

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 : Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

Cement factory in Manipur

2646. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lime stone deposits are available to start an economically viable cement factory in Manipur;

(b) if so, the quantity of the deposit and also the quality of the lime stone;

(c) whether the State Government has proposed a 200 M.T. Capacity per day cement factory in the State; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

Development of NER

2647. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the Development of North Eastern Region after the formation of the Ministry;

(b) whether projects have been sanctioned for different States of the Region; and

(c) if so, what are those?

PSUs for disinvestment

†2648. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected those PSUs for disinvestment where production has almost stopped but Government expenditure is still being incurred;

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

(c) the details of the assessment made with regard to their movable and immovable properties; and

(d) the amount collected as a result of their disinvestment?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Meeting of core group of Secretaries on
disinvestment of ITDC Hotels**

2649. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the core group of Secretaries
on disinvestment met on 26th June, 2002 to
deliberate on the bids for six hotels of India
Tourism Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the main points discussed;

(c) the decisions arrived at; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement
them?

Disinvestment of blue-chip PSUs

2650. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of
DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided
to divest between 10 to 25 per cent stake in
five leading blue-chip PSUs in order to raise
a whopping Rs. 28,500 crore as reported in
Hindustan Times dated 26th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of receipt from sale
of equity in the open market, company-
wise, dilution in percentage and proceeds in
crore;

(c) whether Government also propose
to mop up Rs. 24,800 crore through strategic
sales in eight other undertakings; and

(d) if so, the projected price realisation
thereof from strategic sale, IPOs, company-
wise?

Disinvestment of PSUs in Assam

2651. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) the PSUs in Assam which
Government propose to disinvest during the
year 2002-2003;

(b) the fund expected to be raised by this
process; and

(c) the time-frame of completing
privatisation in PSUs in Assam?

**Chinese vaccine for Japanese
Encephalitis**

2652. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Chinese
vaccine-derived recombinant type Japanese
Encephalitis vaccine - is also more effective
for Japanese Encephalitis;

(b) if so, whether any consultation has
been done in this connection with the
Peoples' Republic of China;

(c) if not, whether Government propose
to do so keeping in view the prevalence of
Japanese Encephalitis in the country
particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government will involve
WHO/UNICEF in this evaluation
programme?

Telemedicine facility

2653. PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to
state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has
recently inaugurated a Telemedicine Project
in New Delhi and physicians at a Chennai
hospital advised two heart patients in Port
Blair;

(b) if so, the salient features of this project; and

(c) how does his Ministry propose to spread this facility to the nook and corner of the country?

Non-functional CT-scan machines in MCD-run hospitals

2654. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that for the past couple of years, CT-scan machines installed in the Capital's two MCD-run hospitals have been out of order;

(b) if so, whether the machines, costing over Rs. 2.35 crores each were installed in 1993 but after they stopped functioning in 1999, they have neither been repaired nor replaced;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted;

(d) if so, the details of the report; and

(e) the steps being taken to make these machines workable?

Transportation of cattle

2655. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a huge transportation of cattle from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu to Kerala;

(b) if so, the purpose of this transportation;

(c) whether this transportation violates any existing rules; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to control the same?

Primary health facilities in Ganjam district of Orissa

2656. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the Ganjam district of Orissa which are lacking primary health facilities; and

(b) the steps Government propose for providing primary health facilities to these villages?

Shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries

2657. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item regarding acute shortage of medicines in CGHS dispensaries in the country which appeared in the 'Navbharat Times', dated 11th July, 2002;

(b) if so, his reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that no medicines have been purchased for distribution to the beneficiaries of CGHS dispensaries during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the steps taken to meet the shortage of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries?

Use of Viagra as life saving drug

2658. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the wonder drug viagra was used by a doctor in

the Amrita Institute of Medical Science (AIMS), Kerala, as a life saving measure on two new borns with breathing problems;

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

(c) whether necessary permission was sought for and obtained from the competent authorities before administering the drug to the children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Polio eradication programme in Rajasthan

2659. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

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

(a) whether the Polio eradication programme is being implemented in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Polio cases reported in the last three years, year-wise?

Spurious drug racket

2660. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

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

(a) whether a major racket in manufacturing and sale of spurious drugs spread across many States has been smashed by the Special Cell of the Delhi Police on 20th May, 2002;

(b) whether 3 factories involved in manufacturing and sale of spurious drugs were unearthed in Delhi, if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them;

(c) whether during the interrogation a number of factories operating in Haryana, Delhi, U.P. have been found manufacturing spurious drugs and supplying to various States; and

(d) if so, whether any special report of inquiry in these fake drugs has been submitted to Government?

Displaying the contents on packaged foods

2661. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many packaged food items do not display contents on packets or cover;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to ensure displaying of contents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sale of medicines by hospital employees

2662. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report regarding hospital employees held for stealing medicines and selling in the market which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether two employees of GTB hospital were found indulging in this racket;

(c) if so, the details of the investigation; and

(d) the action taken against them?

