

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Agriculture; Agro and Rural Industries; Chemicals and Fertilizers;
Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests;
Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Small Scale Industries; Steel)

Total number of questions — 155

Assistance to Tamil Nadu

2866. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the details of Central funds allocated and released by Government for development of horticulture projects, agriculture, animal husbandry and dairying in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current financial year?

Effect of import of cheaper dairy products on industry

†2867. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the existence of domestic dairy industry is in danger due to import of dairy products at cheaper rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to increase import duty on imported dairy

products or formulating any other plan, to save the domestic dairy industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NCF recommendation on farmers loans

†2868. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission on Farmers has recommended in its report to charge four per cent interest on the loans given to farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken a final decision after considering the said recommendation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Decreasing agricultural production

2869. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are aware that as a result of "Law of Diminishing Return" the agricultural production in the country has been decreased tremendously during the last three years;

(b) if so, the States that have suffered heavily as a result thereof, year-wise;

(c) the difference between the estimated and the actual production during that period;

(d) how far the farmers have suffered heavy losses in this regard and how far the prices of agricultural produces have increased during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by Union Government to maintain proper agricultural production and its prices?

Amendments in the co-operative laws

2870. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make the amendments in the co-operative laws for better functioning of Co-operative institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the amendments are likely to be brought out?

Evaluation and impact analysis of KVKs

2871. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of funds provided to these KVKs during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether a committee has been set up for evaluation and impact analysis of KVKs;

(d) whether the committee has submitted its report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Non-cultivable land

†2872. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of non-cultivable land in the country, at present, State-wise;

(b) whether any special scheme is being formulated to convert such land into cultivable land; and

(c) if so, the amount planned to be allocated therefor, State-wise?

Schemes for improvement of livestock and cow breeding

†2873. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Centrally sponsored scheme for improvement of livestock and cow breeding is being run;

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

(c) whether any scheme for scientific research in the field of veterinary science in Maharashtra is under consideration, if so, the details thereof?

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Violation of approved list of drugs by veterinary doctors

2874. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an approved list of drugs to be prescribed by the veterinary doctors and whether they are following the list of approved drugs;

(b) if so, the names of the drugs mentioned on the approved list;

(c) whether any case of violation of list has been brought to light, so far; and

(d) if so, the action being taken thereon?

Bonus on wheat

2875. DR. M.S. GILL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab farmers have lost about one hundred crores which has gone into traders pockets due to bonus being announced three weeks too late on 21st April, 2006;

(b) whether the similar amount has been lost by farmers of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) whether Government propose to do anything to mitigate the loss of farmers in these States?

Promotion of agriculture in Rajasthan

2876. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented and the steps taken by Government for promoting agriculture, to improve the condition of farmers in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the amounts allocated therefor during the last three years;

(c) the amount of funds utilized under those schemes, so far;

(d) the targets set and the achievements made during that period;

(e) whether there are proposals regarding agricultural sector, from the State Government pending consideration; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

Promotion of Contract farming

2877. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to mechanise farming by promoting contract farming;

(b) if so, whether lesser number of labourers will be required in mechanized farming;

(c) the social and financial benefits likely to accrue by this method of farming;

(d) the names of the States where contract farming has been started;

(e) whether the entry of several multinational companies in agriculture sector has become easy after the promotion of the contract farming in the country;

(f) if so, the names of the multinational companies entered in this field, so far; and

(g) the areas of land which has been taken under the contract farming, so far?

Suicides

2878. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no

conclusive figures on the number of farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the statistics relating to farmers' suicides, State-wise, year-wise since 2000;

(d) whether Government feel the need for a proper suicide census in the country to effectively address the problem; and

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

Performance of farm sector

2879. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farm sector could not perform well during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to pay more attention to the growth of farm sector and the measures proposed to be adopted to achieve better performance?

Deputation of officials for IOTC

2880. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are deputing some officials to work on a permanent basis at the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission;

(b) if so, the details of other tie-ups with IOTC and Government;

(c) to what extent Government have re-assessed the need for Indians to have any role in the IOTC;

(d) whether Government will welcome suggestions on this matter; and

(e) the steps proposed to protect our maritime interests from seasoned maritime countries with huge fleets?

Crop loss due to hailstorm and showers in M.P.

†2881. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the heavy losses caused to the crops by hailstorm and showers in March, 2006 in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of grant given to farmers; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Drought assistance to Himachal Pradesh

2882. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several regions of Himachal Pradesh, such as Una, Hamirpur, Kangra and Bilaspur districts have been in the grip of severe drought since last year;

(b) whether the State is being considered for any help; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Opening/closing of subsidiary companies by NDDB

†2883. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy

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Development Board (NDDB) has opened or closed a number of subsidiary companies during the last two years;

(b) whether NDDB had obtained prior approval from Government in this regard; and

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

Selling milk and milk products by NDDB

†2884. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Dairy Development Board has stopped selling milk and milk products of the State Dairy Federations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it is in the interest of the farmers; and

(c) if so, in what manner this benefit will reach the farmers?

Interest free loans and suicides

2885. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals to provide interest free loans to agriculturists for specified crop period, to help the farmers boost up growth, without being placed in situations where they are driven to commit suicides; and

(b) the number of suicide-deaths by farmers during 2005-06 in the country and in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar in particular?

Suicides by poultry farmers of Maharashtra

2886. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers committed suicides in various States since January, 2006, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that some poultry farmers in Maharashtra have also committed suicides after running up major debts because of tumbling poultry prices caused by bird flu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Measures for prevention of suicides by farmers

†2887. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to focus permanent measures to prevent suicides by farmers, he had convened a meeting in the recent past with the Chief Ministers of those States where farmers under the pressure of debt had committed suicides during the last years;

(b) if so, the names of those States whose Chief Ministers attended the said meeting;

(c) whether some Chief Ministers of those States where farmers had committed suicides did not attend the meeting;

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

(e) the outcome of the meeting; and

(f) whether Government propose to

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provide any special package for these States?

