

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 11, 2002/Agrahayana 20, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—105

Production and sale of coal

2099. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production and sale of
coal by SECL and MCL during the last three
years;

(b) the quantity of coal transported *via*
rail and road transport, separately;

(c) the annual quantum of coal
transported by weighing by computerised
machine and the annual quantity of coal
transported without weighing it; and

(d) the cases of overloading coal without
proper weighing detected annually and the
details of action taken in this regard?

Report of the Committee constituted for enhancing the royalty on coal

†2100. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken as per
the report submitted by the Committee
constituted for enhancing the rate of royalty
on coal; and

(b) the progress made thereon so far?

Request for change of coal linkage from A.P.

2101. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL
AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the
Government of Andhra Pradesh has been
received in the Ministry for change of coal
linkage of Rayalseema Thermal Power
Project Stage-II from Mahanadi Coal Fields
to Singarauli Collieries;

(b) if so, when such request was received
in the Ministry; and

(c) the steps taken on the request?

Commercial exploitation of coal ash

2102. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH
LIBRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after gradation
of coal from mines a large quantity of waste
coal ash is dumped in the ground as useless;

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(b) if so, whether Government propose to use this coal ash for commercial exploitation by selling to brick klin industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Consumption of gold in the country

†2103. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise consumption of gold assessed in the country;

(b) the quantity of gold produced in the country to meet the requirement last year and quantity imported during last three years;

(c) the details of the measures taken to increase the production of gold; and

(d) the details of the measures taken to reduce the gap between demand and supply of gold?

Cases registered against officers in CIL

†2104. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers of the rank of General Manager and above in CIL, against whom cases of corruption, irregularities of serious nature and other criminal cases were registered as on 30th June, 2002;

(b) what are the places, where these cases are registered; and

(c) what are the details of promotion given to each of them during the period of pendency of charges and inquiry?

Royalty by BALCO

†2105. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of bauxite and other minerals extracted by BALCO management during the year 2001-2002 from Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what are the places, where these mines are located;

(c) what is the amount of royalty received therefrom; and

(d) what are the details of conditions laid down for mineral extraction?

Drive to cut down expenditure

†2106. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount spent on various heads by departments and undertakings under his Ministry for promotion, advertising, protocol refreshment, inauguration, seminar, conference, hotels, travelling (including travelling abroad), STD and ISD charges on telephone bills, electricity bills (including the electricity bills for air-conditioners and coolers) during the last three years;

(b) whether Government intend to launch any drive of cutting down expenditure incurred on the above heads;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Studies carried out to find diamond mines

2107. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether seven international companies which have carried out field studies scanning for diamond mines in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Chhattisgarh including Andhra Pradesh have found that Andhra Pradesh will be the place where researchers could stumble upon diamond mines;

(b) if so, whether any full report have been received from these companies; and

(c) if so, to what extent diamond mines have been found in these States?

Preparation of prospective olympic medal winners by army

2108. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 60 crores for army to prepare a medal winning team for 2004 Olympic games in Athens, Greece;

(b) if so, whether the army authorities have started selection of players and athletes etc. and started training in this regard;

(c) the disciplines in which players are being trained; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Export of defence equipments

2109. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been

reached between India and Russia, regarding export of defence equipment manufactured in India under licence from Russia;

(b) whether Government has explored the demand of such defence equipment;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of such defence equipments exported/to be exported by India to various countries?

Safety at defence depots

2110. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spate of blasts and fire at various defence depots and research centres have been due to human errors;

(b) whether Government and army officials undertake regular visits and checks the safety measures in such centres and depots;

(c) when was the last time such inspection was conducted and the number of such inspections conducted by (a) Government Officials, (b) Army Officials in a year; and

(d) what was the report of the last inspection in terms of Safety norms followed in these centres and depots?

Engagement of sanitary staff on private contract basis

2111. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Secunderabad Cantonment Board is engaging sanitary staff on private contract basis;

(b) if so, whether this system is working

efficiently to serve a large section of civilian population; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to give any direction to the cantonment Board to replace this private contract system by permanent sanitary staff?