Knowledge of Herbal medicines

†2663. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Parliamentary Committee has expressed its concern over the increasing hold of western countries over the knowledge of Herbal medicines;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when Government would take effective steps in this regard?

New Medical Colleges

2664. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of new Medical Colleges to be sanctioned by the MCI during the current financial year?

News-item "No cure for fake medicines"

2665. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report captioned "No cure for fake medicines", which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 14th July, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to tackle the problem of fake medicines in the country which has assumed serious proportions?

High Court order on Baba Mastnath Dental College, Rohtak

2666. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 348 given in the Rajya Sabha dated 4th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Punjab and Haryana High Court has given any interim/final order in the CWP No. 60540/2001 regarding Baba Mastnath Dental College Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, Haryana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action having in view the future of the students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tea extract injections for cataract

2667. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea extract injections help in delaying the onset of cataract;

(b) if so, the research under taken in this regard especially in the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB); and

(c) the action proposed to propagate the findings for preventing blindness especially in rural areas?

Oral Insulin

2668. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oral insulin has been invented under the supervision of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it has been tested on human beings; and

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

Integrated system of medical treatment

2669. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to provide good modern allopathy and traditional integrated system of medical treatment to rural areas where nearly 80 crores of people live;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of Nimsulide

2670. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drug Nimsulide, a pain killer has been reported to be very much prone to liver, kidney toxicity and renal failure and the same drug is banned by the FDA of USA, even the premier institutions of India like AIIMS, New Delhi have discarded its use; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to stop its manufacturing by the pharmaceutical companies in the country?

Fake Asthama medicines

2671. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of growing cases of duplicate or bogus medicines in the field of Asthama involving

Bathini Mrigasira Trust (BMT) which has been dispensing free fish herbal medicines for the past four generations;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to make strict laws to curb such practice; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of drug for AIDS

2672. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ranbaxy Laboratories has developed anti-AIDS drug;

(b) if so, the details of this medicine;

(c) how far this drug has helped to control this deadly disease in our country;

(d) whether the company is exporting the drug as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th July, 2002;

(e) if so, the details of those countries and the foreign exchange earnings out of this, during the last two years; and

(f) the other fields where the company has excelled in medicines in the international market?

Refusal of private hospitals to treat serious cases

†2673. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of private hospitals refuse to provide treatment to patients despite their serious condition due to non-payment of full amount;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take against such private hospitals and doctors; and

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(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Release of monkeys in NIV, Pune by animal activists

2674. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some animal activists forcibly released monkeys meant for research in the National Institute of Virology, Pune;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the monkeys infected with different disease agents may pose a danger to public health; and

(c) if so, the preventive measures Government propose to take in the interest of public health?

Supply of adulterated milk in Delhi

2675. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the supply of lakh of litres of adulterated, sub-standard milk in Delhi by the organised and unorganised sectors endangering the health of the people;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

Poor condition of CGHS

2676. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

84 per cent of Central Government patients particularly retired senior citizens seek the advice and treatment of private doctors on account of poor, precarious, negligible treatment and misbehaviour of CGHS staff who supply sub-standard, out-dated medicines by taking 10—15 days time;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to survey CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi particularly in South as CGHS network is in a shamble, as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 30th May, 2002; and

(c) whether Government have any scheme for allowing senior citizens from 60 years onwards to undertake free treatment of their choice in private hospitals?

Formation of cadre for doctors

†2677. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Dilli ke sarkari Asptalo mein doctor bhi theke par", which appeared in the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated 9th July, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that neither any cadre for doctors has been created in Government Hospitals nor permanent job has been given to them; and

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

Increase in fake drug business

2678. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the business of fake drugs is increasing in the country particularly in Delhi since the last few years;

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(b) if so, whether laxity in various laws, slow litigation and light punishment are the main causes of increase in number of fake drugs business;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any step to strengthen various laws for deterrent punishment to the manufacturers and sellers of fake drugs in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Handling of cases during major disasters by hospitals

2679. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government hospitals in the country are incapable of handling cases during major disasters and due to non-availability of beds in the disaster management wards, the patients are invariably referred to other hospitals;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government for improving the situation during major disasters by establishing co-ordination between Government hospitals?

Joint monitoring of HIV virus in A.P.

2680. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Atlanta-based Centre for Disease Control and the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society have agreed to jointly monitor efforts to combat the spread of the dreaded HIV virus in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government officials will be trained during the three year project to commence in October, 2002;

(c) whether State Government is hopeful that efforts had helped bring down the incidence from 2.43 per cent in 1999 to 2.02 per cent this year; and

(d) if so, the assistance Government have provided to Andhra Pradesh to combat AIDS?

Ill-treatment of patients in the Cancer Department, AIIMS

†2681. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of ill-treatment of patients by the doctors working in Cancer Department of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and spoiling the cases of patients;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the increasing number of cancer patients; and

(c) if so, details of the scheme being formulated by Government for treatment of cancer patients?

Report of XIV International AIDS Conference

2682. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a 33-page report released by the XIV International AIDS Conference stating that police abuse of AIDS prevention of workers in India is hampering efforts to stop the spread of AIDS in the country;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop the spread of AIDS in the country for the last three years; and

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(d) how far such steps helped in that direction?

