

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the March 12, 2003/Phalguna 21, 1924 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—155**

#### **Accidents in coal mines**

†2162. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of accidents and fire incidents in coal mines/headquarters during last three years;

(b) the State-wise details of the loss occurred to men and property in these accidents; and

(c) the details of the measures taken to prevent such accidents?

#### **Erection of barbed fencing along the Pakistan border**

†2163. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltration attempts by Pakistan trained terrorists into Indian territory alongwith the number of times the skirmishes took place with Pak rangers at the time of erection of barbed wire fencing on the borders; and

(b) whether work related to erection of barbed wire fencing has been completed on the borders, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Educational scholarships to children of army employees by Coca Cola**

2164. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army have received an offer from the Coca Cola Company to give educational scholarships to children of army employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how Government propose to utilise the offer fully as a welfare measure for the families of Army Jawans?

#### **News-item captioned 'Arms deal in the making'**

2165. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item in Frontline dated the 16th August, 2002 on 'Arms deal in the making'; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this matter and the time-frame for induction of new artillery system?

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**Complaints received by Station Commander, Nasirabad**

2166. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:  
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Commander of Nasirabad in the capacity of Chairman of Schools has received complaints against the Principals during preceding three years;

(b) if so, the details case-wise/complaint-wise; and

(c) what action has been taken in each case; and

(d) whether Chairman/Station Commanders have sent the cases to their higher authorities along with his recommendations and the out-comes in each case?

**Raising of Manipur Regiment**

2167. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for raising of 'Manipur Regiment' in Indian Army Stands; and

(b) how long it will take to materialise the demand into reality?

**Precautions to certain air crashes**

2168. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Versova-based mother of late Flt-Lt Abhijit Gadgil, who died in MIG-21 air-crash in September, 2001, has set "The Abhijit Air Safety Foundation", seeking to unite parents

of over 100 dead fighter pilots of MIG-21 crashes, for seeking rational explanation on continuing MIG crashes; and

(b) if so, whether adequate safety precautions exist to contain this continuing trend of air crashes?

**Pensionary benefits to families of deceased IL-38 naval officers**

2169. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the families of twelve naval officers and men killed in mid-air collision accident of two naval planes in Goa have been denied pensionary and other benefits fixed for those who died on actual duty;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to honour those brave naval officers?

**Extension of boundary of Ammunition Depots at Hatiali, Dibrugarh, Assam**

2170. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for extension of boundary of Ammunition Depots at Hatiali of Chabua Revenue circle of Dibrugarh District, Assam is being finalized by Defence authorities;

(b) if so, total area to be extended and detailed status of the land proposed for extension indicating the date of Gazette Notification made for the purpose; and

(c) village-wise total number of families inhabited in the said notified area including institutions and commercial establishments?

**Contract for supply of parts of  
Bofors gun**

†2171. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the companies with which Government have arrived at agreement for the supply of parts of Bofors gun and the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have wound up the agreement with few companies;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the companies with which agreement has been wound up; and

(d) with which companies Government have entered into new agreements and the details thereof indicating the terms and conditions and the difference between the two agreements?

**Snags in Trishul**

2172. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether snags detected in "Trishul" have led to putting the surface to air missile programme on back burner;

(b) whether two of the five tests conducted on Trishul missile failed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the sanctions imposed by the US leading to non-delivery of essential spares has led to the failure; and

(d) the extent of set-back suffered by the missile programme?

**Indo-Russian agreement for  
acquisition of defence products**

2173. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:  
PROF. M. SANKARA-  
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed a protocol agreement with Russia for acquiring defence products during his visit there in January last;

(b) if so, the details of the deals firmed up with their values, delivery schedules, terms of payment etc.; and

(c) how these products compare with US, Korean and French products?

**Defence production unit in Gujarat**

2174. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

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

(b) if so, what is the response thereon?

**Coal Scam**

2175. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supply of coal meant for soldiers on the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir has been siphoned for the last two years by the private coal traders with the connivance of the local police and the army personnel in the State;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any independent enquiry has been made into this coal scam; and
- (d) if so, the details of arrests made so far and further action taken against those found involved therein?

**Procurement of aircrafts for the movement of VIPs**

2176. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering the bid of Embraer of Brazil for the supply of 5 small aircrafts for the movement of VIPs;
- (b) if so, whether the rival French and Canadian bidders have alleged foul play on the evaluation of bids and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the selection of Embraer is solely based on price considerations and whether technical superiority of other bids has also been taken into account?

**Demand for closure of DRDO**

†2177. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:  
SHRI MOOLCHAND  
MEENA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether experts have demanded for closure of Defence Research and Development Organisation ; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Gwadar seaport in Pakistan**

2178. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a modern new sea port "Gwadar" is being constructed by Pakistan in Baluchistan with Chinese collaboration;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gwadar port would provide Pakistan Navy much greater strategic manoeuvrability along the Arabian sea *vis-a-vis* India, as compared to that at their existing port at Karachi;

(c) salient details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating any project with a view to strengthen facilities for Indian Navy in the light of emergence of the "Gwadar" port in Pakistan?

**Training of defence personnel under IMETP**

2179. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian Defence personnel undergoing or about to undergo training in future in different countries under the International Military Education and Training Programme; and

(b) how would this training help the Indian Government to combat terrorism and other evils that plague the nation and our borders?

**Fake payments by Defence Estate Officer at Chandigarh**

2180. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence Estate Officer at Chandigarh made bogus payment, worth several lakhs of rupees for four panchayats in Punjab in 1997-1998;

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(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) action Government have taken against officers involved therein?

**Diversification of Coast Guard activities**

2181. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various activities presently being undertaken by the Coast Guard;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to diversify the activities of the Indian Coast Guard; and

(c) if so, the details of the diversification programme launched or proposed to be launched?