Assistance to Maharashtra for compensating fall in onion prices

2888. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to provide any sort of assistance to help farmers of Maharashtra who are facing financial loss due to fall in onion prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Waiving of farm loans due to crop damage

†2889. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the crops damaged due to the recent drought and untimely rain fall in various parts of the country alongwith the loss suffered by the medium and marginal farmers;

(b) the details of bank debts and interest thereon of those farmers;

(c) whether Government propose to waive of their farm loans in view of their pitiable conditions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the manner in which Government would provide relief to these farmers?

Fourth report of NCF

2890. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fourth report of the

National Commission on farmers has been submitted to Government, recently;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made by the Commission; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake a suicide census of farmers and a code of conduct for contract farming and to provide the farmers all-round boost and necessary credit and marketing backup as recommended by the Commission so as to save the farmers from starvation deaths and suicides?

Functioning of Aquaculture Development Authority

2891. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Aquaculture Development Authority of India is not functioning at its full and peak efficiency;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of officials have refused to join this organization;

(c) if so, the details of reasons of officials refusing to join;

(d) in what manner Government will help the fish farmers of Andhra Pradesh through this new organization; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that officials join duty and serve the farmers immediately?

Relief package for farmers of Punjab

2892. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to announce

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a relief package for farmers of Punjab; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrain yield

2893. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the average value of the yield of foodgrains in different States;

(b) the average growth of foodgrains in different States and country; and

(c) whether Government have taken steps to improve the growth rate and average yield of foodgrains?

Package for prevention of farmers' suicides

2894. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to introduce a package for preventing farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the National Commission on Farmers has recommended formulation of a comprehensive national policy for farmers; and

(d) if so, the views of Government in this regard?

Agreement with Colombo on water management

2895. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ICAR and Colombo based International Water Management Institute have signed an

agreement for collaboration in different aspects of water management to enhance productivity in water sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this will solve the water problem in our country?

Assistance to Punjab for sugarcane development

2896. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a provision of Rs. 120 crores was made in the Annual Plan for paying to Punjab @ Rs. 20/- per quintal for 600 lakh quintals of sugarcane to be crushed;

(b) whether the said assistance has been released and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any representation has been received from the State Government for early release of the fund and also to make provision for Rs. 120 crores in the Annual Plan for 2006-2007 as incentives to sugarcane growers of the State and to bring more areas under sugarcane cultivation?

Demand and supply gap in cereals

2897. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand and supply gap of cereals in the country is increasing year after year;

(b) if so, the demand and supply of cereals during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether a study has shown that the production of cereal and demand of cereals

may see a huge gap keeping in view the fact that India will have the youngest population in future; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps taken by Government to increase the production of cereals in the country?

Yield of rice

2898. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether per hectare yield of rice is very less in the country when compared to countries like China, Japan, USA, and is less than Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether Government had taken/proposed to take steps to increase per hectare yield of rice in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Expert panel on bird flu

2899. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up an expert panel to find out the causes leading to the recent incidences of bird flu in the country to safeguard the interest of trade in Agriculture and agro-based industries that suffered losses due to banning of chicken and farm exports;

(b) whether ICMR has also set up four Bio-safety Level-3 (BSL 3) laboratories to tackle outbreak of avian flu with foreign know-how, funds and consultancy from USA for the project; and

(c) if so, the other steps being taken to

meet the situation in future?

Trading in spurious pesticides

†2900. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pesticide turnover in the country is touching 6,000 crore rupees per year;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of this 1,500 crore rupees worth of spurious pesticides are bought and sold in the market;

(d) if not, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have any provision to monitor the trade of such spurious pesticides; and

(f) if so, the details of such provision and average quantity of spurious pesticides seized every year by means of this provision?

Growth rate of agriculture

2901. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual growth rate of agriculture and allied sectors is much less than the GDP growth rate of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for very less growth rate of agriculture;

(d) whether Government had taken any steps to beat the vagaries of monsoon and achieve the desired growth of the sector

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through improved farming methods, mechanization and technological innovations, etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereon?

Training capacity of CIFNET

2902. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CIFNET has forwarded proposals to double the training capacity for the fiscal year 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CIFNET wants to open more branches all over the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Review of situation prevailing in suicide hit areas

2903. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several farmers especially in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh committed suicide in the last few months;

(b) whether Government have conducted any review of the situation prevailing broadly with agriculturists across the country with a view to identifying the most vulnerable ones among them, in particular, due to crop failure, price crash, etc. and evolving a rescue package to enable them to overcome the difficult situation and prevent suicides;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Social security cover for fishermen

2904. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have schemes and programmes for the social security cover for the fishermen against accidents caused by cyclone, super-cyclone, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for the socio-economic protection of small fishermen in the country?

Broker's activities in vegetable markets

†2905. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the brokers working in vegetable markets (Sabji Mandi) buy vegetables at a low price from farmers and sell these to consumers at almost double price;

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

(c) the provision made by Government to ensure that farmers should get reasonable price of their products and consumers, too, should get vegetables at reasonable prices?

Suicides by farmers in Punjab

†2906. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers

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have committed suicide due to debt stress in Punjab also during the past years like the farmers of the other States;

(b) if not, whether it is a fact that this matter has been brought into the notice of Government by the present Chief Minister of the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard till now?

Increasing soil fertility in drought-prone areas

2907. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequent droughts in a region adversely affects the fertility of the soil, eventually affecting productivity;

(b) the steps taken by Government to improve soil fertility in such regions; and

(c) whether Government would consider launching a special scheme for the drought-prone districts of Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Thirunelveli, etc. in Tamil Nadu?