Tenure of CGHS Doctors

2683. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any norm that a CGHS Doctor will not remain in a single place for more than a specified period;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Replacing the test of injection syringes by LAL-test

2684. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started replacing the test of injection syringes produced in India, which is done on rabbits for toxicity and pyrogencity, by LAL-test;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any time-frame has been set to do so?

Free condoms at liquor vendors

2685. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of free condoms at liquor vendors has been launched with a view to checking spread of AIDS;

(b) whether this scheme will be introduced on a large scale in the country; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

Utilisation of funds by States

†2686. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are not making proper utilisation of funds provided under Central schemes;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any directive or taken any action for the proper utilisation of funds; and

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

Rate of blood in Delhi

†2687. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether one unit of blood is being sold at a minimum of two thousand rupees in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether rate of blood differs in Government and Private Institutions;

(c) whether Government propose to bring the sale of blood under price control system; and

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

'Health for All' Programme

2688. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of 50 years of development Government have not been able to provide health facility to all;

(b) whether Government have launched 'Health for All' Programme;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that health facilities are going out of reach of people day-by-day;

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(d) whether this situation reflects the failure of Government on health front; and

(e) if so, whether Government propose to give the responsibility of 'Health for All' to Private Sector and disinvest the Government hospitals like PSUs?

Effective policy to check population growth

†2689. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that developmental work is not taking place in commensurate with the increase in population and as a result approximately one third population in the country is living below the poverty line; and

(b) if so, the stringent measures Government propose to take by formulating effective policies to check population growth?

Deaths due to TB

2690. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the rate of deaths due to TB (Tuberculosis) in so much so that one person dies from TB in every minute in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to control and eradicate the disease;

(c) whether Government have planned to restructure and revamp the National TB Control Programme to effectively tackle the disease;

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the programme for the current year; and

(e) whether his Ministry has sought for special allocation of funds for the programme in view of the gravity of the problem?

Treatment in private hospitals

2691. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the system of treatment in some prominent private hospitals in Delhi is woefully inadequate and scandalous for the poor people, as reported in the 'Times of India', dated the 12th July, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the position in this regard?

Development of AIDS vaccine

2692. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has called for early development of AIDS vaccine;

(b) if so, whether the Prime Minister also urged that there is a need to generate awareness and use it as an effective antidote to the virus till a medical solution is developed; and

(c) if so, the efforts being made by the Scientists in developing AIDS vaccine?

Revision of list of medicines

2693. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that list of

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

medicines for purchase is prepared by his Ministry after every five years or so;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such a list was prepared in the year 1998 which should have lasted for five years;

(c) if so, what prompted Government to revise the list of medicines before the expiry of five years;

(d) whether this matter has been referred to the C.B.I. for investigation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether it is proposed to do so now?

Family welfare linked health insurance plan

2694. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a family welfare linked health insurance plan for persons below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the new plan is likely to be put in place;

(d) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme to other sections of the population including senior citizens; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Hepatitis A, B & C and Chicken Pox in the UIP

2695. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Hepatitis A, B & C vaccines and Chicken Pox in the Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP);

(b) if so, by when and the annual financial outlay thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Conservation and sustainable use of medicinal plants

2696. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the main recommendations of the report of task force on conservation and sustainable use of medicinal plants submitted by Planning Commission in March, 2000;

(b) whether Government have implemented the recommendations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Utilisation of family planning funds by States

2697. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation made for family planning to check population growth remained underutilised in most of the States;

(b) the position of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) the measures proposed to monitor implementation of the programme more efficiently?

Facilities for treatment of cervical cancer

2698. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

hospitals in Delhi lack adequate facilities for treatment of cervical cancer;

(b) the Government hospitals in Delhi which provide treatment for cervical cancer;

(c) the details of treatment available including number of beds, specialist doctors, equipments and capacity for accommodation;

(d) whether it is also a fact that at AIIMS expensive radiotherapy machines worth more than Rs. 20 crore for the treatment of cervical cancer are lying unused; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Procurement of spurious drugs by MSD

2699. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Medical Stores Depot has procured spurious drugs worth Rs. 18 crore;

(b) whether a case has been registered in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Bio-Equivalence for TB drug

2700. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow the four drugs FDC for TB patients;

(b) if so, by when the notification will be issued;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all new manufacturers seeking permission for four

Drugs Fixed Dose Combination will have to do the Bio-Equivalence;

(d) if so, the names of testing labs which are authorised to do this Bio-Equivalence; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that these B.E. Reports will have to be submitted to DCGI for getting approval?

Ethical guidelines for bio-medical research on human beings

2701. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since the ethical guidelines for bio-medical research on human subjects are not binding, it exposes human beings to potential exploitation;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring a legislation in this regard in order to ensure that all the guidelines are being strictly followed by every one;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Functioning of Electropathy Institutions

2702. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the High Court of Delhi in its judgement on 18th November, 1998 in case No. 4015/96 has directed the Central/State Governments to formulate the functioning of Electropathy Institutions on the lines of Sections 17, 18, 19 and 19 (A) of Medical Council Act, 1956 in order to streamline functioning of the system;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken in the matter;

(c) whether any instructions have also been issued to State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto?