**Pull out from LoC along Pakistan border**

2182. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pull out of defence forces from LoC along Pakistan border has not yielded desired results so far as cross border infiltration of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir is concerned;

(b) how many encounters between security forces and terrorists have taken place near LoC and during terrorists' attacks on defence establishments in Jammu and Kashmir after the pull out;

(c) the loss of lives and property during these encounters; and

(d) steps taken to stop infiltration of terrorists from Pakistan into Jammu and Kashmir?

**Modernisation of police forces**

† 2183. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have not utilised the funds allotted for modernisation of police forces so far; and

(b) if so, the names of such States?

**Illegal arms and drug market in Karimganj, Assam**

2184. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain fundamentalists backed by Pakistan have been running an illegal arms and drug market in the Barak Valley of Karimganj district of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the smuggling of arms and drugs and use of foreign currency in the Barak Valley?

**Illegal migrants from various countries**

2185. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of illegal migrants from various countries to India, as per the latest estimates;

(b) how many illegal migrants have been deported in the five years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) in how many cases, prosecutions have been launched State-wise figures and convictions secured?

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**Increase in consumption of alcohol**

2186. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that  
consumption of alcohol by students and  
teenagers are alarmingly increasing in the  
country;

(b) if so, the details of increase of  
percentage of alcohol drinking by students/  
teenagers in the country for the last five  
years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the  
existing laws are in sufficient to prevent the  
sale of alcohol to teenagers; and

(d) if so, what are the steps Government  
propose to take to prevent the sale of alcohol  
in public places alongwith the details  
thereof?

**Smuggling of cattle on Indo-  
Bangladesh border**

†2187. SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:  
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that  
the smuggling of cattle is being done on a  
large scale on Indo-Bangladesh border as  
per the report of Zee News at 9.00 PM on  
7th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the persons involved in  
smuggling and the steps so far taken by  
Government to stop it; and

(c) by when the smuggling would be  
completely stopped?

**Outstanding dues of NDMC and  
MCD**

†2188. SHRI RAMA SHANKER  
KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding dues of NDMC and  
MCD on Embassies, State Bhawans and  
Departments of Central Government in  
terms of electricity, water charges and  
property tax;

(b) whether NDMC has urged the Centre  
for its intervention for recovery of their  
outstanding amount; if so, the decision taken  
by Government on NDMC's request; and

(c) the action Government will take for  
recovery of dues at the earliest from the  
same and by when?

**Scheme for protection of senior  
citizens in Delhi**

2189. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR  
REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has  
directed the Delhi Police to formulate a  
scheme for the protection and well-being of  
the senior citizens in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has since been  
drawn up for the purpose; and

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

**Benefit of North East Industrial Policy**

2190. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:  
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre's North-East

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Industrial Policy has benefited only two States out of seven;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for investment in North-East in last three years and the number of people who got employment out of that capital investment?

#### **Assistance for modernisation of police forces**

†2191. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any scheme to increase the financial assistance being provided to the States for the modernisation of the police forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Spies sent by China**

†2192. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tibetans, Nepalese and Chinese spies are being sent by China to India, if so, what is the objective of the same and since when this practice is continuing;

(b) the number of spies apprehended in the last three-four months and what kind of materials have been seized and information gathered from them; and

(c) what action has so far been taken by the Government to keep an eye on such activities and to put an effective check on the recurrence of the same permanently?

#### **Prolonged stay of women in jails**

2193. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of women inmates including foreign women nationals, languishing in Indian jails at present;

(b) whether the prolonged stay of women in Indian jails is due to slow trials of women by Courts in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for speedy trial of women inmates?

#### **Women commando force in NSG**

2194. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a women commando force in the National Security Guard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rajiv-Longowal Accord**

2195. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as provided in Clause 7 of Rajiv-Longowal Accord, Chandigarh was to be transferred to Punjab with effect from 26th January, 1986, what steps the Centre proposes to take to implement it since the accord was arrived at the initiative of the Centre; and

(b) if the issue is to be decided between the wrangling two States, what steps has the Centre taken to bring them together?

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**Freedom fighters' pension in the  
Andhra Pradesh**

2196. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending for  
grant of freedom fighters' pension from  
Andhra Pradesh as on 31st December, 2002  
and since when these are pending;

(b) the action taken by Government to  
expedite these cases; and

(c) by when all these cases are likely to  
be cleared?

**Assistance for evacuation of Indians  
from UAE**

2197. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians returning home  
under the general amnesty declared by the  
UAE Government;

(b) whether the mass evacuation would  
create serious socio-economic problems in  
certain States; and

(c) if so, the Central assistance proposed  
in this regard?

**Naxalite operations**

†2198. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) the number of Naxalite outfits  
operating in the country;

(b) the names of the States of their  
operation;

(c) whether Government are considering  
any concrete action-plan to put a halt to their  
activities; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government so  
far against these naxalites alongwith the  
details thereof?

**Penalty for insult to National Flag**

2199. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet  
has decided to impose severe punishment  
for insult of National Flag;

(b) if so, what are the main punishments  
for crimes of serious nature in the new law;

(c) when it is likely to come into force;  
and

(d) what steps are being taken to educate  
the public about the honour of the tricolour  
flag and how insults are to be prevented?

**Modernisation of police**

2200. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the  
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether a scheme of modernisation  
of police has been sanctioned by the  
Government of India beginning 2000-01;

(b) whether the funding is on a matching  
basis (50 per cent GoI-50 per cent State -  
out of the Central share, half is again in  
form of loan);

(c) whether in view of financial  
constraints, the States find it difficult to  
arrange for the matching amount, resulting  
in partial utilization of the allotted funds;  
and

(d) whether the Union Government  
proposes to change the funding pattern for  
Bihar to 100 per cent GoI grant as is being  
done for North Eastern States; if so, by what  
time?