Underground Drainage in Secunderabad Cantonment

2112. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release special grants to Secunderabad Cantonment Board to introduce Underground Sewerage System and to streamline storm water through drainage system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has granted the financial and administrative sanction of expanding and re-modelling of more than a century old culverts in Secunderabad Cantonment specially at Lakshminagar, Picket and other places as proposed by Defence authorities of Secunderabad Cantonment;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) by when the work is likely to commence; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Stampede during recruitment for the Army

†2113. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of stampede during recruitment for the Army is a common feature;

(b) if so, the number of incidents of stampede occurred at the time of recruitment during the last two years;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to check such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hardships faced by civilian employees in settling their GPF claims

2114. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Joint Controller Defence Account (Funds) Central Command are not keeping its records updated and civilian Defence Employees proceeding on retirement are facing difficulties for the final settlement of GPF claims;

(b) whether JCDA (Funds) raise decade old wrong queries relating to loans and recover the amount falsely while settling the GPF claims;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not fixing a time period to clear all such GPF claims; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the above situation?

Youth from southern states joining the IAF

2115. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a decline in the number of youth from Southern States joining the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of youth who joined Air Force during last three years, year-wise; and

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(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check the decline?

Harassment to retiring employees

2116. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Local Audit offices of Defence establishments situated at Agra are delaying audit of Post retiring documents of retiring Defence civilian employees; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take against such offices harassing the retiring employees?

Indio-US plan for airstaff exchange

2117. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the titled news "India, U.S. plan airstaff exchange" published in the Hindustan Times (Delhi Edition) on 5th September, 2002; and

(b) in what way this will help India's defence system?

Auxiliary system of MIG-216

2118. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a top Air Force Official has apprehended that Auxiliary system of MIG-216 engine was suspect and could be the cause of crashes on 9th September, 2002;

(b) if so, whether these aircrafts were fitted with new engines or they were old engine aircrafts; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure safety of aircrafts and pilots?

Indian PoWs in Pakistani jails

2119. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan in a statement stated that it has not found any Indian Prisoner of Wars (PoWs) in any of its jails in a renewed search made after a request by Government of India at the Agra Summit;

(b) if so, whether Indian Government has insisted on a thorough investigation into the whereabouts of 54 Prisoners of Wars (PoWs) believed to be languishing in Pakistani jails;

(c) whether any modalities for a visit to Pakistan by the relatives of the missing PoWs has been worked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Joint Indo-US exercise in Alaska

2120. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether paratroopers of the Indian Army participated in joint exercises with the US army in Alaska, US in the month of October, 2002;

(b) the number of Indian personnel who took part in the exercises;

(c) whether such exercises are also likely to be held in India; and

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

Advanced surveillance equipments along LoC

2121. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army has

requested for the acquisition and supply of advanced surveillance equipment along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government's reaction thereto?

New fleet of aircraft for dignitaries

2122. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA:
SHRI S. AGNIRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering acquisition of a new fleet of Aircrafts for use of dignitaries in India and abroad on the lines of Air Force one of the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated cost for purchase and maintenance of these aircrafts?

Request for withdrawal of controversial notifications

2123. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication from the Chief Minister of Delhi requesting them to withdraw the two controversial notifications issued by the Central Government recently regarding the powers of the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Curtailment of powers of Delhi Government

2124. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently stripped the powers of the State Government of Delhi;

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

(c) whether protests have been made by various leaders of State Government of Delhi in this regard;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government on such protests; and

(e) the time by when the circular issued by the Union Government to curtail powers of State Government is likely to be withdrawn?

Prior approval of Lt. Governor on Bills tabled in Delhi Assembly

2125. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have in a recent communication directed the Delhi Government to seek approval of the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi in all administrative matters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all Bills which would henceforth be tabled in the Delhi Assembly would require prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the legal basis on which the decision has been taken to curtail the powers of a duly elected Government; and

(d) the reaction of the Delhi Government thereto?

Minority representation in Police Force

2126. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representation of minorities in Police Force adequate;

(b) whether Committee has been set up to go into the representation of various communities in Police Force in the recent past; and

(c) if so, what are the details of recommendations of the Committee?

