

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the July 12, 2004/Asadha 21, 1926 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—73

#### Subsidy to fishing vessels

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

- (a) whether MPEDA has a scheme to extend diesel oil subsidy to fishing vessels engaged in export of marine products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how much money has been released by MPEDA in 2003-04 under this scheme;
- (d) the estimates for 2004-05; and
- (e) the steps taken to assist the fishing vessel owners?

#### Subsidies for export of grains

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

- (a) the facilities and subsidies provided to private traders to export grains;
- (b) whether traders are demanding more subsidies; and
- (c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### Support price for tobacco

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

- (a) whether tobacco farmers of Andhra Pradesh have sought support price in view of low prices of tobacco in the market; and
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### Agreement in WTO

164. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in a bid to reach an agreement on a negotiating framework for key issues like agriculture and non-agriculture, the World Trade Organisation General Council Chairman has urged members to work towards arriving at a shared understanding of the package as early as possible;
- (b) if so, whether Government have made any efforts with other countries to solve agriculture norms/non-agriculture issues in the WTO; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has succeeded and by when a final decision is likely to be taken by WTO?

#### **Revival of tea sector in West Bengal**

165. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of West Bengal for reviving the ailing tea sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken thereon?

#### **Tea auctions**

166. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restrict the sale of tea through auctions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to bring the tea produced by the small and marginal growers to the auctions?

#### **Closure of tea gardens**

167. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of tea gardens have been closed/abandoned in various parts of the country during the last three years;

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

(c) the number of workers rendered unemployed due to the closure;

(d) whether Government have provided any relief package to the affected workers;

(e) whether Government propose any comprehensive Plan to service the plantation sector; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Industrial package for Himachal Pradesh**

† 168. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the concessions to be given for setting up industries in Himachal Pradesh under the industrial package given by Government;

(b) whether the proposals for setting up of Industries have been invited by the State Government from the industries which are to be benefited under this scheme;

(c) the number of proposals received by the State Government for setting up of new industries under this scheme after getting the above package; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken by the State Government?

#### **Foodgrains exports**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that foodgrain exports may decline below ten lakh tonnes this fiscal year;

(b) whether it is a fact that no new contracts are being signed as Government have not declared an export policy; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to accelerate formulation of the export policy?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Export of Steel**

‡170. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Steel is being exported from the country;
- (b) if so, the countries to whom steel has been exported during the last three years along with the quantum thereof, country-wise; and
- (c) the details of the foreign exchange earned, year-wise?

### **Export of wheat**

‡171. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries with whom import/export of wheat has been made during last three years;
- (b) whether any efforts have been made by Government to raise export of wheat during the said period; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the result achieved so far?

### **Industrial growth centres in Uttar Pradesh**

172. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh for setting up of industrial growth centres in various districts of the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial allocation to be made; and
- (c) by when the required funds would be provided for setting up of these growth centres?

### **Industrialisation of backward States**

173. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the details of the schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented and the incentives being given by Government for the rapid industrialisation of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and North Eastern Region?

### **Indo-Thailand Free Trade Agreement**

174. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India and Thailand have signed a free-trade agreement to eliminate all tariffs on trade by 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that as a part of this agreement, India-Myanmar-Thailand have conceived a trilateral highway project;
- (d) if so, whether the technical study on the project has been completed;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons for delay in completion of the study?

### **Tax Holiday Scheme for new industries**

‡175. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Government of Uttaranchal for setting up new industries after extension

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of Government's tax holiday in the State;

(b) whether the State Government has sent any proposal for expansion of area and interest of the industries to be benefited under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken in pursuance thereof?

#### **Trade with China through land route**

†176. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps being taken to promote trade with China through land route;

(b) whether it is a fact that predominately raw material is being exported to China; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to promote export of engineering goods through land route?

#### **New tea gardens**

†177. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain industrial houses have submitted a proposal for plantation of new tea gardens in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revival of old tea estates in Uttaranchal**

†178. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain steps are being taken

by the Tea Board to revive old tea estates in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the area of old tea estates in the State?

#### **New Foreign Trade Policy**

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

(a) whether Government propose to announce a new Foreign Trade Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the new policy is likely to be put in place; and

(c) whether, while formulating the policy, interests of the India's trading community would be kept in view so that they may not be deprived of a level playing field *vis-a-vis* the international business community operating in the global market?

#### **Quantitative restrictions on iron-ore, pig iron and sponge iron**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is seriously considering of putting quantitative restrictions on iron ore, pig iron and sponge iron in view of the persistent shortage of supply in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering a raw material, policy;

(d) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(e) the benefits to the domestic traders?

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**Archaeological and heritage services of India**

181. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an archaeological and heritage services of India to attract professionals to the Archaeological Survey of India on the basis of the All India Civil Services;

(b) whether his Ministry has elicited any comments from the UPSC and the Department of Personnel in this regard; and

(c) if so, the comments received in this regard?