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### **Legislation for terrorism**

2201. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Chief Ministers' conference held in February, 2003, the Prime Minister made suggestion for setting up a Central law enforcing agency to deal with terrorism and organised crimes against federal laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Chief Ministers thereto; and

(d) whether the Government would come forward with a Central legislation in the matter and if so, the details thereof?

### **Citizenship to Chakmas and Hajongs**

2202. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status to the 4000 citizenship applications of Chakmas and Hajongs of Arunachal Pradesh, submitted in 1997;

(b) when a decision on these applications would be taken;

(c) whether there is any time frame to dispose of such applications; and

(d) whether there is any delay in disposing of such applications; if so, the reasons for such delay?

### **Complaint against PFA official**

2203. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2247 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether complaint against Delhi PFA official has been considered;

(b) if so, the details of allegations in the complaint and comments of CBI/Committee on the same;

(c) whether further corruption allegations are received by CVC and CBI against Director (PFA) for not considering complaint and favouring officials; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action proposed in this regard?

### **Extension of Schedule VI to Manipur**

2204. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Autonomous Hill District Councils in Manipur have ceased to function for the last twelve years;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the hill people of Manipur have accelerated their demand for extension of Schedule VI of the constitution to hill districts for last twelve years;

(c) what is Government's response thereto; and

(d) the time by when the action to be taken to meet said demand?

### **Insurgent outfits operating in the country**

2205. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of insurgent outfits operating in each of the States of the North East Region;

(b) the estimated strength of each of the outfits; and

(c) the Government's policy to deal with their anti-social, illegal and unlawful activities?

**Reviewing immigration set at international airports**

2206. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up a comprehensive review of the immigration set up at major international airports to identify personnel, who do not have temperament to tackle matters with sensitivity;

(b) if so, the number of personnel so identified and transferred to other posts, so far; and

(c) the steps taken to emphasise the aspect of courtesy and sensitivity in pre-induction training programmes of immigration staff?

**Killing of persons in Nadia, West Bengal**

2207. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two persons were shot dead by B.S.F. on 1st January, 2003 at Bedberia village, under Chapra P.S. of Nadia district, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

**Non-lethal gas weapons for NSG**

2208. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NSG has sought Government's approval for the use of non-lethal gas weapons in hostage rescue operations;

(b) whether the NSG is keen to use the Fentanyl-Halothane gas mix which was used in the recent Moscow hostage rescue operations; and

(c) whether the NSG is being imparted with other aspects of commando operations and motivational attributes displayed during the Entebbe hostage rescue operations by Israeli commandoes and the recent Afghan operations against Taliban by American crack forces?

**Crime against women**

2209. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the crimes against women are increasing and loopholes in the existing relevant laws help the culprits to go scot-free in the court of laws; and

(b) if so, what is the percentage of conviction in such cases and has any study been made by Government or social organisations to get speedy time-bound trials as rate of convictions going up and at the same time humiliation of the victims in courts is eliminated?

**Promotions in schools under NDMC**

2210. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40/100 Point Roster on reservation was applicable in promotions from Nursery/Primary Teachers to Head Mistress/Master under NDMC;

(b) if so, total promotions made upto 1998 and between 1999 to date;

(c) roster points meant for reserved category employees in 1998 and upto 2003 and actually promoted out of total promotions;

(d) backlog during 1998 and from 1999 to date;

(e) whether the Council has taken any action on letters received after 6th November, 2002 from All India Association for SC/ST and Physically Handicapped Peoples Upliftment; and

(f) if so, give details and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Maoists activities along Indo-Nepal border**

†2211. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the sensitivity on India-Nepal border and increasing activities of Maoists, it is proposed to increase the strength of B.S.F. and I.T.B.P. in bordering area of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal with Nepal;

(b) whether any action plan has been formulated to encounter anti-India propaganda being run by Maoists in areas bordering with Nepal; and

(c) if so, the details of the both of the above mentioned proposals?

#### **Change in the name of Uttaranchal**

†2212. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttaranchal Government has submitted any proposal to the Central Government with regard to change in the name of the State to Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, when this proposal was received;

(c) whether Government have accepted this proposal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Meetings of Hindi Advisory Committees**

†2213. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministries in which Hindi Advisory Committees have been set up as per Official Language Act and number of meetings held during 2002;

(b) the provisions to be made for ensuring four meetings every year; and

(c) the reasons for postponing the meeting of Hindi Advisory Committee in the Ministry of Finance and the steps to be taken for calling the meeting early?

#### **Registrations of marriages**

2214. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether registrations of marriages have been made compulsory in the State of Andhra Pradesh as is being done in the case of births and deaths;

(b) if so, the names of States which are following this practice;

(c) what steps are being taken by Centre to make the other States fall in line so as to avoid the menace of the bigamy for which women are increasingly falling prey;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce a Central Legislation for compulsory registrations of marriages in India like registrations of births and deaths; and

(e) if so, when will it be initiated?

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#### **Refusal for Padma Bhushan award**

2215. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recipient of Padma Bhushan award this year has refused to accept it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Arrest of young children under POTA**

2216. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) is it true even young children are being arrested under POTA in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, has the Ministry of Home Affairs asked from State Governments the basis of these arrests; and

(c) how many minors have been arrested under POTA in different parts of the country?

#### **Population**

†2217. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of the country at the time of independence alongwith the total ratio of minorities out of the same;

(b) population of the country at present;

(c) the ratio of minorities out of the same; and

(d) the reason for decrease or increase in the population of minorities?