Citizenship to migrants from Bangladesh

2127. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest decision of the Home Ministry to grant Indian Citizenship to the Chakmas and Hajongs migrated from Bangladesh to Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are in favour of granting Indian citizenship to them; and

(c) by when the bill in this regard is proposed to be brought to the Parliament for consideration?

Donation received by NGOs

2128. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total donation and

remittances received by the NGO's during the last three years, under FCRA;

(b) the organisations who have received donation of rupees 5 crores and above under FCRA during the last three years; and

(c) the organisations which have defaulted to comply the FCRA rules and action taken against such organisations?

Base of Osama bin Laden's aide in Dhaka

2129. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Osama bin Laden's top aide has established a base in Dhaka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government in the matter, so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Filling up the posts of DD(OL)

2130. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 5182 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th May, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the process to fill up the 20 posts of DD(OL) upgraded as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission, has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for which the persons against upgraded posts are not being promoted and by when the persons are likely to be promoted?

**Withdrawal of NSG commandoes
engaged for nabbing Veerappan**

2131. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the abrupt withdrawal of NSG commandoes earlier deployed in Karnataka/Tamil Nadu to nab the forest brigand Veerappan;

(b) what other alternate support mechanism the Centre has provided to the concerned States in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have agreed to provide financial assistance to Karnataka to meet extra expenditure involved in deployment of police personnel and connected logistic support?

**National Level Disaster Response
Team**

2132. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Level Disaster Response Team of Experts to ensure accidents are probed quickly and impartially and victims are identified to avoid legal complications at the time of payment of compensation;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, by when such a response team of experts is likely to be formed?

**Request for PM's intervention for
release of a former Minister of
Karnataka**

2133. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family members of former Karnataka Minister Shri N. Nagappa has sought Prime Minister's intervention to secure his release; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Recruitment of constables in Delhi
Police**

†2134. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applications for the posts of constables in Delhi Police were invited a few months back;

(b) whether complaints were received by the Commissioner of Police regarding some officials who took money for recruitment;

(c) if so, whether the matter has been investigated by the Vigilance Department of Police; and

(d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

**Loss of life and property due to floods
and land sliding in Himachal
Pradesh**

†2135. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss to life and property due to floods and land-sliding in Himachal Pradesh during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

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(b) whether Government have taken any step to prevent the recurrence of such tragedy, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Menace of robbers in Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh

†2136. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the menace of robbers in various districts in Chambal region in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the number of incidents of kidnapping, murder and robbery by various gangs of robbers during the last five years; and

(c) whether Government have provided any special assistance to the State Government for tackling the problem?

Setting up open jails in States

†2137. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines or rules for setting up "open Jail" in all States;

(b) if so, the number of States where open jails have been set up as per the said guidelines; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Establishment of balwadi-cum-creche in each prison

2138. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the action proposed to establish

balwadi-cum-creche in every prison to create a normal environment for children in jails with jailed mothers; and

(b) the steps taken to provide special diet to such children?

Non-utilisation of funds meant for modernisation of police

2139. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds provided for modernisation of Police Force have not been utilised fully and properly by the various State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of such States; and

(c) whether this will not affect our nation's security?

Action regarding streamlining Madarsas functioning in India

2140. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of Pakistan clamping down on all the Madarsas of Pakistan and binding on them to fall in line with the mainstream of Education, to curb Militancy and to curb the flow of Foreign Funds to them; has our Government taken any steps so far to streamline Madarsas functioning to curb I.S.I.; and Foreign Funds flowing into them;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Tardy pace of some States towards
modernisation of police**

2141. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently pulled up some States who are not doing enough towards modernisation of police force;

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

(c) the details of assistance given to various States for modernisation of police forces;

(d) whether any physical verification have been conducted on the modernisation of police forces in various States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Action against advertisers who
demean women**

2142. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in 'The Hindu' dated the 19th September, 2002 captioned "Advertisements demeaning women draw All India Democratic Women Association's, AIDWA";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government against such advertisements; and

(d) stringent action taken against advertisers like ICICI, LIC, who project son preference and discriminate against single women and affront to a women dignity?