Rate of interest on farmers loans

2908. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether M.S. Swaminathan Farmers Commission recommended that the rate of interest on farmers loan may be reduced to 4 per cent simple interest and should not be compounded on arrears;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision on this;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, when it will be implemented?

Special package for relief to farmers

†2909. SHRI RAM
JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to give a special package to provide relief to the farmers;

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

(c) the outlines of the proposals under consideration for special-package scheme?

Agricultural production in Andhra Pradesh

2910. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of some of the agricultural products in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years has come down gradually such as foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane, jute, etc., causing a serious concern;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to revitalize the agriculture sector, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) how exactly the State is benefited under Macro Management Programme of Government; and

(d) how many hectares in the State are covered under drip and sprinkler irrigation?

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Rural industries set up by Khadi Gramodyog Commission

2911. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural industries set up in the villages by the Khadi Gramodyog Commission and the number of persons employed therein, State-wise and particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of registered rural industries/units, State-wise;

(c) the present conditions of these industries as well as the number of industries earning profits and suffering losses out of them, State-wise;

(d) whether there is any scheme to provide assistance to the loss-making industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Status of REGP Scheme

2912. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) along with the details of the number of applications received, the number of applications accepted by the banks, the number of beneficiaries who were sanctioned loans, the number of beneficiaries getting disbursement and the number of persons getting subsidies, State-wise, for the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proportions of the number actually receiving loans are very small in comparison to the number of those who applied for; and

(c) whether any suitable mechanism will be adopted to speed up sanctions and disbursements?

Steps to encourage KVI in the country

†2913. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to encourage Khadi and Village Industries each year, during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have allocated any funds to the State Governments for this purpose during the above periods;

(c) the number of people working in this industry, State-wise;

(d) whether Government are considering to provide assistance to the people working in these industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Rural industries in Uttaranchal

2914. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government for development and promotion of rural industries in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of plans formulated and being implemented in the State; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent under the schemes, during the last three years?

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Punjab

2915. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans provided by nationalized banks and private banks under

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PMRY in Punjab during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target in this regard for distributing the loans under PMRY;

(c) whether the targets have been achieved by the above banks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pricing of life saving drugs

†2916. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the recommendations made by the task force constituted under Chairmanship of Dr. Pranab Sen to consider the measures for providing life saving drugs at affordable prices;

(b) if so the details of major recommendations made by the task force alongwith the decisions taken thereon;

(c) by when a new pharmaceutical policy is likely to be formulated/enforced, on the basis of these recommendations; and

(d) the number of new drugs that would be listed or de-listed in the various schedules of drug prices control order in the event of implementation of these recommendations?

Unfare means of promotion of medical products by Pharma companies

2917. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharma companies are distributing costly electronic items to the Chemists for promotion of their products and sending

Doctors abroad for promotion of their medicines;

(b) if so, how many cases of such practices have been noticed and names of the pharma companies violating the Government norms for promotion of medicines; and

(c) what actions are being taken in this regard?

Privatisation of Undertakings under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers

†2918. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of undertakings under the control of his Ministry which have been privatized/disinvested;

(b) the undertaking-wise amount received by Government;

(c) whether Government are aware of alleged irregularities resorted to during privatization/disinvestments of these undertakings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken or propose to take any action to conduct indepth inquiry of the same?

Mega Chemical Complex

2919. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have commissioned consultants to study the concept and submit a feasibility report for construction of a mega Chemical Complex in the country;

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(b) if so, whether the study has been completed and reports submitted to Government;

(c) if so, the salient features of the study;

(d) the time by which this mega complex will be constructed;

(e) whether the Central Government have also taken steps towards revival of Madras Fertilizers Limited and FACT;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Ceiling on trader's margin on medicines

2920. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to cap ceiling on the margin of medicines for traders;

(b) if so, the details of the medicines on which margin of trader will be reduced;

(c) whether it is only for generic medicines or the branded products as well, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps to be taken by Government on availability of medicines on reduced prices?

Suggestion of Punjab Government on import of DAP fertilizers

2921. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the fact that Indian Agriculture still continues to be largely dependent on import of fertilizers, particularly DAP, the Government of Punjab has lately suggested a long term

policy for import, storage and distribution of phosphoric acid and creation of buffer stocks for such fertilizers;

(b) if so, what specific steps have been suggested by that Government; and

(c) what decision and action has been taken thereon?

Production of Dursban in India

2922. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dow Chemical Company, the present owner of Union Carbide Corporation has to withdraw its product Dursban (Chlopyriphos) from US markets primarily because of its effect on Children's health;

(b) if so, under what circumstances Government have allowed Dow Chemicals to set up production facility and distribution network for Dursban in India; and

(c) the names of the Government departments and public sector undertakings that are purchasing Dursban and other pesticides and chemicals from Dow Chemicals?

Food subsidy bill

2923. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food subsidy bill has gone up more than 10 times from Rs. 2450 crores in 1990-91 to Rs. 25,800 crores in 2003-04;

(b) whether a sizeable proportion of

PDS supplies are diverted to open market and does not reach to the intended beneficiaries; and

(c) whether in view of the declining food stocks and the recent Government decision to import wheat to ensure adequate supplies for PDS, Government propose to maintain separate accounting for PDS operations and a separate for MSP operations in order to ensure transparency with regard to subsidy provided to consumers and subsidy provided to farmers?

Consumer cases in A.P.

†2924. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases registered in the country particularly in the district courts of Andhra Pradesh during 2004-05 by the National Commission for Consumer Disputes Redressal;

(b) the details of total number of old cases pending in district courts of Andhra Pradesh as on 31st December, 2005, district-wise;

(c) whether delay in disposal of consumer cases in some districts of the State has been due to the posts of Chairmen and members of certain consumer fora remaining vacant; inadequate basic infrastructural facilities or not setting up of district fora, so far;

(d) if so, the details of the districts of the State suffering due to the shortcomings as mentioned above; and

(e) the details of efforts made to remove these shortcomings State-wise?