#### **Terrorist activities**

†2218. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorist activities of Pakistani Intelligence Agency ISI, including circulation of fake currency, drugs and explosives in the country especially from the bordering State have registered a decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) number of bomb explosions or terrorist incidents carried out by the terrorist organisations during the last three years, State-wise alongwith number of civilians as well as Army personnel injured in the said incidents?

#### **Sexual Harassment in Delhi Police Stations**

2219. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sexual harassment at the workplace is rampant inside Delhi's Police Stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem?

#### **Corruption in Delhi Police**

†2220. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a news-item captioned, "Rishwat Ke Liye Kanishthon Ko Bhi Nahin Bakhshate Hain Adhikari", has been published at page 3 of Delhi edition of Dainik Jagaran dated 23rd February, 2003 regarding rampant corruption in Delhi Police;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the officers of PRG Cell registered a complaint against the junior police personnel as a result

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of which three police personnel including a female 'thanedar' were sent to police lines;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against the officers of PRG cell who registered a false FIR and demanded bribe; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Violation of human rights**

† 2221. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which recommendations for action against violation of human rights have been made by the Human Rights Commission during the last six months;

(b) what action Government have taken against each of them and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any proposal with regard to extending powers to Commission for penalizing;

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

(e) its impact on the court cases of the victims?

#### **Delhi Police atrocities on Bangladeshi migrants**

2222. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the garb of driving out the illegal Bangladeshi migrants, the overzealous Delhi Police are not sparing even the Bengali Hindus who

have settled in Delhi and resettlement colonies in satellite townships and are generally employed as domestic helps and rickshawpullers; and

(b) if so, whether Government would ensure that the police persecutions are stopped forthwith so that these hapless workers who are bona fide citizens of India are allowed to lead a life of dignity and freedom?

#### **Illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in the North East**

† 2223. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cultural pride of the people of Indian origin in various States of the country particularly in North Eastern India has been put in danger due to illegal intrusion of Bangladesh immigrants as a result of which the public in above places have been compelled to launch a mass movement;

(b) if so, the details of such various mass movements; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect the cultural pride of original residents of affected States?

#### **Controlling crime in Delhi**

2224. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Police Chief of Delhi has drawn up an agenda to control crime in the Capital, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether in a number of cases, courts had charged Delhi Police of "Tardy probes", if so, what is being done to ensure transparency and objectivity in such cases; and

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(c) break-throughs made during the year 2002 in such cases?

#### **Detaining Bangladeshi emigrants**

2225. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of some 213 Bangladeshi emigrants were detained in noman's land on Indo-Bangladesh border during the beginning of February 2003, while crossing over into India;

(b) if so, the number of women and children in the group; and

(c) for how long they were detained and how the dispute was resolved?

#### **Special pay for NSG and STF personnel**

2226. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative pay and allowance paid and perks given to personnel and officers of different para military and security forces including the National Security Guards and the Army; and

(b) whether in view of the special training and assignments involving more imminent risks and dangers, the National Security Guards and Special Task Force Personnel are paid special pay, allowances and perks compared to corresponding personnel in other security forces, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Separate security force for VIPs/MPs security**

2227. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a substantial portion of police force is deployed for security of VVIPs and VIPs while they are on move resulting in their non-availability on time to tackle security and law and order problems of common man;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider creation of separate wing within police force to take care of the security during the movements of VVIPs and VIPs and spare other police personnel for their normal duties; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Taking over of land at disputed site in Ayodhya**

2228. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Parliament enacted a law taking over 70 acres of land around the disputed site at Ayodhya;

(b) if so, whether the taking over of 67.3 acres of land around the disputed site measuring 2.7 acres was considered for maintaining peace and normalcy;

(c) if so, whether Government finds any change in the situation now and to reverse the position as enshrined in the law; and

(d) if so, whether Government are planning to approach the Parliament with any proposed legislation to this effect?

#### **Terrorism in the country**

2229. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorism in the country have increased considerably in the last few years particularly after attack on Parliament in the year 2001;

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

(c) whether several political parties have urged the Government to issue a white paper on terrorism;

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

(e) the strategy formulated by the Government to check such terrorism?

**States' grievances for unauthorised foreigners in the country**

2230. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several States have been found to be lacking in taking action against illegal immigration from Bangladesh, Pakistan etc. and/or against overstay by foreign nationals;

(b) the details of the States which are found to be failing in this regard;

(c) whether they have explained the reasons to the Union Government for remaining soft on these issues inspite of its posing danger to the nation's security;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) the steps initiated by Government to enable these States to effectively prevent, detect and deter unauthorized presence of foreigners in the country?

**Infiltration along Bhutan border**

2231. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Centre mulls force on Bhutan border" as reported in the Statesman dated the 30th January, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Indian insurgents have set up their base in Bhutan and creating problems from West Bengal and Assam borders;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and whether Government have deployed more forces/ strengthened its borders with Bhutan to check infiltration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Request for amending article 371 by Karnataka**

2232. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have sought amendment to Article 371 of the Constitution to provide special reservations in employment and education for backward areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Government have rejected the proposal;

(c) whether amendments were made in Article 371 to provide special and separate reservation in employment and education for the backward areas of Telengana (A.P.) and Vidarbha (Maharashtra); and

(d) if so, the reasons for the discrimination against the aspirations of the people of backward areas in Karnataka?

**Charges levelled against Iftikar Geelani**

†2233. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iftikar Geelani, Correspondent, 'Kashmir Times' was arrested by the police in the year 2002 in Delhi;

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

(c) the charges levelled against Geelani;

(d) whether it is also a fact that even after clearing Geelani of any charges by the concerned department in the Army, the police withdraw the case against Geelani from the court after a long time; and

(e) if so, the details regarding the delay and reasons therefor?

**National Identity Card**

2234. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 798 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether any consultation has taken place with the States in this regard to the issue of NIC;

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

(c) how many States have accepted the proposal for issuing multi-purpose National Identity Card?