**Increasing accident rate in
metropolitan cities**

2143. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high speed driving, unregulated traffic and technical flaws in the vehicles are the major causes for the increasing accident rate in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study on roads safety aspects and nature of traffic on Indian roads have been conducted; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the study and what steps Government propose to take to implement these recommendations/suggestions?

**States who have not set up Human
Rights Courts**

2144. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the States who have not, so far, set up 'Human Rights' Courts as provided in Protection of Human Rights Act?

**Suspension of funding to Indian
NGOs**

2145. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report entitled "U.S. corporates suspend funding to IDRF" appeared in 'The Hindu' dated 25th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of fund received by each NGOs working in India from the U.S. based charity, Indian Development and Relief Fund for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether these NGOs submitted the annual report to the competent authority; and

(d) if so, the detailed expenditure and fund utilised by these NGOs for the last three years, year-wise?

Insurgencies in Kolkata and its adjoining areas

2146. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kolkata and its neighbouring areas have of late become extremely vulnerable to trans-border terrorism and insurgencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special security coverage has been drawn up for the Metro City to deal with the terrorism; and

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

Naxalite problem in Bastar, Chhattisgarh

†2147. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxalists are pressurising the elected public representatives in Bastar area of Chhattisgarh to resign their posts and are launching deadly attacks on them and on their close relatives;

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

(c) the assistance being extended by the Central Government to Chhattisgarh and its bordering naxal affected States to deal with the situation in this direction, stringently?

Earthquake in pilgrimage places in Uttaranchal

†2148. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the warning given by Disaster Management and DMNC to the effect that "there is apprehension of disastrous earthquake in important pilgrimage centres of Uttaranchal such as Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamnotri; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme formulated by Government to deal with such disastrous natural calamity?

Wind atlas to map wind energy potential

2149. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a wind atlas to map the country's wind energy potential; and

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

Popularising the Solar Photo Voltaic (SPV) system in Karnataka

2150. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been supporting the use of solar water heaters in Karnataka through a soft loan scheme

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implemented by several banks and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency;

(b) if so, which are the banks implementing the above scheme in Karnataka;

(c) the total number of beneficiaries of the soft loan scheme in Karnataka so far during 2002-2003; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to popularise Solar Photo Voltaic systems in Karnataka?

Setting up of Bio-Gas plants during the Tenth Five Year Plan

2151. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the target fixed for the setting up of bio-gas plants in different parts of the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

Power situation in Delhi

2152. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after privatisation, the Power situation in the capital is very grim;

(b) what is the reason for this position;

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the situation; and

(d) by when Delhi is likely to get uninterrupted Power supply like Mumbai?

Power crisis in MP

2153. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken notice of the severe power crisis in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have offered any assistance to the Madhya Pradesh Government to meet this problem; and

(c) if so, the details of assistance provided during last three years?

Techno-Economic clearance to Mhadavi Hydro Electric Project

2154. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has forwarded the Mhadavi Hydro Electric Project to the Central Government for seeking Techno-Economic Clearance; and

(b) if so, the details of the project and Government's reaction thereto?

Electrification of Orissa Villages

2155. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 9953 villages in Orissa are yet to be electrified;

(b) if so, the number of villages in Orissa to be electrified during the current year under PMGY; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for time bound electrification of all the villages in Orissa?

Giving training in all regions by CEA

2156. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has started giving training in all regions of the country to accelerate improvement of the electricity supplying system of the country;

(b) the details of the regions in which the training is going to be conducted, State-wise; and

(c) the details of time-frame that has been fixed within which the training is to be given?

Gas-based power plants

2157. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the necessary steps taken by Government for setting up of gas-based power plants in the various parts of the country particularly in the State of Assam; and

(b) the details of funds granted for the same during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the funds proposed to be granted during the Tenth Plan?

Setting up hydel and thermal power projects in Assam

2158. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the hydel and thermal power projects to be set up in the State of Assam during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the details of targets fixed for their completion, project-wise; and

(c) the details of progress made so far?