Issue prices of rice and wheat

2925. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the price at which rice and wheat are issued to States under PDS;

(b) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have fixed the sale price of rice lower than the issue price fixed by the Centre;

(c) whether Government would consider giving rice under PDS to States at the price issued by State Governments; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Salt advertisement

2926. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that more than one salt are advertised on Door-Darshan National Channel daily and each salt is declared as the best one and none else;

(b) if so, whether Government have approved all the salts for consumption by public;

(c) if not, the reasons for such misleading and improper propaganda keeping the public in dark; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for release of only approved salt for use of public in the market and when?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Bonus on wheat

†2927. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give bonus to the producers on the procurement of wheat in the current year;

(b) if so, the amount of bonus and when this bonus was announced and the cut off date of its implementation; and

(c) whether it is a fact that above mentioned announcement has been made amid commencement of the procurement of new wheat crop, if so, the reasons for not making this announcement in the beginning?

Transportation cost on wheat

†2928. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that wheat from producer is procured at rupees 650/- per quintal whereas its transportation to Southern States cost rupees 390/- per quintal;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that transportation cost of wheat is not justified; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto

and whether there is any plan to reduce the cost?

Wheat import

2929. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to import 5 lakh tonnes of wheat this season to augment food security, subject to review of the situation in May, if more is required to be imported; and

(b) the estimated indigenous production of wheat this year, as compared to the last two years?

Production and import of wheat

2930. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of wheat is expected to be less than the target during 2005-06;

(b) if so, how much wheat Government imported during 2004-05 and 2005-06, till date, indicating as to why such a situation had arisen to import wheat; and

(c) the details of imported wheat, country-wise, quantity-wise and rate-wise?

Sugar industries in Bihar

†2931. SHRI MANGANI LAL
MANDAL:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central

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Government have initiated meaningful efforts and action to revive and re-establish the defunct sugar industry in Bihar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that following a meeting with the officials of the State for this purpose in Patna on 13th February, 2006, he had taken an effective decision to operate sugar mills in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the latest position of the action taken in this direction?

Import of vegetable oil

2932. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the vegetable oil industry is facing lots of problems due to import of vegetable oil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to help the vegetable oil industry in the country?

Prices of essential commodities

2933. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of essential commodities have been increasing for the last one year or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for drastic differences being found in the consumer selling price of foodgrains, sugar, oil and vegetables during the current year as compared to the last year; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to check this rising trend of prices?

Supply of broken rice by FCI in Punjab

2934. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that broken rice purchased by the suppliers at the rate of Rs. 2.50 per kg. is mixed with good quality of rice and supplied to the Food Corporation of India in Punjab;

(b) whether it is a fact that the suppliers make the payment to F.C.I. officials at the rate of Rs. 4500 per truck and supply huge quantity to F.C.I.; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard and if so, the outcome thereof and the number of officials of F.C.I. and other suppliers identified, so far, for the scandal and action taken against them?

Permission to use Indian and National emblem by business school in Hyderabad

2935. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business school in Hyderabad have taken any permission to use the name of Indian and National Emblem; and

(b) if not, the action taken in this regard?

PDS cardholders

2936. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise break up of PDS cardholders as on 31st December, 1998, 2003 and 2005 in the country indicating percentage of BPL and APL categories in rural and urban areas therein;

(b) whether any review has been conducted to ascertain the rationale in the relationship between general economic status of a region, its BPL cardholder population and the volume of PDS articles off-take by BPL and APL households respectively;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) if not, the means of monitoring the prudence or otherwise of the consumption pattern of PDS articles *vis-a-vis* BPL and APL population in a region?

Foodgrains allotted to Kerala

2937. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many times, the prices of PDS rice and wheat have been enhanced after this Government assumed power and the details thereof;

(b) the foodgrains allotted to Kerala for distributing to the BPL cardholders and the requirement prescribed by Government for each cardholder per month;

(c) whether any insufficiency of foodgrains allotment to the BPL families in Kerala has been brought to the notice of Government and the steps taken to augment the supplies; and

(d) whether the Union Government will approve the BPL families identified by the State Government and allot the foodgrains to them?

Reduction in operational cost of FCI

†2938. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that operational expenditure has witnessed a downward trend after the Food Corporation of India has put into practice the recommendations of the multinational institution Mckinsey; and

(b) if so, the operational expenditure in the year 2005-06 and to what extent this expenditure was less than the operational expenditure of 2004-05?

Foodgrains allotment to Uttar Pradesh

2939. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how often the prices of PDS rice and wheat were raised during the last two years and the details thereof;

(b) the foodgrains allotted to Uttar Pradesh for distributing to the BPL cardholders and the requirement prescribed by Government for each cardholder per month; and

(c) whether any insufficiency of foodgrains allotment to the BPL families in Uttar Pradesh has been brought to the notice of Government and the steps taken to augment the supplies?

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Procurement centres in A.P.

2940. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of procurement centres opened, so far, State-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government have given any relaxation for the procurement of foodgrains from the farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the target set for procurement by Government during the current year?

FCI godowns in Andhra Pradesh

2941. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of owned/hired/covered/CAP godowns of the Food Corporation of India in the country for distribution of foodgrains under Public Distribution System, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the FCI godowns in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (c) whether these FCI godowns are sufficient to cater to the foodgrains storage need of the States, particularly of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if not, the details of the additional number of FCI godowns proposed to be constructed in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the information about the proposed new godowns in Andhra Pradesh, location-wise?

Connecting joint forest management committees with forest development authority

†2942. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are contemplating on connecting all joint forest management committees with forest development authority under National Afforestation Programme; and
- (b) if so, by when the same would be implemented for organisational development?

