistance for renewable energy programme in line with North Eastern States and Sikkim; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government?

Loan sanctioned for generation of renewable energy to States

5819. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loans sanctioned, State-wise, to generate all types of renewable energy for the last two years;

(b) the details of repayment and defaulters of such loans, State-wise; and

(c) the details of penalties imposed on defaulters and action taken?

Providing sufficient electricity to MP

†5820. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any cut in the electricity being supplied to Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to provide sufficient electricity to Madhya Pradesh?

Vacant posts in PSUs

5821. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Board level posts lying vacant in PSUs under Ministry of Power;

(b) the reasons for the delay in filling the vacancies with full time appointees, in each case;

(c) whether recommendations of PESB have been rejected by the Ministry in any of the above cases; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Efficient power exchange

5822. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as the first step towards having an efficient power exchange in country, a high-powered task force comprising officials from Power Trade Corporation, National Thermal Power Corporation, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power visited US, Norway, Canada, Australia and UK to study power markets in these countries;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of visit;

(c) to what extent US and other countries have decided to jointly work for power exchange; and

(d) to what extent these exchanges by task force have helped India in achieving self-sufficiency in power sector?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Improving the power quality in
Bangalore by PGC**

5823. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state what are the steps taken by the Power Grid Corporation to improve the power quality in Bangalore?

**Viability of thermal power stations in
Rajasthan**

†5824. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether setting up of a Thermal Power Station in Rajasthan is not financially viable;

(b) whether coal has to be transported from Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh to run the Thermal Power Station;

(c) whether inordinate delay takes place because of environmental pollution involved in coal based thermal power house and the efficiency of same gets effected thereby; and

(d) whether electricity generated by atomic energy happens to be pollution free, cheaper and effective means for Rajasthan; if so, the Government's stand in this regard?

**Concessions for setting rural power
plants**

5825. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to give boost to rural electrification, Government propose to grant some concessions to those who come forward for setting rural power plants;

(b) whether Government also propose to grant similar concessions for distribution and maintenance of the existing rural power infrastructure;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to grant incentive to stakeholders to boost power generation in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Pending power projects

†5826. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new power projects of various States in the country still pending for clearance; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be cleared alongwith the State-wise details thereof?

**Effect of shortage of gas and coal on
power production**

†5827. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the shortage of the gas and coal, power production is being affected badly and it has become difficult to achieve the target; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government to achieve the target of power production by doing away with the shortage of Coal and Gas?

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Funds to be spent on installation of new power plants

‡5828. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money to be spent by the Government of India on the installation of new plants for electricity production in the Tenth Five Year Plan and how many megawatt electricity would be generated thereof;

(b) the quantum of electricity required by the end of this year in the country and to what extent the requirement of electricity would be met by the new production centres of electricity; and

(c) the per capita consumption of electricity in the country and to what extent it is less as compared to developed countries?

Imported instruments for thermal power projects in U.P.

‡5829. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards delay in providing the amount for the payment of custom duty and interest on the imported instruments for various thermal power projects of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the payment of the amount would be made?

Generation of power from hydro electric sector

5830. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent years power

generation from hydro electric sector has decreased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to increase power from hydro electric sector?

Guidelines for roads under PMGSY

5831. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines fixed for construction of road under PMGSY particularly in rural and hilly areas and time limit for construction of road;

(b) whether Government have received a proposal for 2004-2005 from the Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh Governments;

(c) if so, the names of such roads and amount sanctioned for each road in these States;

(d) whether it is a fact that almost all roads had not been completed within stipulated period in these States; and

(e) if so, what type of action had been taken by Government against the concerned contractors for not completing the works in time?

Schemes for Rural Development and poverty alleviation in AP

‡5832. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the district-wise details of the works being carried out under the different ongoing externally aided schemes for rural development and poverty alleviation on cost-sharing basis between the State Government and Central Rural

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Development Ministry in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the scheme-wise and district-wise details of funds allocated and utilized for the said schemes; and

(c) what are the measures being taken by the State and the Central Government for ensuring proper utilization of the funds released for these schemes?

Man-days of work generated under Food for Work Programme

5833. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Man-days of work generated under Food for Work Programme in different States, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, so far, year to year; and

(b) the amount of foodgrains of different varieties allocated to different States during that period for the said Programme and the amount of foodgrains distributed under the scheme?

Implementation of SGSY in Tamil Nadu

5834. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana is being implemented by the Union Government in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the number of self help groups that have been formed, the number of persons benefited from the scheme during the last three years including financial assistance provided by the Centre; and

(c) the target fixed for 2005-06 and the amount earmarked therefor?

Amount sanctioned under IAY to States

†5835. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned and released by Government to various States under Indira Awas Yojana for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively;

(b) whether the total sanctioned and released amount had been utilised for constructing houses for the poor people;

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

(d) what is the amount spent on the construction of each such house?

Allocation of funds under IAY to Andhra Pradesh

5836. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by the Union Government for the allocation of funds under Indira Awas Yojana to the States and Union Territories;

(b) the funds allocated to Andhra Pradesh during each of the last three financial years and proposed to be made for 2005-06; and

(c) the district-wise number of houses constructed in the State of Andhra Pradesh under IAY during each of the last three financial years and proposed to be constructed during 2005-06?

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Study regarding pace of rural development

5837. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any study regarding pace of rural development in the country during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what has been the percentage of growth of rural development during the last five years; and

(d) what efforts are being made during 2005-06 and 2006-07 for all round rural development in the country, the details thereof?

Andhra Pradesh Livelihood Project

†5838. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the district-wise details of the progress being made in respect of the work being carried out under the "Andhra Pradesh Livelihood Project" in Coornool, Anantpur, Prakashan, Mehboobnagar and Nalgonda districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of persons who have been provided with means of earning livelihood, employment in these districts through this project so far alongwith the district-wise details thereof;

(c) whether some more districts of Andhra Pradesh are proposed to be included in this project during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, what are the names thereof?