Private companies/corporations in power distribution

2159. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many State Governments have since introduced power sector reforms and distribution of electricity is being managed by the new companies/corporations;

(b) how many of these new companies/corporations have started earning profits or have reached break-even;

(c) the Revenue Receipts of these companies during last 12 months and how does these compare with the Receipts of same period in the previous years; and

(d) the remedies available to the consumer for redressal of grievance related with deficiency in service against these private companies or corporations etc.?

Thermal and hydel power projects under construction

2160. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the thermal and hydel power projects under construction in the country, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed for their completion;

(c) how many projects are on schedule; and

(d) the reasons for delay in the completion of these projects?

Assessment of production cost of per unit electricity by NTPC and NHPC

†2161. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the production cost of per unit electricity by the National Thermal Power Corporation and the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation has been assessed at Rs. 1.60/- and Rs. 1.40/- respectively;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the cost of transmission of power to consumer is much higher than the cost of production; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details of this expenditure per unit in the country?

Problems of American power companies in India

2162. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently during the course of interaction with an Indian delegation, the U.S. has voiced its concern over the problems being faced by American power companies in India in implementation of their contracts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps are being taken by Government in reforming and strengthening the distribution side of the power sector to make it financially viable?

National Perspective Plan for R&D in Power sector

2163. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Perspective Plan for Research and Development in Power Sector for the next 15 years;

(b) what are the salient features and objectives of this plan; and

(c) whether this plan is being implemented presently?

Credit-cum-subsidy scheme for rural housing in Andhra Pradesh

2164. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any credit-cum-subsidy scheme for rural housing in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) the houses constructed in the State during the said period, district-wise?

IAY houses in Andhra Pradesh

2165. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise and the dwelling units allotted, so far;

(b) whether the dwelling units constructed under IAY in the State have been provided with basic facilities such as drinking water, sewage, sanitary latrine, power, etc.;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

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

Revamp of rural sanitary system

2166. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to revamp the rural sanitary system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the funds allocated to various States for revamping the sanitary system in rural areas remain either unutilised or diverted for other purposes;

(d) if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to ensure proper implementation of rural sanitary system in the country?

M.P. Government evicting people living around ponds

2167. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government is forcibly evicting people living below poverty line around the village ponds on the pretext of environmental pollution;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have issued such orders without earmarking land for their rehabilitation;

(c) what are the reasons that such orders are not applicable to State/Centre establishments and other residents around the village ponds; and

(d) whether Central Government have issued any instruction in this regard?

Houses constructed under IAY in Faridkot district, Punjab

†2168. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed during 1995 to 2001 in Faridkot district of Punjab under Indira Awas Yojana; and

(b) the village-wise details thereof and the funds allocated therefor?

Funds to Rajasthan under NSAP

2169. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Rajasthan under National Social Assistance Programme during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) the funds utilised under National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and National Maternity Benefit Scheme?

Funds for watershed projects in Andhra Pradesh

2170. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had released funds for Watershed Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total amount released for these projects; and

(c) the number of projects to be taken up under this scheme?

Rural Development Schemes for Himachal Pradesh

2171. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by Central Government from Himachal Pradesh Government for Rural Development Schemes for approval during the last three years;

(b) the year-wise/scheme-wise/district-wise projects approved, so far; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the action taken on remaining schemes?

JGSY in Faridkot district of Punjab

†2172. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays created under the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana in Faridkot district of Punjab during 2000-2001; and

(b) the number of people who got employment under this yojana and the village-wise details of construction works started under the said yojana?

Corruption in Watershed Programmes

2173. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Watershed Programmes undertaken by NGOs in various parts of the country are steeped in corruption, in the absence of any physical audits;

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

(c) whether the grants for Watershed Programmes given by the Union Government to NGOs have been siphoned off;

(d) if so, whether any physical verification of proper use of grants have been undertaken by Government; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Assistance for development and reforms facility programme

†2174. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide Central assistance to States to implement the development and reforms facility programme;

(b) if so, what is the blue print of the above programme; and

(c) the State-wise details of amount proposed to be given or allotted during the financial year under the aforesaid programme by the Central Government?