Ozone layer

†2943. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the existing hole in the ozone layer over Antarctic region has become wide enough this year as a result thereof the pollution preventing measures which were going on for the last twenty years, proved ineffective and whether there are possibilities of further widening of the hole;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the ozone layer is becoming thinner day by day;
- (c) whether this hole in the ozone layer has spread over the Usuiya in Pentagon region of southern Argentina and as a result thereof ultraviolet radiation is increasing over the earth; and
- (d) the distance between ozone layer and the earth and the measures Government are taking to prevent those dangerous gases reaching the earth?

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Environmental Impact Assessment Notification

2944. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Notifications of August, 2005;

(b) whether any process of consultation was followed before the framing of EIA Notifications and whether his Ministry has undertaken any review of 1994 EIA Rules; and

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the review and whether his Ministry will table the report of the said review in Parliament?

Plastic bags

†2945. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

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

(a) whether manufacturing and use of plastic is harmful for environment and health;

(b) whether plastic bags convert fertile soil into barren; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to check the manufacturing and use of plastic and the details thereof?

Exemption of SEZs and EPZs from submitting EIA reports

2946. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SEZs and EPZs below 50 hectares were exempted

from submitting the environment impact assessment reports;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this exemption;

(c) the list of exempted SEZs and EPZs and also the effects of this on the livelihood security of the people in that area, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government would take a holistic view in safeguarding the livelihood at the time of allowing construction and industrial activities?

Transfer of forest land to Travancore Devaswam Board

2947. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the requisite stretch of forest land was transferred to Travancore Devaswam Board for the purpose of providing basic facilities like drinking water, sanitation, parking facilities, shelters, medical facilities, etc. to the pilgrims visiting Sabarimala shrine in the Pampa-Sannidhana area;

(b) what is the stage of providing such facilities if the land in question has already been given; and

(c) by when the whole process will be completed?

Census of wild animals in Jharkhand

†2948. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether census of wild animals of important species including tiger has been carried out in Jharkhand on the direction of the Central Government;

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(b) if so, the figures of this census; and
 (c) the steps taken for protection of tiger and other wild animals of important species in Jharkhand?

Modification of Coastal Regulation Zone guidelines

2949. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal/demand to modify Coastal Regulation Zone guidelines for the coastal areas in the country to give a boost to the tourism industry and/or for the purpose of meeting genuine needs of the people to meet housing needs;

(b) whether the Tourism Ministry has taken any view in that matter for the consideration of the Government;

(c) the proposals and their details received, area-wise; and

(d) the details of the various proposals under examination and/or decided?

Uniformity in criterion to ascertain pollution level

†2950. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the work carried out, so far, after fixing the criteria to ascertain the air pollution and water pollution, and for fixing its level;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the gap between the contaminated and treated water is widening as the legal accountability for

providing clear potable water has not been fixed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Carnivore census

2951. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent three day carnivore census of the Ranthambore National Park has indicated a figure even lower than last year's corrected estimate of 26;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual number of tigers does not exceed more than 15; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to save Ranthambore National Park?

Coastal Regulation Zone

2952. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in finalizing Coastal Regulation Zone is hampering the development of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the matter on Coastal Regulation Zone is going to be finalized?

Clearance to deep water ports

2953. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the clearances required to establish deep water port;

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(b) whether deep water port at Gangavaram in Andhra Pradesh has applied for clearance; and

(c) if so, what would be the time-frame to clear such environmental obligations?

Demarcation of vulnerability line along the coastal areas

2954. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1880 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 2005 and state:

(a) the details of the steps initiated by Government for demarcation of the vulnerability line along the coastal areas; and

(b) the manner in which the coasts of Mumbai and Navi Mumbai are proposed to be protected by the steps initiated by Government?

Revival of coastline

2955. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's coastline is set for revival after being battered by the Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked for Planning commission to go ahead for seeking World Bank's assistance of Rs. 500 crores to save India's 7517 km. coastline;

(d) whether Swaminathan Committee set up by Government had warned Government about degradation of coasts in 11 States from sea erosion and marine

pollution; and

(e) the details of action Government have taken on the recommendations of the panel of Swaminathan Committee to contain erosion and marine pollution?

Banning of drugs to save vultures

2956. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of three common vultures species has dropped by 95 per cent in last 10 years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons and what provisions are done to protect these species;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister has asked to withdraw the use of certain drugs for protecting these species; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what are the reasons for non withdrawal of these drugs even after one year?

Research on forests and wildlife

†2957. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons to whom money was provided to carry out research on environment, forests and wildlife during the last three years alongwith the amount provided to them;

(b) the details of the topics and names of such researches;

(c) the details of the researches out of these completed during the said three years alongwith the amount spent thereon; and

(d) the details of those completed research works received by his Ministry which could not be used in anyway?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Popularizing Siddha in Tamil Nadu

2958. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Siddha system of medicine is as popular as other Indian systems of medicines and Homoeopathy in India, except Tamil Nadu;

(b) the steps taken by Government to popularize this system of medicine; and

(c) whether Government will consider opening Siddha clinics in States particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Spread of encephalitis in Delhi

†2959. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether encephalitis is spreading in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the cases came into light from November, 2005 to March, 2006; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government keeping in view the large number of deaths due to the said fever?

Maternal deaths in Rajasthan

2960. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of maternal deaths in the country during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the break-up of maternal deaths, neo-natal and post-natal-wise during this period;

(c) how does India compare with other

neighbouring/ASEAN/developed countries, in this regard;

(d) how does Rajasthan compare with other States in this regard;

(e) whether any policy has been formulated/targeted for safe motherhood; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Medical research exchange programme between UK and Orissa

†2961. SHRI B.J. PANDA: SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that UK and Orissa propose to organize an exchange programme of study and research for post-graduate medical students and also undertake bilateral research projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this will help Orissa to upgrade their medical facilities?