**Visits of UNESCO team**

182. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNESCO team has recently visited Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the UNESCO team has assured that it would remove the Hampi site from the endangered list and to bring it back to the World Heritage list;

(c) whether the Team has suggested to the State Government to take some corrective measures;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would take steps to bring Hampi back to the world heritage site?

**NEC projects in Tripura**

183. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the NEC projects existing in Tripura;

(b) the projects forwarded by Tripura to be financed by NEC, but not yet taken up by it; and

(c) the schemes the North-Eastern Council has sanctioned for Tripura, but not yet started?

**Projects for NER**

184. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the projects pertaining to different departments sanctioned during 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) the industrial projects sanctioned recently in different States of the North Eastern Region, State-wise break up;

(c) how many of these are private enterprises and how many belong to public enterprises; and

(d) the role of the Central Government in this respect?

**Revival of sick PSEs**

185. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formed a High Power Committee of Six Joint Secretaries to look into the issue of reviving sick Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs); and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating how this High Power Committee proposes to function?

### Heavy Industries

†186. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 227 heavy industries in the country;

(b) if not, the number of heavy industries and out of those, the number of industries which are running in profit and which are running in loss;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of these industries, there are ten such industries which are earning 70 per cent of the total profit being earned by all profit-making industries; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard indicating the names of these ten industries and the details of their products?

### Revival of BOGL, Hindustan Cables etc.

187. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the revival plans, for Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited (BOGL), Hindustan Cables, Burn Standard and Braith Waite Co. with brief outlines of technical and financial rehabilitation;

(b) whether the Salaries and wages are not being paid regularly to the employees of the above units; and

(c) if so, the outstanding statutory dues of the workers in the above PSUs and the Action Plan to liquidate the same?

### Revival of HMT, Srinagar and Nagaland Paper Pulp Ltd.

188. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of

HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revival plans of HMT Chinar Watches Limited, Srinagar, J&K and Nagaland Paper Pulp Limited, are under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether socio-political factor is being taken into consideration for re-exploring the possibilities of restarting and reviving the above units, if so, the details thereof?

### TV channel for agricultural education

189. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IGNOU has planned to start an exclusive TV channel for the agricultural education;

(b) if so, the details of the level of agricultural education that would be imparted through TV;

(c) whether the IGNOU has tied up with any agricultural university for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and the medium of instructions?

### Latin American Area Studies Programme

190. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has received any applications from the Universities to start Area Studies Programmes dealing with Latin America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Universities at present where UGC is supporting the Latin American Area Studies Programmes;

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(d) whether it is a fact that the Andhra University has sought expansion of its Area Studies Programmes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Private universities**

191. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the private universities in the country; State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that UGC has decided not to recognize the degrees issued by the private universities;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued for maintenance of the private universities;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of the private universities which are following the guidelines; State-wise; and

(g) the details of the private universities which are not complying with the guidelines?

#### **Opening of more IITs**

192. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open some more IITs;

(b) if so, the States where these IITs would be set up;

(c) whether any feasibility study has been carried out in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Directives on fee formula for IIMs**

193. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had thoroughly gone to the cases relating to the decision to reduce fees of IIM by the previous Government;

(b) if so, whether he had convened meeting of all IIMs Directors in the month of June, 2004;

(c) if so, the new directive issued to them and whether Government have finalised a compromise formula for IIMs fee; and

(d) if so, to what extent this has been acceptable to all the IIMs?

#### **Paper leakage of All India Pre-medical Examination**

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

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had to announce new dates for All India pre-medical examination because of the leakage of paper earlier;

(b) if so, whether a number of arrests have been made which have shown that there is a gang operating in the country which is responsible for such leakages;

(c) if so, whether such leakages had been reported earlier also;

(d) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to see that such leakages do not occur in future which affects students; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**World bank assistance for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

195. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has signed an agreement with India for providing assistance of \$500 million for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan project which is aimed at providing education for all the children in the age group of 6-14 years by the year 2010;

(b) if so, the amount and the States where it is to be spent during 2004-05;

(c) whether the expenditure for four years period from 2004-05 to 2007-08 would be around \$3.5 billion or (Rs. 15750 crore);

(d) whether it is supported by the grants from DFID and from European Commission; and

(e) to what extent the Central and the State Governments are providing resources to implement this plan?

**Foreign investment in elementary education**

196. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent reports in the issue of "Foreign investment in elementary education" as

appeared in the print media on 25th June, 2004;

(b) if so, the details including the decisions taken and policy evolved or to be evolved;

(c) the amount of fund allotted and spent for elementary education for the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise; and

(d) the action taken, if any, to grant more funds and facilities to elementary education, in details?