**Naxalite activities**

2235. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of naxalites have increased manifold in selected States in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the sources of funding to naxalites have been assessed by Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of properties damaged and persons killed/injured by naxalites during the last six months; and

(e) the details of assistance provided by Union Government to such affected States during that period?

**Apprehending parking attendants**

2236. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has been able to identify and apprehend parking attendants who helped auto thieves to steal cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Delhi Police propose to proceed against the employers of such parking attendants for vicarious liability; and

(d) whether parking site owners/lease holder would be asked to get the antecedents of parking attendants, verified through Police before putting them on the job; if not, the reasons therefor?

**Dissociation of NGOs from earthquake relief**

2237. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several NGOs dissociated themselves from the National Centre for People's Action in Disaster Preparedness (NCPDP) for

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building capacity to meet the disasters in the wake of earthquake in January, 2001;

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

(c) whether Government have given some directions for the capacity building programme in Gujarat, and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Fund for riot victims**

2238. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Court of Delhi has asked Government to set up a separate fund for riot victims, as reported in the Times of India of 29th December, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the details of the directives;

(c) whether Government propose to set up such a fund for persons who become maimed in Terrorist attack etc.; and

(d) by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

#### **Multipurpose National Identity Cards**

2239. SHRI PARMESHWAR  
KUMAR AGARWALLA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:  
SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:  
DR. C. NARAYANA  
REDDY:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Mother of I-Cards 5000 crore Tag"

published in the Indian Express dated 13th January, 2003 regarding issuance of the Multipurpose national Identity Cards (MNIC);

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

(c) the difference between the Electoral I-cards issued by the Election Commission of India and MNIC?

#### **Value of mineral production in the country**

2240. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of mineral production in the country during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) whether there has been a consistent improvement in the level of production during the recent months in certain sectors while some sectors have lagged behind; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken with regard thereto?

#### **Coal deposits found by GSI**

2241. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has found large coal deposits in the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy for exploration of these deposits in near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

#### **Acceleration of reforms in mining sector**

†2242. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) steps Government are going to take

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to accelerate the reform process in the mining sector;

(b) whether the Government have incorporated aspects like scientific methods related to the mining sector, protection of the environment and implementing the programmes related to education, creation of jobs, health and environmental reforms for the people living in the adjoining areas of mines, on priority in the said programmes of reform-process; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

#### **Adherence to safety norms**

2243. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the complete disregard for safety norms by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) resulting in many scientists and technical assistants facing life threatening diseases from radio-active chemicals they handle;

(b) number of employees of CGD who died during last three years due to cancer and number of employees suffering from various skin diseases due to exposure to prolonged radiation; and

(c) fresh steps taken by Government to implement Atomic Energy Regulatory Board norms during handling of chemicals such as cesium, Gamma and Nutron by the employees of Central Geophysical Division for exploration of minerals?

#### **Projects for recycling urban waste to Andhra Pradesh**

2244. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any

scheme to produce energy from the waste products of urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has sanctioned any project for recycling urban waste to Andhra Pradesh for making power under solid waste management; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Potential of wind energy in Andhra Pradesh**

2245. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the potential of the wind energy in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what is the potential being tapped now?

#### **Legislation to harness Non-conventional energy sources**

2246. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it proposed to bring forward a legislation to harness and regulate energy from non-conventional energy sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Tapping solar energy in Assam**

2247. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the success in tapping energy

from the sun in Assam in last five year plan period;

(b) what is the mechanism to tap such energy;

(c) whether it is fruitful in Assam; and

(d) whether any new target for tapping more solar energy has been fixed for country under the Tenth Five Year Plan?

#### **Rural electrification in Bihar**

†2248. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar have submitted any proposal to the Central Government under the rural electrification programme and integrated rural energy programme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up solar energy projects in Rajasthan**

2249. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated schemes to set up solar energy projects in Rajasthan;

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

(c) the financial allocations for such projects during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the details of success achieved on these projects?

#### **Setting up of minor hydro-electric projects**

2250. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government extend assistance to the State Governments for setting up of minor Hydro-electric Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government insisted the State Government of Kerala to make use of the power by introducing minor Hydro-Electric Projects;

(d) whether Government of Kerala submitted any proposal seeking permission to start minor Hydro-Electric Projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Alternative sources for power generation**

†2251. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme to develop alternate sources of power to deal with the severe crisis of power in several States including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are formulating any specific scheme for villages of India to generate power through bio-gas and solar energy?

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**Funds allotted to the States for promoting non-conventional energy sources**

2252. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to promote non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) the State-wise and Plan-wise funds provided to the States including Uttar Pradesh for promoting non-conventional energy sources during the last three years;

(c) whether huge unutilised amount is lying on this account;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the effective measures being taken by Government for proper utilisation of funds allotted to the various States?

**Proposed change in promotion system**

2253. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the existing performance appraisal system for promotions and placement of Government officers and staff;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to make the ACRs with an appropriate system of checks and balances?

**Vacancies in Central Government services**

2254. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that work is suffering as a result of many vacancies in the Central Government services;

(b) if so, how Government would ensure that work does not suffer and that there is no backlog of work due to vacancies

(c) whether there is excess workload on the Central Government employees; and

(d) if so, by when the vacancies would be filled up to reduce the crisis of unemployment to some extent?

**Ceiling on age of pension drawal**

2255. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: DR. ABRAR AHMED: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether there is a proposal to place a ceiling on age till when pensions can be drawn by retired Government personnel/civil pensioners;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to slash dearness/relief revisions in pension; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Shifting of Kendriya Bhandar near Rail Bhawan**

2256. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Kendriya Bhandar was functioning near the Rail Bhawan and the same has been shifted to another place;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether there has been any revenue loss to Government on account of the shifting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

its own resources during the period cited above; and

(d) the amount incurred in each State in terms of subsidy during each year of the said period?