Exodus of senior doctors in AIIMS

2962. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

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

(a) what is the sanctioned strength of doctors in each faculty in AIIMS and how many doctors are in position at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of senior doctors have left the organization and paralysed its services and if so, the number of doctors who have left during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

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(c) what steps have been taken to retain the services of senior doctors during that period and the result thereof?

(f) whether Government are coming out with any policy to stop migration; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Healthcare by private sector

2963. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow participation of private sector to provide healthcare facilities to the people;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from some State Governments for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Plantation of medicinal plants in Madhya Pradesh

†2965. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals sent by various States, especially by Madhya Pradesh to his Ministry regarding plantation of medicinal plants; and

(b) the status of action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Deficiency in Primary Healthcare System due to migration of doctors

2964. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the availability of workers for primary healthcare varies from a low of three per 10,000 population in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to overcome such situations;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the reasons behind this situation is the big migration of doctors and workers from India;

(e) if so, the reasons for such migration to other countries;

Alleged corruption in National Rural Health Mission

†2966. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from World Bank regarding corruption in National Rural Health Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith date of receipt of such complaints;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard, so far;

(d) the time by which the CBI has been asked to complete the investigation;

(e) the details of the assistance withheld by the World Bank; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the National Rural Health Mission may not adversely be affected?

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Quota for medical PG admissions

2967. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

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

(a) the number of medical colleges in the country, indicating such colleges being run/funded by the Centre;

(b) whether Government have decided that apart from MBBS, 27 per cent OBC quota will be included to post-graduate courses like MD and MS;

(c) whether total reservation in medical colleges will now go up from the existing 22.5 per cent (for SC and ST students) to 49.5 per cent; if so, what provision is made for providing additional admission seats/ financial assistance for 2006-07; and

(d) whether the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has opposed reservation quota system and requested Government "not to sacrifice merit to populist politics"?

Approval to Theni Medical College

2968. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to grant approval to Theni Medical College;

(b) if not, what were the reasons for not granting approval to the said college; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the said college is meeting all the parameters for the grant of approval?

Withdrawal of user charges by AIIMS

2969. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 200 senior faculty members of AIIMS have submitted a petition to his Ministry asking for withdrawal of revised user charges;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the charges are not only against the spirit of AIIMS but also against the socio-economic reality of society;

(d) if so, the response of Government thereto;

(e) whether new charges are also going to deprive more than 80 per cent of the patients of tertiary care at AIIMS as well as send a wrong message about the character of Government-funded hospitals; and

(f) if so, the response of Government thereto?

Code of conduct for MCI inspectors

2970. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any code of conduct has been laid down by Government and MCI for the conduct and behaviour of various inspectors who visit medical colleges on various duties;

(b) what is the criteria used to select inspectors by the MCI or Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a need to upgrade the level of such inspectors both from their know-how as well as their understand of dignity, etc.;

(d) what steps will be taken to obtain feedback reports from all medical colleges

on how such inspectors behaved and how they could be rated professionally; and

(e) the steps proposed in this regard?

Suspension of World Bank aid to NRHM

2971. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has announced the suspension of aid to various Government run projects like Reproductive and Child Health under the aegis of National Rural Health Mission;

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

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the World Bank and if so, the outcome thereof?

Anarchy and conflict in AIIMS

†2972. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi is suffering from internal conflict and anarchy as a result of which not only the internal atmosphere is deteriorating but also the good doctors are leaving the institute;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Dr. V.S. Mehta had written a letter to him and apprised of the whole scenario; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this direction?

Shortage of AIDS drugs

2973. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of AIDS drugs since December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to supply these medicines immediately?

Leaving of doctors from AIIMS

2974. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exodus of top talented doctors, financial mismanagement and unrest among the faculty of AIIMS has deteriorated the functioning of the Institute;

(b) if so, whether at least 75 faculty members have left AIIMS during the last ten years;

(c) whether recently four senior doctors have left and many are ready to leave;

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to restore its proper functioning and also to meet their demands; and

(e) what are their main demands?

Maternal deaths

2975. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA
KIDWAI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that UP alone accounts for close to 40,000

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maternal deaths per year, followed by Orissa, Rajasthan and other States, and further between 4 and 5 million women suffer ill-health due to child bearing complications;

(b) if so, how Government propose to tackle this gigantic health problem especially when the causes are preventable to a large extent; and

(c) whether Government are thinking of taking the active help of NGOs especially in areas where problems like inadequate medical facilities, or the indifferent attitude of medical practitioners, or lack of transport for quick movement of patients, etc. are faced with?

Over dose of vitamin A under NPPNB

2976. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 million children below three years are being given extremely high dose of Vitamin A under National Programme for Prevention of Nutritional Blindness which can cause toxicity and lead to weak bones; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to prevent adverse effect of 66,000 mcg. of Vitamin A against recommended dietary allowance of (RDA) of 400 mcg. per day?

Schools for training medical professionals

2977. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up schools at different locations to train medical professionals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the schools will be set up?

AIIMS like institute in Himachal Pradesh

2978. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to set up an AIIMS like institute for the State of Himachal Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) to cater to the needs of lakhs of people in the State as such institutes have been proposed for various other States;

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

(c) if not, the rationale therefor and the guidelines on which States have been chosen for such institutes; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to provide specialized medical care for the residents of Himachal Pradesh?

Adverse effect of cosmetics

†2979. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that common cosmetics such as talcom powder, perfumes, soap, oil nail polish, lipstick, etc. are injurious to health and even pose a threat of cancer;

(b) whether Government would take any step to warn consumers of harmful effects of cosmetics; and

(c) whether Government would eventually take steps to ban the manufacturing and sale of these synthetic, inorganic cosmetics products?