**Under utilization of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Funds**

197. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan shows a big gap between plans and their implementation during this financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that only one fourth of the amount approved for the nation-wide education project Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan was actually spent by the States;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the unutilised funds?

**Children covered under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan**

198. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children covered under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan since its inception; State-wise;

(b) what measures Government propose to take to attain the gender parity in education by 2005; and



(c) whether it is a fact that UNICEF's recent report appreciated the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan initiated by Government?

#### **Expenditure on education**

† 199. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate is higher in several countries of the world despite expending less amount on education as compared to India;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and whether it is a fact that in USA, UK, China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia the percentage of expenditure on education of their Gross Domestic Production is less than that of India; and

(c) if so, the percentage of expenditure in those countries along-with the percentage of literacy?

#### **Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Assam**

200. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allotted and released to Assam under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05, district wise;

(b) whether request of the state Government for more funds is still pending with the Union Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to speed up the process of releasing more funds for Assam under the scheme?

#### **Mid-day Meal Scheme**

201. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start Mid-day Meal Scheme in the government primary schools for poor students;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the number of students benefited as a result thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amendments in UGC Act**

202. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to improve administration of the universities and to foster academic excellence and research, Government are thinking of amending the UGC Act;

(b) if so, the amendments proposed by his Ministry;

(c) whether the proposal also includes regulation of activities of the foreign universities into the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Leakage of examination papers**

203. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of examination paper leak occurred in various parts of the country during the last three years, year-wise;

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(b) the particulars of the examination for which the papers were leaked out;

(c) whether the AIPMT (CBSE) papers were also leaked out in April, 2004;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of enquiry committees/commissions set up to look into the incidents of paper leak and fix responsibility;

(f) the outcome of the investigations made by these committees/commissions; and

(g) the action taken by Government on the reports submitted so far by these enquiry committees/commissions?

#### **Courses at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore**

204. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the courses being conducted at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore;

(b) what is the intake of students in each course;

(c) the grant given by the Government during 2003-04;

(d) the fee being charged for each course;

(e) whether any preference is being given to Karnataka candidates at the time of admissions; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake in some courses?

#### **Fee structure in IIMs**

†205. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on

Government's instructions the annual fees for the students in IIMs was reduced to Rs. 30,000/-;

(b) whether Government, Semi-Government and Private Sector institutions had refused to accept the fee structure proposed by Government; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government for safeguarding interests of the meritorious poor students and implementing instructions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court so that the teaching standards of such institutions could be maintained and interest of the poor students could be taken care of?

#### **Deemed University status to educational institutions in Karnataka**

206. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many educational institutions have been given status of Deemed University so far;

(b) out of these the number of such institutions in Karnataka;

(c) the number of applications for conferring Deemed University status sent to Government by the State Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to confer Deemed University status to the educational institutions as recommended by the State Government?

#### **Allocation for education**

207. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the allocation for

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education out of the total allocation for the First Five Year Plan; and

(b) the percentage of the allocation for education in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

#### **Girls education**

208. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the UNICEF annual report out of the 65 million girls not attending school worldwide, 35 million are from India; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to accelerate the efforts and increase expenditure on girls education?

#### **National Talent Search Examination**

†209. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that system of national talent search examination has been changed;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that examination conducted for science talent search at 12th class level has been discontinued;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that scholarship amount of Rs. 500 has been reduced to Rs. 200; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Introduction of Palmistry**

210. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any decision to introduce Palmistry as a subject for studies in schools and colleges in the year 2004-05;

(b) whether there were other such subjects void of scientific logic as were proposed for inclusion in the courses of

studies in schools and colleges in the year 2003-2004;

(c) whether the State Governments have taken any steps in this regard; and

(d) the present status of such moves?

#### **Admissions under handicapped quota**

‡211. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mentally retarded students are not getting admissions in the universities under the reservation for handicapped quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether mentally retarded children do require higher education; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard and the future plans?

#### **Abandonment of force to discipline children**

212. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent recommendation of the State Human Rights Commission to the Tamil Nadu Government to retain corporal punishment in the statute to discipline erring students in schools; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/ being taken to review the existing laws and practices being followed in the different States to protect rights of the children in society, in view of the 1989 United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child, ratified by India, which advocates abandonment of

force as a mean of disciplining children in Hindi.

favour of non-violent methods of coercion? have taken in this regard?

#### **Tamil language**

213. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed in principle to declare Tamil as a classical language; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to spread the ancient Tamil language throughout the world?