Reimbursement of expenses for treatment in private hospitals

2703. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether full reimbursement of expenses incurred for treatment in private hospitals is not made to Government pensioners though prior permission is obtained from DGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed to simplify the procedure to help senior citizens who are CGHS beneficiaries?

Anti-AIDS drug

2704. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organization has approved anti-AIDS drug manufactured by one of India's leading pharmaceutical companies for supply to the U.N. Agency;

(b) whether this anti-AIDS drug is easily available in the country; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

Ban on gutkha and pan masala

2705. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few State Governments including Tamil Nadu Government have already banned gutkha;

(b) if so, the names of the State Governments which have requested the Centre to ban gutkha and pan masala;

(c) the action taken on such requests;

(d) whether according to a survey, 10-40 per cent school students and 70 per cent college students in Metros chew gutkha and pan masala;

(e) whether Government have conducted an all-India survey in this regard to know the status of use of gutkha and pan masala;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cholera cases in Delhi

2706. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a spurt in cholera cases in parts of outer Delhi and unauthorised colonies recently;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the current year; and

(c) how these figures compare with the last year's position?

Health Services to combat infectious diseases in Delhi

†2707. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Depart-

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ment of Health Services in Delhi is not well equipped to combat the infectious diseases like cholera, diarrhoea etc.; and

(b) the reasons for not increasing the number of Health Services in view of rapidly increasing population of the Capital?

MBBS seats in various medical colleges

†2708. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats for MBBS course in various medical colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of seats allocated for general entrance examination, All India Merit Quota and payment, separately;

(c) the number of applications received from various State Governments for increasing the number of MBBS seats alongwith the details of pending applications for approval; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for according approval?

Poaching of doctors for NHS, England

2709. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has taken up, alongwith some other foreign Governments, regarding the question of poaching of doctors and other medical and para-medical staff for the National Health Service, England;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the British Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to

arrest the trend of the qualified Indian doctors seeking employment in NHS, England when the medical needs of the country are genuine and urgent?

Strength of doctors in CGHS

2710. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sanctioned strength and actual strength of Doctors in Homoeopathic Dispensaries/Units located in Delhi under CGHS;

(b) whether it is a fact that male/female Doctors Ratio is not being maintained in most of the dispensaries/units causing embarassment to the patients;

(c) if so, the reasons for not maintaining the actual strength; and

(d) the corrective steps Government propose to take to maintain the actual strength as well as male/female Doctors ratio in CGHS Homoeopathic dispensaries/units to facilitate the beneficiaries?

Supply of South Korean Encephalitis vaccine in Andhra Pradesh

2711. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Encephalitis vaccine is not available to the extent of the requirement in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that scarcity of South Korean variety of vaccine is affecting Japanese Encephalitis control measures; and

(c) if so, whether Government would take immediate measures to ensure supply of adequate quantity of South Korean variety of Encephalitis vaccine?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**News-item "Government dithers on
lifeline for cancer patients"**

2712. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Government dithers on lifeline for cancer patients", which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 19th July, 2002;

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

(c) the difficulties of Government to give a certificate as required by the Pharmaceutical Company although a similar certificate was furnished on the last occasion also under a similar situation?

**Recommendations of Central Council
of Health and Family Welfare**

2713. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare during the year 1999 has recommended for providing at least one Physician from Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in every Primary Health Care Centre and that vacancies caused by non-availability of Allopathic Personnel should be filled by I.S.M. and H. Physicians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken steps for implementing these recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

CGHS facilities in Vasant Kunj

2714. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide CGHS facilities to the residents of Vasant Kunj where most of the retired Government servants are residing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a dispensary for Vasant Kunj is likely to start functioning?

**Foreign engineers, experts working in
projects/schemes in India**

2715. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of foreign engineers, experts, technicians etc., from USA and UK are engaged in various on-going projects/schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Governments of USA and UK have advised their citizens to leave India;

(d) if so, how far such projects/schemes under implementation will get affected and delayed if the foreign engineers, experts, technicians etc., leave India under instructions from their Governments; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation and to keep the schedule of the completion of projects/schemes?

Performance of Navratna and Mini-Navratna

2716. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the performance of Navratna and Mini-Navratna Public Sector Enterprises during the last three years;

(b) whether their performance justifies their continuance as Navratna and Mini-Navratna enterprises;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to remove those from the list of Navratnas and Mini-Navratnas; and

(e) whether Government propose to accord Maharatna status to a few PSUs which performed well after the autonomy was granted?

Decline in production/export of Indian companies

†2717. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant decline in production of major companies of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the main reason for decline is the non-availability of markets for export and non-improvement in the functioning of these companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are going to take any concrete steps to increase the production capacity of Indian companies and improve their export; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Bribing by MNCs to obtain contracts

2718. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of multinational companies having paid bribes in India to obtain contracts have come to the notice of Government; and

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

Redeployment scheme for surplus staff

2719. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a redeployment scheme for surplus staff, as reported in 'The Business Standard' dated 7th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the PSUs under the control of his Ministry which are likely to be closed down and the number of staff that would be rendered surplus as a result thereof; and

(d) the areas where the staff would be adjusted or redeployed?