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Death cases reported as a result of failure of sterilization surgery

‡2980. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of failure of sterilization operations and the number of cases of deaths due to sterilization operations reported during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the provisions for granting compensation in such cases;

(c) whether cases of failure of sterilization operations of both husband and wife have also been reported;

(d) if so, the numbers thereof, State-wise and the provisions for granting compensation to them and the situations in which compensation has been denied; and

(e) the details of the cases where compensation was denied to both husband and wife on failure of sterilization operations in Chhattisgarh and the reasons therefor?

Programmes for controlling anaemia

2981. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the rate of anaemia in the populations in the country alongwith details thereof among adolescent girls, women and children;

(b) what are the causes of such deficiencies;

(c) what are the special measures being adopted by Government; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to treat this at par with successful campaign of his Ministry against Polio?

Steps to curb smoking habit

2982. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Charles Warren of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia has estimated that global annual deaths from smoking are expected to double by 2020 and that gap between male and female smokers will narrow down;

(b) if so, the details thereof with particular reference to India; and

(c) the effective steps being taken to curb smoking habits in India?

Foreign training for ground level health personnels

2983. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top officials are going abroad for getting the knowledge/training of health schemes of foreign agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the actual doctors/fieldmen who will implement the scheme have no knowledge about it; and

(d) what steps Government will take to give training/knowledge to actual doctors/fieldmen who will implement these schemes in rural areas?

CGHS dispensary, Paschim Vihar

‡2984. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) by when a building is likely to be

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

constructed to accommodate CGHS dispensary at Paschim Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) whether male and lady doctors have been accommodated in the same room at Ayurvedic dispensary at present;

(c) whether women patients are facing inconvenience as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Merging of Kota division with Western Railway

†2985. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the inconvenience likely to be faced by merging Kota Division with Western Railway in place of West-Central Railway;

(b) whether Government are aware that people of Hadaouti and Divisional Workers Unions are demanding to merge the Kota Division with Western Railway; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to merge Kota Division with Western Railway and if not, the reasons therefor?

Toilet facilities at New Delhi Station

2986. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that toilet facilities are not available in all the platforms at New Delhi Railway Station;

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

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

Safety of rail passengers

†2987. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's schemes to ensure the safety of rail passengers;

(b) whether it is a fact that incidents of dacoities in night-trains have increased and passengers are feeling insecure; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to augment patrolling in trains particularly at night and to make the train journey safe?

Pending rail projects in Tamil Nadu

2988. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending rail projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reasons for delay in the implementation of these projects; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed?

Vacancies in railways in Madurai division

2989. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the vacancies of different categories of employees in Southern Railway and especially in Madurai Division;

(b) whether due to a large number of vacancies, there is a possibility of train accidents; and

(c) if so, the action taken to fill up the vacancies?

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Rail freight Authority

2990. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a Rail Freight Authority to oversee the establishment of a dedicated freight corridor; and

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

Gauge conversion in Rajasthan

†2991. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time frame prescribed for the completion of gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan;

(b) the actual and financial progress of the gauge conversion projects in Rajasthan and the reasons for delay; and

(c) the details of the budget provision made for Rewari-Sadulpur, Sriganganagar-Sarupsar and Phulera-Jodhpur, railway line in Rajasthan and whether this provision is sufficient to complete the projects?

Electrification of railway sections

†2992. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of his Ministry for electrification of railway sections;

(b) whether it is not proper that maximum number of railway sections ought to be electrified; and

(c) the number of proposal submitted by Rajasthan State for electrification of railway sections alongwith the present status thereof?

Meeting of Chief Executives of BIMSTEC Railways

2993. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railway held first meeting of the Chief Executives of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Railways in September, 2004; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action have, so far, been taken to promote regional co-operation among the BIMSTEC countries in the matter of transportation?

Spending by Railways during Eleventh Plan

2994. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways set to spend Rs. 500,000/- crores during the Eleventh Plan;

(b) if so, how far this Plan shall improve the working of the Railway Department particularly theft cases and railway accidents during the Eleventh Plan; and

(c) how this amount shall be managed?

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Freight movement by rail network

2995. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of effective freight transport by rail network and delivery logistics are some of the impediments in the economic growth of the country;

(b) whether in relation to China, India's freight movement by rail network is poor and tariff high;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to identify and remove the shortcomings and make the system competitive by international standards;

(d) whether Government are considering to open up freight movement by rail network to foreign players; and

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

Rail network in the country

2996. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new rail line proposals of Rajasthan State have been included in the Rail Budget 2005-06 for conducting survey work;

(b) what is the time frame fixed up by his Ministry for the survey of above new rail lines;

(c) what is the criteria for sanctioning these new railway lines after completion of survey;

(d) what are the data about the rail network in the country, State-wise; and

(e) where the State of Rajasthan stands in the availability of rail network *vis-a-vis* other States?

Development of platforms in Punjab

2997. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the names of railway platforms likely to be developed in Punjab during to current financial year?

Linking of North East to Myanmar and Bangladesh

2998. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of railways in Kilometres in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Tripura (sanctioned and completed so far);

(b) the programme of Government to link Myanmar and Bangladesh with the North-Eastern States in possible cases; and

(c) the details of the efforts of Government along this dimension?

Medical facilities to passengers

†2999. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangement to provide medical facilities to the passengers falling sick during rail-journey;

(b) who is responsible for providing medical facilities in trains; and

(c) the policy for giving compensation to the passengers who die during journey for want of medical facilities?

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Deterioration of IInd AC coaches

3000. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that condition of IInd AC sleeper coaches is deteriorating day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to replace all the old coaches; and

(c) the details of Government plans in this regard?

Gulbarga Bidar railway line

3001. SHRI K.B. SHANAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to link Gulbarga Bidar railway line;

(b) what is the total estimate costs of this project;

(c) how much period will be required for the completion of this project;

(d) how much amount has been provided for the year 2006-07 in the budget; and

(e) how many stations will be coming under this project?