#### **Poverty among women**

†214. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poverty among women is increasing day by day;

(b) whether Government are going to formulate any comprehensive action plan for eradication of poverty among women working in the informal area;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Norms for prescribing text books**

†215. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for prescribing the text-books for secondary/higher secondary classes;

(b) whether it is a fact that every new State/Central Government makes changes in the text books as it comes to power;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as a result thereof the students have to face many difficulties; and

(d) if so, what measures Government ~~with regard to Community Radio~~

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **FDI guidelines for newspapers**

216. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the authorities are implementing the guidelines on foreign direct investment with regard to the publication of newspapers;

(b) whether any note is received in the month of June, 2004 on the violation of above guidelines by the Indian edition of "International Herald Tribune" published from Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Earning through advertisements**

†217. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the income earned through advertisements;

(b) whether Government are aware that the number of viewers of Doordarshan is decreasing in villages also;

(c) the profit at which the twenty four hour DD News Channel of Doordarshan is running; and

(d) the difference between the profit earned by the DD Metro and DD News?

#### **Community Radio Programme**

218. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by Government

Programme launched in February, 2003;

(b) the number of Universities applied so far for Community Radio Programme, State-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated so far for this programme since its inception?

**Setting up of high capacity transmitters in U.P.**

†219. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the location in various districts of Uttar Pradesh where high capacity transmitters are to be set up;

(b) whether any funds have been allotted by Government for the said work and whether the work has been started;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government would install a high capacity transmitter in the Azamgarh district; and

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

**Action against erring judges**

220. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering of enacting a law to give powers to the Chief Justice of India to deal with the erring judges and indiscipline in the judiciary.

(b) by when a legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced;

(c) whether the Chief Justice of India

has decided to set up a peers' committee of the apex court as well as have his own administrative office to deal with the erring judges; and

(d) if so, whether Government have decided that the cases involving the judges would be sent to the Chief Justice who would hold an inquiry through his own channels and decide to take any action against them?

**National Judicial Commission**

221. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a National Judicial Commission to deal with the problems of the judiciary including their recruitment to higher echelons of the judicial service; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the view point of the Bar Associations, various State Governments and the Chief Justices of High Courts and the Chief Justice to the Supreme Court of India would be elicited with regard to the proposal?

**Scheme for mentally handicapped**

222. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide pension or other support for the mentally handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in this regard to secure a life with human dignity for the mentally handicapped persons?

**Shortage of garages**

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†223. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of car-garages for the ground floor and first floor flats of Type-V in Kaka Nagar, New Delhi, a residential colony of the Central Government's Employees;

(b) whether Government would consider the scheme for providing car-garages to the first floor allottees on priority basis; and

(c) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented and if there is no such scheme, whether new car garages would be built so that every allottee could get this facility?

**Government accommodation under general pool scheme**

224. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to discontinue the provision of government accommodation for its employees under the general pool scheme;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that government salaries are not aligned towards the high private residential real estate rentals;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review the proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Chargesheet in watch and ward staff scam in DDA**

225. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vigilance Department of the Delhi Development Authority has chargesheeted more than 50 officials of D.D.A. in the multi-crore watch and ward staff scam of 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any punishment has been awarded so far to the chargesheeted officials;

(d) whether it is also a fact that no termination of service has been done in any case; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Bangalore Metro Rail Project**

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

(a) whether the Bangalore Metro Rail Project has been approved by the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the above project;

(c) what is Government's financial commitment for this project;

(d) the present status of the proposed project; and

(e) by when it is likely to take off?

**Bangalore Water Supply Project**

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

(a) whether the Japan Bank of International Co-operation has agreed to fund the proposed Cauvery-IV Stage, Phase-II water supply project of Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount of loan to be given by the above Bank;

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(c) the percentage of rate of interest for the above loan; and

(d) what is Government's role in this regard?

#### **Water supply in urban households**

228. SHRIPRASANTACHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban households;

(b) the number of households housing tap water connection inside the premises; and

(c) the availability of water supply in major cities?

#### **Population in unauthorised colonies**

†229. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the population residing in unauthorised/irregular colonies and slums of the big cities, city-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that even general civic amenities are not available in these areas; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to provide basic civic amenities in these habitats?

#### **Mega City Fund**

230. SHRIPRASANTACHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mayor of Kolkata has demanded for the central allocation in recent years under the Mega City Fund for development of Mega Kolkata;

(b) if so, what action has been taken and when; and

(c) the details of the Central share and the State share released under the Mega City Fund, year-wise?

#### **Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

231. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of NCT of Delhi for regularisation of the unauthorised colonies in the Capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon; and

(c) by when these colonies are proposed to be regularised?

#### **Increase in number of unemployed**

†232. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of assurance given by Government to provide employment to a large number of unemployed persons, the number thereof has increased tremendously;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any ambitious plan to provide employment opportunities in large number; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Street vendors policy**

233. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will

the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to provide security to over two crore vendors in the country, Government are thinking of formulating a street vendors policy; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy?

NEW DELHI;  
The 6th July, 2004  

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
Secretary-General.



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