#### **Administrative Tribunals**

†2257. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Administrative Tribunals working in the country as on January 31, 2003;

(b) the procedure followed by each Administrative Tribunal in the hearing of a case;

(c) the number of posts vacant in each Administrative Tribunal, category-wise/ Tribunal wise, and since when these posts are vacant; and

(d) the reasons for the vacant posts in the said Tribunals and steps taken by Government to fill these posts, so far?

#### **Demand and supply of power**

†2258. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment with regard to the demand *vis-a-vis* supply of power in the each State of the country has been made by Government;

(b) if so, the demand and supply of power in each State assessed by the Government during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 separately;

(c) power generated by each State from

#### **Ranking of Andhra Pradesh for performance in power sector**

2259. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has been ranked as the first among the twelve States assessed for the performance in the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State is likely to derive any incentive and benefits from the Central Government for the overall development in the power sector as a result of this ranking; and

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

#### **Dabhol Power Project**

2260. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investments made by Indian Financial Institutions /Public Sector Banks in the Dabhol Power Corporation (DPC) both in equity of the company and as loan and year-wise disbursal of the same;

(b) the present status of the DPC;

(c) whether it has become commercially unviable project; and

(d) if so, the measures taken and/or are contemplated to recover and secure the investments made by IFIs/Banks in the project?

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### **Funds for APDRP**

2261. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disbursement of funds for Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme could not take place due to non-availability of a co-ordinating agency during current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) reasons therefor; and

(d) steps proposed for such disbursement of funds in future?

### **Guarantees sharing between Bihar-Jharkhand**

2262. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the last two years, after bifurcation of the State, the Government of Bihar has paid an aggregate amount of Rs. 369.00 crores to various banks and financial institutions on account of guarantees given time to time by the State Government for bonds issued by the undivided State Electricity Board;

(b) whether as per the decision of the Union Government, this liability has to be shared between the Bihar and Jharkhand Governments in the ratio of 54:46; and

(c) whether the Union Government propose to issue any direction to the Jharkhand Government in this matter and if so, by when?

### **Capacity of NTPC's Kayamkulam Project**

2263. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) upto what level the capacity of NTPC's Kayamkulam Project will be raised as per the declaration made by the PM;

(b) how much money will be allotted for the purpose; and

(c) the product that will be used to generate electricity?

### **Funds released under APDRP**

2264. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to the effect that henceforth the Centre would release funds under the Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) only to the States which agree to implement distribution reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have so far accepted this condition and have shown good performance to improve distribution network, reduce technical and commercial losses and augment revenue legislation; and

(d) the quantum of funds released to these States so far under the APDRP?

### **Establishment of power generating centres in Kolar**

2265. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total commissioning cost of east-south inter connector-II, transmission system (Talcher-Kolar HVDC bipole) to evaluate 2000 MW of power from Talcher-II generating project to Kolar in Southern India; and

(b) what will be the cost difference in transportation of coal from coalfields

situated in Eastern and Central India to Kolar in Southern India as compared to Talcher in the East in case the power generating centres were to be established around Kolar instead of Talcher?

**World Bank loan for power sector reforms to Rajasthan**

2266. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has advanced loans for the reforms in the power sector of Rajasthan;

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

(c) whether a team of World Bank visited Jodhpur to review the development works done by the Electricity Cos. there; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the World Bank team on the power reforms of Rajasthan?

**Power generation in Kerala**

2267. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a chance of virtual break down in Kerala's power generation since the reservoirs of all the hydel projects in the State are drying up fast;

(b) whether Competent Authority of Kerala has represented for charging a composite price of Rs. 2.50 per unit of electricity supplied from the Eastern Grid and the Kayamkulam station of the National Thermal Power Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details including the decision taken on the representation?

**Power crisis in Madhya Pradesh**

†2268. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take Madhya Pradesh out of severe power crisis by granting a little additional assistance;

(b) whether Government have endeavoured mediating between Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for the supply of surplus power from Chhattisgarh to Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Demand and supply of power in Assam**

†2269. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the difference between demand and supply of electricity in the State of Assam;

(b) the steps taken so far to bridge the difference for improving the capacity of power generation in the State; and

(c) the improvement in the condition of the power in the State at present?

**Foreign power companies in power sector**

2270. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has conveyed that its power companies were finding it difficult to fulfil their contracts in India in power projects;

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(b) if so, the steps being taken to overcome these problems for smooth functioning of the US power companies;

(c) whether Nepal has also agreed to supply power to India to meet the shortage;

(d) if so, the total foreign companies at present working in the power projects; and

(e) the facilities being provided to them for completion of these projects?

#### **Hydel power potential**

2271. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of shortage of power, the Government proposed to explore more hydel power potential;

(b) if so, the plans therefor; and

(c) other steps proposed on renovation and modernisation of generating stations?

#### **Granting equity contribution of Rajasthan in Hydro-Power Projects**

†2272. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have given its concurrence for equity participation of Rajasthan in the Hydro-Power Projects to be set up by the Central Electricity Undertakings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal to the Central Government has been sent by the State Government keeping in view the decreasing ratio of the Hydro-Power in the State; and

(c) if so, by when the additional power in the proportion of equity contribution would be provided to the State, and the details thereof?

#### **Allocation of power to Rajasthan from Hydro-power projects with Punjab**

†2273. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority has prepared the background to approve the special allocation apart from the allocation of power to Rajasthan, to provide its share from the Hydro-power projects with Punjab;

(b) if so, comments forwarded to the concerned States in this regard; and

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

#### **Overdrawal of power by MSEB and MPSEB**

2274. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB) and the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) have been rapped by the Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL) for overdrawal of 400-500 mw of electricity each; and

(b) if so, what action Government is planning to take against the defaulters?