Allocations under PMGY for drinking water supply schemes in Rajasthan

2175. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise, under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana for implementation of rural drinking water supply schemes; and

(b) the number of villages covered and likely to be covered under the scheme during the current year?

Villages in Uttaranchal covered by PMGSY

2176. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages connected with the district headquarters during the year 2001-2002 of Uttaranchal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; and

(b) whether Government have any programme to connect all villages of Uttaranchal with roads for the year 2003-2004?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Roads Under PMGSY in hilly areas of
Uttaranchal**

†2177. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no special attention is being paid for the development of roads in hilly areas of Uttaranchal under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and due to which the people of far-flung villages are facing major problems;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the broadening and concretization work of Pauri-Satyakhal-Bara-Dehalchaouri-Srinagar is being undertaken for the last one year but no concrete progress has been made in this work and the entire road is still in bad shape; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue necessary instructions to complete the roads at the earliest?

**Employment opportunities for
educated unemployed rural youth**

2178. SHRI B. P. APTE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to provide and create employment opportunities for educated unemployed youths in the rural areas during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial allocation made for the purpose during this period;

(c) the achievements of Government in this regard; and

(d) the financial allocation proposed to be made by Government for this purpose during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Allotment of funds for generating
employment**

2179. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment of funds by the Central Government to States to generate employment under Rural Development Works in the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(b) the details of requisition and allotment of funds by the Central Government for Rural Development Works in Tripura during the last three years?

**Sanctioning special projects in
Andhra Pradesh**

2180. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the month of March, 2002, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal to the Ministry for sanctioning the special projects in Anantapur, Mahaboobnagar and Vizianagaram districts of A.P.;

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

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government?

**National Policy on rehabilitation of
drought affected families**

2181. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Policy on resettlement and rehabilitation of drought affected families;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

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(d) whether Government propose to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 to deal with the problems of drought affected families;

- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
(f) the progress made in this regard?

Food for Work Programme in Rajasthan

2182. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) since when the 'Food for Work' programme is in operation in the drought hit areas of Rajasthan;
(b) the quantity of foodgrains allocated and lifted;
(c) whether the programme is being regularly monitored; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to SSI units in Faridkot district, Punjab under SJGSY

†2183. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details and number of small scale industries given financial assistance under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SJGSY) in Faridkot district, Punjab?

Employment generation schemes in Madhya Pradesh

2184. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various employment generation schemes under implementation in Madhya Pradesh;
(b) the employment generated under these schemes during the last three years;

(c) whether the targets set in this regard were achieved;

- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken to make these schemes more result oriented?

Implementation of DRDA works in Assam

2185. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the difficulty in directing Assam Government to rectify the wrong implementation of rural development works through DRDA in Assam; and
(b) whether Government propose to take action against those responsible for non-implementation or wrong-implementation of DRDA works in Assam?

Wasteland in the country

2186. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is 60 million hectares of wasteland and degraded land in the country;
(b) if so, the estimated hectares of such land in Maharashtra/Andhra Pradesh/Madhya Pradesh/UP/Rajasthan; and
(c) what are the plans for bringing it under cultivation or forest cover under the Tenth Five Year Plan, the State-wise details thereof;

Target for drinking water schemes during Ninth and Tenth Plan

2187. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of target fixed for drinking water scheme in the Ninth Plan and the achievements made by Government in this regard, State-wise;

(b) the details of target fixed for drinking water scheme during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) the details of steps taken to achieve the above targets?

Allocations to Kerala under SGRY

2188. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amounts allotted to States as first instalment of Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) (Stream-I);

(b) the States which have failed to get the first instalment in the year 2001-2002;

(c) the amounts allotted to various districts in Kerala; and

(d) the districts in Kerala which have not received the first instalment?

Change in funding pattern of Rural Development schemes

2189. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering changes in the funding pattern of certain schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development;

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

(c) whether Government propose to consult State Government in this regard, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government to create a special mechanism to check/monitor fund utilisation allocated to various schemes?