Scarcity of drinking water in the country

5839. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country having drinking water scarcity;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of villages in Andhra Pradesh are facing drinking water problem;

(c) whether it is a fact that people have to spend much of their time on procuring water; and

(d) if so, the efforts proposed to be made for improving the condition?

Permission to prepare and publish BPL list

5840. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accorded permission to prepare and publish the latest BPL list for State Governments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government modified the existing guidelines for the preparation of BPL list; and

(c) whether the Government of Kerala sought intervention to review the norms and guidelines for BPL, if so, the extent upto which Government agreed to the proposal of the State Government?

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34 water catchment projects of Rajasthan

†5841. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 34 water catchment projects costing Rs. 116.24 crore for treating 1.94 lakh hectares of land under Integrated Barren Land Development Programme have been forwarded by the Government of Rajasthan to Central Government for clearance; and

(b) the present status of these projects?

Roads under PMGSY in Gujarat

†5842. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural roads constructed in Gujarat under PMGSY scheme; and

(b) the number of roads where work is pending?

Schemes for Rural Drinking Water

5843. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central outlay in the Schemes of Rural Drinking Water in different States during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) the unspent amount of money, State-wise; and

(c) the target achieved so far in solving drinking water problems?

Providing tested pure potable water in Uttaranchal

†5844. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total population in Uttaranchal provided with the tested pure potable water;

(b) whether it is a fact that thousands of villages in the State are still facing the scarcity of potable water;

(c) if so, the number of such villages and the villages that are facing the potable water problem partially;

(d) whether any target has been set to provide pure potable water to the said villages; and

(e) if so, by when alongwith the details of the Central assistance being provided to the State in this regard?

Suitable work to all the educated youths

5845. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of days a labourer was provided with work by Government on average during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 details State-wise;

(b) whether Government are preparing to provide works to a labourer for all the days of a year; and

(c) what steps Government are going take to provide suitable works to all the educated youths in the rural areas?

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Towns covered under IRDP

5846. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many towns have so far benefited by IRDP; and

(b) whether implementation of IRDP could be successful in stopping migrants of people from small towns to big cities?

Watershed management programme

5847. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Watershed Management Programme;

(b) the areas and extent of coverage of this programme in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether any survey has been done to ascertain the success of this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-availability of facilities for testing the quality of water

†5848. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that public facilities for testing the quality of potable water are not available in several districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such districts, State-wise;

(c) whether his Ministry is going to make the time bound quality test and accordingly issuance of certificate mandatory for the department for providing water; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps being taken for determining the quality of potable water?

Amount sanctioned to T.N.

5849. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government for rural development to Tamil Nadu for the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated is quite meagre in view of the widespread damage caused by the Tsunami; and

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

Drinking water problem

5850. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to come out with a comprehensive all encompassing policy on solving the problem of drinking water in the country;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that Cherapunjee in Meghalaya, the place of highest annual rainfall in the country, suffers from the problem of drinking water supply; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

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**Proposal of Madhya Pradesh
Government to protect handicraft
weavers**

‡5851. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any proposal for diversification of the products in the field of handicrafts to protect the handicraft weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

India as a textile hub

5852. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India will emerge as a textile hub for the European Union and the United States by 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the country needs to expand its activities if we have to encash the opportunities available in textile sector; and

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

Development of jute industry

5853. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken for the development and growth of the jute industry, and for *inter-alia* achieving a five-fold increase in exports over the next five years, to Rs. 5,000 crores, against the current level of Rs. 1,000 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially

those related to technology upgradation and incentives proposed for achieving the higher export targets by the industry; and

(c) the details of specific machinery established to help achieve the higher export targets and to monitor the progress phase-wise?

Hi-tech parks for weaving sector

5854. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated for setting up of five hi-tech parks exclusively for the weaving sector—three in Tamil Nadu, and one each in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific facilities to be created, financial allocation made and time-frame fixed for execution of these projects?

Export of jute and jute products

5855. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to enhance a five-fold increase in the export of jute and jute products over the next five years from Rs. 1,000 crores to Rs. 5000 crores annually by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government is considering to set up full-fledged design and development centres and dedicated retail outlets for diversified jute products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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India as a major textile exporter

5856. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India, along with China will become a major textile exporter in the world after the Multi Fibre Agreement ended on 31st December, 2004;

(b) how the Ministry justifies the view of experts that India is expected to grow at the rate of 250 per cent in the next five years in textiles in the light of removal of QRs; and

(c) what avenues that the GOI is giving to the textile ancillary firms of other countries so as to establish themselves in the Indian market?

Implementation of textile projects in the country

5857. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of finalized projects pertaining to textile sector to be implemented in the country particularly in the NER; and

(b) the details of projects pending for sanction for the States during the last three years?

Steps to promote production of Mulberry, Tasare, Eri and Vanya silk in T.N.

5858. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Silk Board made any initiatives to promote the production of Mulberry, Tasare, Eri and Vanya varieties of silk in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made so far, silk-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Merger of apparel parks and TCID schemes

5859. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to merge apparel parks for exports and the Textile Centres Infrastructure Development (TCID) schemes to give the industry greater flexibility for investing on a higher scale;

(b) if so, details of the action plan; and

(c) how far it will help to boost our exports in the post-quota regime?

Closed textile mills in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan

5860. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of textiles mills in public and private sectors lying sick and closed down in Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan as on date;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how many workers became unemployed due to sickness and closure; and

(d) what concrete steps Government propose to take to run, revamp and open these mills in 2005-06 and 2006-07?

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