Establishment of heavy industries in Bihar

2720. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre concepts heavy industries were established in the Jharkhand area of then Bihar during 1950s;

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(b) the plans to establish new heavy industries in the existing Bihar under the Growth Pole and Growth Centre as it is one of the most backward State of the country in respect of per capita income and other socio-economic indicators as Jharkhand has been separated from Bihar now; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Channels provided by DD Kendra of Bangalore

2721. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of channels presently provided by Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore;

(b) whether the number of channels from DD Bangalore is proposed to be increased from March, 2003; and

(c) the steps being taken to expand the DD base in Bangalore including its production facility?

Resignation of the Chairman of Central Censor Board

2722. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Central Censor Board has resigned before the completion of his term;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Government's policy on pornographic films;

(d) whether there is any difference of opinion in this regard between Government and the Censor Board; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and how it is proposed to be resolved?

Prints of the award winning films

2723. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the prints of the award winning films lying with Directorate of Film Festivals are in a shabby condition and not fit to be screened;

(b) whether there is any proposal to make new prints of such films to enable their participation in various festivals and retrospectives being held abroad; and

(c) the details of funds being made available for this purpose?

Readership of daily newspapers

†2724. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of readership of daily newspapers has increased during past years in the country;

(b) if so, the number of readers of daily newspapers in the country during the years 1995-1996 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the number of such readers who live in villages?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Production of Indian Films

†2725. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cultural ethos, civilization and social life in India are different than those in the developed countries like America, England etc.; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the films produced in India are against the basic instincts of culture, civilization, traditions and beliefs of India?

Appointments to Central Board of Film Certification

†2726. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people connected with film industry have largely been appointed to the Central Board of Film Certification by Government;

(b) the total number of Members of this Board at present and the field of their expertise; and

(c) the guidelines fixed by Government for approval to the films?

Increase in number of newspapers

†2727. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of daily newspapers has risen during the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of daily newspapers which have been published during the years 1995-96 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the names of 30 top daily newspapers which are in largest circulation alongwith the number of copies?

Bidders for FM licences

2728. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bidders for Delhi's FM licences have indicated their inability to pay licence fee by August 29th deadline;

(b) whether they have sought second extension of six months to pay the fees;

(c) whether Government have decided to extend the time limit or to cancel their bids and cash the guarantee; and

(d) whether FM licence holders are also asking Government's permission to allow them to install individual towers and transmitters?

FDI in Direct-to-Home broadcasting service

2729. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to attract any substantial FDI in Direct-to-Home broadcasting service;

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(b) if so, whether this was due to cap of 20 per cent on FDI, the high entry-fee, revenue share percentage and bank guarantee amount;

(c) whether Government propose to increase FDI investment limit to 49 per cent and also to liberalise other conditions; and

(d) whether even after increasing FDI limit, the voting right percentage will be retained at the present level of 20 per cent?

Legislation for coverage of National and International Sports meets

2730. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA
KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati has decided to request Government to bring in a legislation enabling Doordarshan to get signals of all national and international sports meets, especially in sports;

(b) if so, whether such legislation exists in a number of countries including Australia and the UK;

(c) whether India is being left out in important events like World Cup Football matches etc.;

(d) if so, whether Government have considered the request; and

(e) if so, the steps being considered in this regard?

News-item on Indian Media

2731. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention

has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Are we reporting or settling an old colonial account" which appeared in the 'Pioneer' dated the 5th July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether in the report, French journalist's open letter against foreign media's anti-India bias has been examined by Government;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on this issue; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Misreporting on terrorist activities in J&K

† 2732. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suffered a severe diplomatic setback due to misreporting in Indian newspapers regarding terrorist activities being conducted by Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider imposing a ban on such newspapers and journalists;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) the details thereof?

AIR, Panaji, Goa

2733. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff of All India Radio, Panaji, designation-wise;

(b) the number of hours of broadcasting of All India Radio, Panaji;

(c) the reasons for not extending MW and FM transmissions from All India Radio, Panaji;

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(d) the areas to which international broadcasts are made from the high-powered transmitters at Bambolim, Goa; and

(e) the capacity of radio transmitters stationed in Goa and percentage of capacity utilisation in each case?

Amendments to the Cinematography Act, 1952

2734. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Cinematography Act, 1952;

(b) whether any core Committee has been appointed to discuss the amendments; and

(c) if so, by when the Bill is expected to be introduced in Parliament?

Health related programmes on DD

†2735. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to telecast health programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken by Government so far in this matter; and

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

Venue for hosting International Film Festivals

2736. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi is proposed to be made

permanent venue for hosting International Film Festivals; and

(b) if so, the reasons for making capital as the venue depriving other States where they are generally held by rotation?