New system to ascertain BPL

2190. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether to ascertain the actual people living below the poverty line in various parts of the country, a radical score-based ranking system of each household indicating their quality of life has been mooted;

(b) if so, whether this was the recommendation made by the expert committee constituted by the Rural Development Ministry;

(c) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the committee; and

(d) what are the steps being considered to implement these recommendations?

Allocation of additional funds to Rajasthan

2191. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan had in August this year sought allocation of additional funds to the tune of Rs. 100 crore from the five per cent funds reserved for utilisation in areas of acute distress arising out extraordinary seasonal conditions;

(b) if so, the grounds and justifications added in support of their demand; and

(c) the Central Government's response thereto?

Centrally sponsored schemes

2192. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes for the development of rural areas in the Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Bihar, Andaman & Nicobar (Port Blair) and North Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of financial assistance given by Government for the purpose during the last three years?

Modernisation of powerloom sector

2193. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of powerlooms operating in the country as on date, State-wise and U.T. wise;

(b) whether Government have announced any package for the modernisation of the powerloom sector in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Jute mills in the country

2194. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many jute mills are in the country as on 31st March, 2002 and 31st October, 2002;

(b) the reasons of closures in a good number of jute-mills; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

Less use of jute for packaging grains and fertilizers

2195. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons why the jute-bags are being reduced in use by the Central Government in packaging foodgrains and fertilizers;

(b) the steps Government propose to take to give a footing to the jute-mills in order to stand by the workers and jute-growing cultivators; and

(c) the steps Government decided to take to save the jute mills in the face of liberalisation of in-flow of synthetic bags & sacs from abroad?

Constitution of Committee to review hank yarn rules

†2196. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been constituted by Government to review the rules regarding the Hank Yarn;

(b) if so, by when the report of the said committee in this regard is likely to be received by Government;

(c) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Handloom Industry to discontinue the mandatory use of 50 per cent Hank Yarn in the spinning mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Problem of the Handloom and powerloom sectors in the country

2197. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

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(a) the problems being faced by handloom and powerloom sectors in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to solve these problems; and

(c) how the handloom and powerloom sectors workers are benefitted by Government's policies?

States engaged in Sericulture cultivation and Silk Industry

2198. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the States engaged in Sericulture cultivation and silk industry;

(b) the quantities produced in each State during 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(c) the average price for 1 Kg. of Silk during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(d) the steps being taken to ensure a remunerative price for the Silk; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent dumping of Silk in India?

Auction of buildings and machinery of units of NTC mills at Adoni

2199. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for calling fresh tenders for the auction of buildings and machinery of the units of the NTC mills at Adoni;

(b) if so, when such a request was received in the Ministry; and

(c) the action taken on the request?

Revival scheme of NTC

2200. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest stage of the implementation of revival scheme of NTC (APKK&M) Ltd. as ordered by BIFR;

(b) how many workers have been given VRS Compensation so far;

(c) whether VRS Compensation is being paid simultaneously to workers of both revivable units and non-revivable units as directed by BIFR;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) which revivable mill is having largest number of excess workers who have to retire on VRS and when the payment of compensation will be made to those workers?

Setting up Apparel and Hosiery Park at Kanpur in UP

2201. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has approved a proposal for setting up an Apparel and Hosiery Park at Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what facilities will be provided by the Central Government in setting up this Park;

(c) whether there is any other proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up such parks elsewhere in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Diversion of Central Government
Funds of Primary weavers
cooperatives by AP**

2202. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the funds released by Central Government under several weavers Welfare Schemes have been diverted to APCO (weavers Apex Society) by the Government of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether utilisation certificates of Central Government Funds, as released in

these cases, reflected the diversion of these Funds meant for Primary Weavers Cooperatives?

**Assessment of price rise of cotton,
yarn, clothes and readymade garments**

†2203. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is wide scope of price rise at various levels in the Textiles Industry;

(b) if so, the assessments of price-rise of cotton, yarn, clothes and readymade garments; and

(c) the average annual price of import and export of cotton, yarn, clothes and readymade garments from the country?

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