#### **Delhi Metro affected by low power**

2275. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low power frequency has severely affected the Delhi Metro trips; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to correct the situation?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



**Private sector to generate their own electricity**

2276. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private industrialists have to pay some cess to Government for generating power;

(b) why does not the Government encourage private sector to generate their own power by providing them some incentives;

(c) whether it is also a fact that private sector industries are not allowed to sell to their excess power to neighbours; and

(d) if so, whether Government look into these and make things easier for the private sector to generate their own electricity?

**Power plants for U.P.**

2277. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new power plant has been set up in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of such power plants proposed to be set up during 2003-2004 in Uttar Pradesh?

**Availability of power by Bihar**

†2278. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the status of power availability in Bihar;

(b) the extent of help provided by Government during the last three years for rural electrification; and

(c) the future plans in this regard?

**Privatisation of power distribution**

†2279. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that responsibility for distribution of power has been entrusted to private sector agencies in certain States of the country under power reform programme;

(b) if so, the names of those States;

(c) whether the quantitative availability of electricity was increased since the above change took place in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the details of the per capita availability of electricity before and after the change?

**Central Government's stock holding in BSES**

2280. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Central Government's stockholding in Bombay Suburban Electricity Supply (BSES);

(b) whether recently the management control of BSES has been taken over by a private party; and

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

**Power to all houses in the country**

†2281. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down the target to provide power to all houses in the country by 2012;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the average number of houses which have been provided with the power in the rural and urban areas in the country by the end of December, 2002; and

(c) the number of rural and urban regions alongwith the number of houses targeted to be provided with the power, year-wise, during the next ten years?

#### **Employment provided under SGSY**

2282. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 125 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state the total number of swarogaries provided self-employment in Orissa, year-wise under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swaroggar Yojana?

#### **Drinking water scarcity in inaccessible and tribal areas of Maharashtra**

†2283. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people residing in inaccessible and tribal areas of Maharashtra due to scarcity of drinking water, have to travel from one place to another during the summer season;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that despite supply of water tanker, the problem still remains unresolved; and

(c) measures Government propose to take to solve this problem?

#### **Roads construction in Sawai Madhopur district, Rajasthan**

2284. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and approved for Rajasthan by the Centre under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the year 2001-02 and so far in the year 2002-03; and

(b) the names of roads and the amount sanctioned for each road in Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan?

#### **World Bank assistance for water supply projects**

†2285. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is extending any financial assistance for water supply projects in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) names of the States in the country alongwith districts which are being provided the said assistance?

#### **Access to safe drinking water**

2286. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the house holds still suffer from the lack of access to safe drinking water in the country in both rural and urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bigger States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Rajasthan are below the national average in providing access to drinking water;

(c) if so, the details of the rural households having access to safe drinking water in the country, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government have any time-bound programme to provide access to safe drinking water to all households?

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**Creation of separate Department of  
Land Resources**

2287. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mohan  
Dharia Committee report on creation of  
separate land Resource Department vetted  
by the Planning Commission has been  
accepted by Government;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up a  
special cell under his Ministry in order to  
avoid duplication and delay, presently  
involved, in various Ministries/Departments  
of the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Water management plans for rural  
development**

2288. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any water  
management plans for rural development;

(b) if so, whether this would enable rural  
communities to conserve water for drinking,  
irrigation etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Budget for Swajaldhara projects**

†2289. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any budget limit has been  
prescribed for each State for implementation  
of "Swajaldhara" drinking water projects;

(b) if so, the maximum cost prescribed  
for such projects;

(c) whether 10 per cent share payable by  
villagers for the projects may be contributed  
by any Member of Parliament from  
M.P.L.A.D. Fund; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Allocation of more funds for meeting  
water shortage**

2290. SHRI PARMESHWAR  
KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the  
Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any  
proposal to allocate more funds to the States  
so as to enable them to meet the water  
scarcity crisis at war footing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received  
any requests from the State Governments  
for allocation of more funds for  
implementation and rejuvenating of water  
supply schemes in their States; and

(d) if so, the names of such States  
requesting for funds?

**Provisions of PMGSY**

2291. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will  
the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pradhan  
Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is meant for the  
provision of new connectivity to the villages  
deprived of roads;

(b) the total number of new villages to  
be included for linking of which  
construction work has been started; and

(c) the details of the roads in Himachal  
Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and  
Uttaranchal being made pucca and the details  
of villages being linked with new  
connectivity?

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**Status of IAY in N.E. Region**

2292. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Indira Awaas Yojana in the North Eastern Region;

(b) the number of houses constructed and allotted to the people of NER during the last three years, State-wise/District-wise; and

(c) the number of houses proposed to be constructed during the Tenth Plan for NER?

**Funds allocated under National Social Assistance Programme to Assam**

2293. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allotted to the State of Assam under National Social Assistance Programme during the last three years;

(b) the funds utilised under the various schemes in the State; and

(c) the necessary steps taken by Government in this respect?

**Watershed development programme 'Haryali'**

2294. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 162, given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether under this programmes the local bodies are insisted upon to generate

income from rainwater management, check dams and irrigation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allotted to the States in both 'Haryali' and 'Swajaldhara', category-wise and State-wise?

**Schemes for consolidation of land holdings by States**

2295. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any Central scheme to help States for consolidation of land holdings;

(b) if so, the States where the scheme has been launched;

(c) whether any assistance has been extended to the State of Orissa for consolidation of land holdings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Rural sanitation programme in Bihar**

†2296. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central Rural Sanitation Programmes run for Bihar State during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the action plans initiated in the State each year during the last three years togetherwith the project-wise and district-wise achievements made under these action plans; and

(c) the details of peoples participation in Central Rural Sanitation Programmes in the State?