Losses due to video piracy to film industry

2737. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that video piracy has caused losses in excess of Rs. 1700 crore to the film industry and Government exchequer;

(b) whether a delegation has met Deputy-Prime Minister requesting for an investigation into the menace; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

FM Radio Licences

2738. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the list of commercial FM radio stations which have started functioning alongwith date of functionery, station-wise;

(b) the list of parties who have given bid for various commercial FM radio licences in various States and have not yet launched operations;

(c) the action taken against those who have not yet launched operations;

(d) whether the FM slots not operationalised yet will be offered to other parties to run FM radio stations; and

(e) whether Government will reconsider the policy of offering FM slots to the highest bidder in view of failure of this policy in the past?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Legislation to allow political funding

2739. SHRI SUDARSHAN
AKARAPU:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether Government propose to bring in legislation to legitimise political funding to tackle corruption in the public life;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed legislation;

(c) whether it is a fact that an All-Party meeting was held recently to discuss this issue; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the meeting?

Increasing the number of Judges in Patna High Court

†2740. SHRI LALU PRASAD:
PROF. RAM DEO
BHANDARY:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

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

(a) whether there are 31 sanctioned posts of Judges in Patna High Court for approximately eight crore thirty lakh population of Bihar out of which eight are lying vacant;

(b) whether the Law Commission has recommended a minimum of sixty Judges in Patna High Court;

(c) whether about eighty two thousand cases are pending in the Court;

(d) whether any recommendation has been received from Government of Bihar as well as Patna High Court for filling up of vacant posts; and

(e) if so, by when Government would complete the task of increasing the number of Judges and filling up of vacant posts?

CJI on implementation of Civil Procedure Code Amendments

2741. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

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

(a) whether the Chief Justice of India has urged the Lawyers and Judges all over the country to extend their wholehearted cooperation in the implementation of the Civil Procedure Code Amendments which came into force from 1st July, 2002 to ensure speedy justice to people;

(b) if so, whether under this, a time-frame has been stressed for disposal of all civil cases within a year; and

(c) whether the Chief Justice of India has decided to monitor the progress of civil cases in the courts in the country?

Pending cases from Andhra Pradesh in Supreme Court

2742. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether there are nearly 5000 court cases pending before the Supreme Court from Andhra Pradesh alone;

(b) whether these include cases filed by the State Government, citizens of the State in matters of public interest and others;

(c) if so, the total number of cases pending with the Supreme Court from other States; and

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(d) the reasons put forward by the Supreme Court for delay in pronouncing the judgement in these cases?

Meaning of minorities

2743. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an 11-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court has started hearing on a batch of 200 petitions to have a re-look at the meaning and content of the expression Minorities and the Minority institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Fake stamp papers

†2744. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sale of fake stamp papers is going on in the country without any hindrance;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any step to prevent this; and

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

Pending cases of road accident victims

2745. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of petitions filed by the various State Governments' Transport Authorities pertaining to the road accident victims whose cases have been decided by lower courts on merit basis have been lying pending in different High Courts for a long time;

(b) whether Government propose to issue categorical directions to the High Courts to dispose of these cases within the shortest possible time in order to mitigate the enormous hardships being faced by the road accident victims; and

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

Pending cases of bouncing of cheques in various courts

2746. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases relating to bouncing of cheques are pending for disposal in various courts in the country;

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

(c) whether Government propose to amend Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act to deal sternly with this growing menace; and

(d) if so, by when this Section is likely to be amended?

Pending cases regarding payment of income tax and excise duties

2747. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pendency of disputes regarding payment of income tax and excise duties by many companies in appellate fora has caused large amount of outstanding dues;

(b) the number of such pending cases of 50 top companies pending in various courts in the country, State-wise, court-wise, amount-wise and company-wise for the last three years;

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(c) whether Government have taken any steps for the speedy disposal of these cases; and

(d) if so, the details of the same and the progress made thereon?

Vacant posts of Judges

2748. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of Judges in the country and the period since when these have remained unfilled, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to fill them up; and

(c) whether Government would ask the Judges to work overtime to clear the backlog?

Delegations of Shipping Industry to foreign countries

2749. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with Shipping Industry were sent to foreign countries for further co-operation and development in the shipping sector in view of the growing global competition during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects of mutual interest discussed with them;

(c) the names of the countries with whom agreements were entered into by them alongwith the details of each of the agreements; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

Modernisation programmes at Vizag Port

2750. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether development and modernisation programmes are under implementation at Vizag Port in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on each of these programmes, so far, and how much each programme will cost after their completion?

Conversion of HSL into Sub-marine Repair Yard

2751. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to convert Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., Vishakhapatnam and Cochin Shipyard, Kochi into speciality Sub-marine Repair Yard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that both the shipyards are facing shortage of orders and their capacity is under-utilised;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made for full utilisation of capacity?

Disinvestment of Cochin Port Trust

2752. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to disinvest the Cochin Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Port Trust will be handed over for the use of the proposed Vallarpadam Container Terminal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Bidding for the Vallarpadam project at Kochi

2753. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had decided to recommend that P&O Ports of Australia be allowed to re-bid the Vallarpadam trans-shipment hub at Kochi;

(b) whether the said company's bid for the same project had been rejected once on the ground that it would create monopoly in the sub-continent;

(c) if so, the reasons why Government decided to recommend P&O again for bidding of Vallarpadam project; and

(d) the names of other bidding companies for this project?