Special purpose vehicles to fund port connectivity

3002. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry plans to set up seven special purpose vehicles to fund port connectivity projects with public private partnership;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating those falling in the Orissa State; and

(c) how far these projects would help

the steel plants located in Orissa in fast movement of freight traffic?

Upgradation scheme in Orissa

3003. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start upgradation scheme of rail reservation for wait-listed passengers in which the wait-listed passengers will get automatically upgraded to the next higher class;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of trains traversing through Orissa State that are proposed to be covered under this scheme?

East Coast Railway

3004. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that East Coast Railway has picked up both in freight and passenger traffic during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan to create additional rail infrastructure facilities to cope with the increased freight and passenger traffic on this rail system?

Railway safety

3005. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low priority has been given to rail safety in practice in

the wake of negligible outlay of less than 2 per cent given out of the total outlay;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even the meagre allocation for safety is diverted for some other purpose on many a time;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railway Safety Directorate is nothing to do with the execution and review of safety performance work except to inspect and report; and

(d) whether the above situations would deliver the desired purposes of safety or will the entire process warrant a re-look for better performance and achievement?

Compensation for land acquired for Bogibeel project

3006. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that compensation for land which was acquired for the rail-cum-road approach to the Bogibeel bridge on the north bank from Sissiborgaon to Dembuk Kareng, is still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken for settlement of land compensation, which is pending in the Sissiborgaon Circle Office?

Pending rail projects

3007. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pending railway projects are worth an astounding Rs. 47,000 crores (till March, 2005) and the longest pendency is for a railway for which the budgetary allocation was first made in 1972;

(b) whether it is a fact that a detailed list of pending projects shows that for as many as 33 railway projects (some announced a decade ago), the Centre has given 'nil' funds for commencing the railway line; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed?

Review and rationalization of freight tariff by Railways

3008. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have lately reduced the unloading time for Box-N-Wagon from 10 hours to 5 hours, while simultaneously increasing the demurrage/welfare charges, thus considerably increasing the demurrage burden on the power plants, the main users of coal;

(b) whether his Ministry has also raised the tariff on penal over-loading to six times and changed the classification of coal freight to the detriment of the consumer; and

(c) if so, whether the Government of Punjab and other States mainly dependent on thermal power have sought review and rationalization of these freight related issues and Government response and decision thereon?

Blowing up of railway station in Bihar

3009. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 armed members of Maoist blew up a railway station and damaged railway tracks and overhead wires in Gaya district of Bihar, which forced the Railways to cancel large number of trains on Gaya-Dhanbad section on the 9th April, 2006;

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

(c) how much damage to the railway property was done by them and what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the safety of railway property from the attack of Maoists in future?

Safety of passengers

3010. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the discussions which the Railway Board have had with the Director Generals of Police, as directed by him on 24th of December, in Chennai, while expressing his concern that "providing security to passengers is the responsibility of the State-run Government Railway Police Personnel, but they are not doing their duty well"; and

(b) whether any action was taken against Government Railway Police personnel who were on duty in the running train when incident of rape and looting happened near Jhansi in the third week of December, 2005?

Beating of workers from Bihar on Jansewa Express

†3011. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instance involving beating of the workers from Bihar on board Jansewa Express near Gonda (UP) by RPF personnel and some other employees has come to the notice of Government;

(b) whether the railway administration has conducted any inquiry into the incident; and

(c) the information available with

Government in this regard and action taken by it, so far?

Railway projects in Maharashtra

3012. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have shelved the Pachora-Jamner and Pune-Nagar-Nasik railway projects in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received any representation for reconsideration of its decisions on the above projects?

Railway land under possession of land grabbers

3013. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have since conducted a survey to know as to how much of their land whether along the tracks or around the railway stations is under the possession of the land grabbers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any plan has been finalized by the Railways to get the grabbed land vacated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Linking of Kankurgachi Chord line with circular railway line

3014. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would

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consider linking Kankurgachi Chord line under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway with circular railway passenger line at Majerhat; and

(b) if so, the time frame set for the same thereof?

Connecting villages with metropolis and suburbs through Rail-Tel

†3015. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to connect villages to metropolis and suburbs through Rail-Tel, an undertaking of the Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is its scope?

Credit facility to small scale industries

†3016. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the items reserved for the small scale industries are manufactured only in the small scale industries;

(b) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks dilly-dally in disbursing loans to the small scale industries as a result of which they have to face great difficulties; and

(c) if so, the details of scheme of Government to remove these impediments and to provide credit facility to the small scale industries?

Export of iron-ore by NMDC

†3017. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron-ore exported by NMDC during the last three years;

(b) the date of expiry of the agreement for export of iron-ore by NMDC;

(c) whether the Chhattisgarh Government has sent a proposal to meet the requirements of raw materials for the units of the State instead of extending the period of export-agreement;

(d) whether any proposal has unanimously been passed by the State Assembly in this regard; and

(e) the decision taken by Central Government in this regard?

Supply of iron-ore

†3018. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of industrial units in Chhattisgarh to which allocation of iron-ore has been made by NMDC for the current year;

(b) the names of the units out of the units referred to in part (a) above alongwith the amount deposited by each of them with NMDC for supply of iron-ore, as on 31st January, 2006;

(c) whether the units referred to in part (b) above, have been supplied with the iron ore;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the entire quantum of iron ore will be supplied to these units?

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Modernizing ship breaking units

3019. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to modernize ship breaking units all over the country;

(b) whether Government will improve safety and condition of workers in such places;

(c) the specific measures proposed to encourage ship breaking industry by giving it incentives to improve safety and environmental concerns; and

(d) the other steps proposed in this regard?

Facilities to workers in ship breaking industry

3020. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ship breaking industry is increasing in our country at a very fast pace;

(b) whether it is a fact that the commensurate facilities have not been provided to the workers who are working in very unhygienic conditions; and

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

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