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**Proposal of Bihar Government for conversion of wasteland into agricultural Land**

†2297. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar have sent any proposal to the Central Government for converting wasteland into agricultural land;

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Central Government on the proposal and details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Proposals for Swajaldhara scheme from Karnataka**

2298. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the Swajaldhara scheme was launched;

(b) how many proposals seeking funds for executing drinking water projects have been sent by the Karnataka Government;

(c) whether the Government would provide 90 per cent of the total funds required for implementing drinking water schemes; and

(d) the number of proposals of Karnataka so far cleared?

**Fluoride affected villages in Karnataka**

2299. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that High fluoride content drinking water has disabled villagers in many parts of the State of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of persons affected due to consumption of high fluoride content water, district-wise in the State for the past three years;

(c) whether Government propose to make alternative supply of drinking water for the villages affected by fluoride contained water; and

(d) if so the details of the proposals and the estimated cost thereof?

**Industries in rural areas**

†2300. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether apart from the Agriculture sector, the Government have also explored the possibilities of the extension of industries in the rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, names of the industries along with names of the rural areas in the country where these industries can be set up; and

(c) their estimated contribution in the GDP of the country?

**Fluoride Mitigation Centre at Gujarat**

2301. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to Ministry of Rural Development for establishing the Fluoride Mitigation Centre;

(b) if so, when was the proposal received;

(c) what considerations have been made in this regard; and

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(d) when a final decision will be taken?

of extension counters of the above Centre in Karnataka?

**Employment provided by Government to rural poor**

2302. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rural poor given work by the Government during the last three years, the State-wise and year-wise figures therefor;

(b) which is the State that has got maximum benefit from the Employment Assurance Programme for the rural poor;

(c) which State has taken the least advantage of the scheme for employment of rural poor; and

(d) what are the total assets created in the rural poor sector from this scheme so far for last three years; the State-wise figures therefor?

**Jute Service centres in the country**

2303. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the places where Jute Service Centres are functioning in the country;

(b) whether a Jute Service Centre is functioning in Karnataka;

(c) if so, the nodal agency for operating the above Centre in Karnataka;

(d) what are the main objectives of the above Centre in Karnataka;

(e) whether there is any proposal to set up extension counters of the above Centre in other parts of Karnataka; and

(f) if so, the places selected for opening

**Special package for textile industry**

2304. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the special package announced for the textile industry;

(b) whether any textile asset recast fund is being created; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Export of readymade garments to Canada**

2305. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of readymade garments to Canada is on the decrease;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to increase the exports to Canada?

**Growth of Textiles Sector**

†2306. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the lack of infrastructural facilities are the main bottlenecks in the growth of textile sector in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken to build adequate infrastructural facilities in the textile sector; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make the Indian textile industry competitive?

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**Cotton and man made fibre textile mills in A.P.**

2307. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cotton and man made fibre textile mills functioning in Andhra Pradesh as on date and how many of them are in public and private sectors, separately;

(b) their combined production during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) steps Government have taken for the modernisation of these mills in the State?

**Assistance to handloom weavers for modernisation of looms**

2308. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh are being provided assistance for modernisation of their looms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of looms modernised during the last three years, year-wise?

**Assistance for Deendayal Handloom Development Project to Kerala**

2309. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala submitted any proposal seeking financial assistance for 'Deendayal Handloom Development Project' or any other project under Handloom Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any scheme submitted by the Kerala Government is under consideration of Central Government;

(c) whether Government of Kerala failed to submit the proposal for Central assistance to Handloom sector in time; and

(d) whether Government consider to extend financial assistance to Kerala for the development of Handloom Sector?

**Problem of weavers and artisans**

2310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of problems of weavers and artisans;

(b) how Government propose to solve these problems; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up a monitoring machinery to ensure proper implementation of various schemes/programmes for weavers and artisans?

**Applications received under TUFs from Rajasthan**

2311. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme (TUFs) since 1st April, 1999 in all the States;

(b) the number of applications received under TUFs from the State of Rajasthan; and

(c) the status of applications received?

**Consignments of garment held up at European ports**

2312. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether garment consignments worth more than Rs. 250 crores are being

held up at European ports due to a quota row;

(b) whether the member countries of the European Union are not allowing Indian garment imports beyond permissible quota allotments; and

(c) whether Indian garment exporters have been asked to call back the consignments and re-export them with fresh quota entitlements for 2003?

#### **Development of Textiles Centre**

2313. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infrastructure proposed to be developed by the Centre in Textile Centres;

(b) the amount to be sanctioned per Textile Centre for this purpose; and

(c) the other related development and technology proposed to be assisted in textile Centres?

#### **Upliftment of ailing NTC Textile Mills**

2314. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to give a package of Rs. 340 crore to uplift ailing NTC textile mills;

(b) how many textile mills of Karnataka will be included under this package; and

(c) whether any package will be announced to uplift private textile mills; and if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;

*The 6th March, 2003*

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#### **Modernisation of Textiles Industry**

2315. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile industry is modernising on massive scale to meet the global challenges, if so the details of such modernization, as reported in the Economic Times on 17 December, 2002;

(b) whether Government have received a good response for up-gradation from the Textile industry, if so, the total number of applications so far received and funds so far sanctioned under the Technology Upgradation Funds Scheme; and

(c) incentives Government propose to extend for its growth and improvement of the yield to enable us to face world market?

#### **Revival of NTC Mills in Gujarat**

2316. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textile Corporation (NTC) has decided to revive three NTC mills in the State of Gujarat following the rehabilitation scheme approved by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for textile mills;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of rehabilitation scheme approved by the BIFR; and

(c) to what extent the textile workers would be benefited from the rehabilitation programme for the NTC?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,

*Secretary-General.*



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