NGOs working for physically and mentally disabled

2754. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NGOs operating in Rajasthan to promote voluntary action for people with physical and mental disability; and

(b) the details of assistance being rendered by his Ministry to such organizations?

Special Courts for speedy disposal of cases of SCs/STs in Andhra Pradesh

2755. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether exclusive special courts under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989 have been set up in the State of Andhra Pradesh for speedy disposal of cases pertaining to SCs and STs in the State;

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

(c) the number of cases disposed of by these courts during the last two years, year-wise; and

(d) the number of cases pending in such courts as on 31st May, 2002?

Complaints of irregularities against Chief Executives of NMDFC

2756. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of irregularities and corruption against Chief Executives and senior Officers of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation have been pending for investigation with Central Vigilance Commission and Chief Vigilance Officers for the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the reasons for their pendency and by when the process of investigation into these complaints is likely to be completed alongwith the present position of the cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain officers against whom complaints are pending investigations, are likely to be promoted; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Handicapped Welfare Centres in Rajasthan

†2757. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Handicapped Welfare Centres in Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the facilities given to handicapped persons by National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation;

(c) the latest position of the progress made by it;

(d) whether Government propose to formulate a clear national policy for handicapped persons;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism

2758. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objective of National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, etc. and since when it is functional;

(b) the programmes/schemes being run by the Trust and amount spent under each scheme/programme, so far;

(c) the appraisals, if any, of schemes/programmes to assess the actual flow of benefit to the target groups and outcome thereof;

(d) the manpower in position in the Trust

as against authorised/sanctioned strength and whether this is not affecting proper examination of schemes/programmes which involve spending of Government money; and

(e) the remedial steps proposed in this regard?

Schemes to strengthen the legal rights of senior citizens

2759. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the welfare of the Senior Citizens of the country so as to get benefit of their long experience and strengthen their legal rights;

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

(c) the details of those States where Welfare Schemes for these citizens are already being implemented without any Central assistance; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

National Policy on Older Persons

2760. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Policy on Older Persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy is already being implemented;

(d) whether the policy envisages setting up of more old age homes across the country;

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and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Scholarships to SC/ST and others

2761. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally assisted schemes for setting up hostel facilities and for providing scholarships for pre-matric and post-matric students, both boys and girls, belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Backward Castes and Other Backward Castes in various States/UTs;

(b) the projected expenditure of each scheme, the Central share released/remains to be released in respect of the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether similar schemes are available for Under-graduate/Post-graduate, professional courses and research scholars belonging to SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the details and guidelines in this regard and allocations made during the last three years to each State/UT?

Schemes for handicapped, widow, orphan children, etc.

2762. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated for the handicapped, widow, orphan children, terrorist and riot-affected children and

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women by Government; and

(b) the basic facilities being provided to these categories by Government?

Special Component Scheme for SCs/STs

†2763. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families included in the special component scheme for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the current year, State-wise;

(b) the target fixed for the said period;

(c) whether the above said target has been achieved so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Involvement of adivasis in communal riots in Gujarat

2764. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of adivasis were involved in the ghastly acts of arson, looting etc., during the dreaded communal carnage in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the socio-economic reasons for which the historically non-communal tribal people could be otherwise instigated;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any well meaning socio-economic programmes to bring back the

disgruntled section of the adivasis in that State to the mainstream of national social fabric; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modification in the list of Scheduled Tribes

2765. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to introduce a new SC/ST Bill to modify the list of Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, the details of amendments proposed to be made in the Act?

Grants to NGOs based in Arunachal Pradesh

2766. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by his Ministry for the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Arunachal Pradesh based NGOs are facing difficulties in getting grants for welfare of tribals in that State;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to simplify the process of release of grants and also make it transparent; and

(d) the details of NGOs in Arunachal Pradesh which received grants for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003?

Diversion of funds for tribal sub-plan in Kerala

2767. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports on diversion of fund allocated for tribal sub-plan in Kerala, which appeared in the 'Hindu' dated 25th July, 2002 and also on electronic media like Surya and Asianet;

(b) if so, the details of fund diverted and officials *prima-facie* responsible; and the steps taken to rectify the same;

(c) whether an inquiry would be initiated by an independent agency;

(d) whether any such incident of diversion of fund sanctioned to tribals was reported during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details including action taken for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Implementation of tribal welfare schemes

2768. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some irregularities have been alleged in the implementation of tribal welfare schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the results thereof?

TRIFED procurement centres

2769. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of TRIFED procurement centres in the country as on date along with the details for last three years, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of tribal population getting benefited from the service of TRIFED during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that tribals often sell their produce either to the middlemen or in the open market because of the improper services of TRIFED and physical inaccessibility; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take for improving the services and setting up more procurement centres?

Diversion of funds allocated for tribal affairs

2770. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budgetary allocation for tribal development in the country during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that huge amount of money had been diverted by the State Governments to other sectors from the budget allocated for the tribal affairs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the appropriate action taken by Government to stop unscrupulous diversion of funds?

ST status to Pahari speaking people of J & K

2771. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2399 given in Rajya Sabha on 15th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that additional material asked from the State has been received by his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the said case has been completely processed; and

(c) by when the long pending demand would be fulfilled?

Decline in BPL population

2772. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of URBAN

DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of the population Below Poverty Line is on decline in the country;

(b) the amount that Government spent every year for the last three years for the poverty alleviation programme and the names of the programmes which currently are being implemented; and

(c) the States which require maximum share from the total budgetary allocation for the poverty alleviation?

Construction of Dhobi Sheds/Thadas in Government colonies

2773. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDMC had constructed Dhobi Sheds/Thadas in various Government colonies for allotment to persons engaged in the profession of ironing clothes;

(b) whether a large number of such Dhobi Sheds/Thadas had been allotted by NDMC in various Government colonies since 1991 onwards;

(c) if so, the criteria adopted for allotment of such Sheds/Thadas and the details thereof; and

(d) the names of places where such Dhobi Sheds/Thadas are available for allotment in DIZ Area?

Relief to industrial units with their own townships

2774. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

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

(a) the reasons for not extending any relief to industrial units who have developed their own townships in spite of the fact that these kinds of industries are doing a part of Government job;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not contributed in the development of these backward areas and is claiming heavy amount towards various land revenue taxes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Unauthorised construction by allottees of Government quarters in Raja Bazar, Delhi

2775. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2420 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the date on which CPWD authorities informed Directorate of Estates for illegal construction against each allottee;

(b) the date on which Directorate of Estates have taken action against each allottee;

(c) the date on which allottees have been given notice by Directorate of Estates for removal of illegal/unauthorized construction;

(d) the number of allottees who have demolished illegal construction and informed Directorate of Estates through CPWD

Enquiry; and

(e) the number of allottees who have not demolished illegal construction and the action taken by Directorate of Estates against such allottees?

Contract for separating inorganic and organic waste from garbage in Delhi

2776. SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that contracts were given to private parties to separate inorganic and organic waste at the garbage dumping ground on the outskirts of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that these parties have refused to do the said work;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to resolve the issue so that the said contractual work goes on?

Review of working of DWCUA in Andhra Pradesh

2777. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries assisted under Development of Women and Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the working of DWCUA in the State; and

(c) if so, the shortcomings noticed and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

Mineral water manufacturing companies in the Capital

2778. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mineral water manufacturing companies in the capital and how many of them are actually registered;

(b) whether it is a fact that M.C.D. has allowed a number of water plants to operate in the city and thereby endangering the lives of citizens who are misled into believing that mineral water produced by those units is safe;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Government's reaction in this regard?

Poor maintenance of parks at V.P. House

†2779. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the parks at V.P. House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi have been turning into barren land due to lack of proper maintenance by the horticulture department;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government for proper maintenance of these parks; and

(c) the reasons for such negligence?

Construction of attached W/C and bathroom in Type-I quarters, Kidwai Nagar

2780. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have ordered for construction of attached W/C and bathroom in type-I quarters of Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) whether the construction has been completed in the said quarters;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to expedite the work and also to fix the responsibility for delay in the work;

(d) the number of the quarters where construction of W/C and bathroom has yet to be taken up; and

(e) by when the said work would be completed?

Shortage of potable water in DDA flats, Anand Vihar, Delhi

†2781. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of potable water and there are heaps of garbage in Delhi;

(b) whether supply of water in the underground water tank is negligible and booster pump runs only for a period of 15-20 minutes in the DDA flats, Anand Vihar, Delhi;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the water supply and cleanliness there;

(d) whether it is a fact that DDA has cancelled the scheme for digging-up of new bore-wells and to convert the main source of garbage *i.e.* dry Nallah into a green belt; and

(e) if not, by when the abovesaid work would be completed?

Instructions of Planning Commission

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on Urban Development Schemes

†2782. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government for urban development schemes along with the disbursement of the same, State-wise;

(b) the details of schemes and whether Planning Commission's instructions in this regard have been received;

(c) if not, by when Planning Commission's instructions are likely to be received; and

(d) by when urban development schemes will be implemented?

Workshop on Transport Policy in the Capital

2783. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the issues which were debated in the Workshop on Transport Policy held in the Capital from 4th June, 2002, as reported in the Times of India, dated the 1st June, 2002;

(b) the salient recommendations made by the group to control pollution, ease congestion, control accidents and provide safe and comfortable transport system in metropolitan cities; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these recommendations specially to provide relief to the citizens of the Capital?

Status of Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi towns

2784. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the

Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Najafgarh, Narela and Nangloi town are in the category of urbanised towns;

(b) if so, the details of the notification etc. issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons for including these towns in rural areas?

Agreements with foreign countries on urban development

2785. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delegations connected with urban affairs were sent to foreign countries for further co-operation and development in the urban areas during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects of mutual interest discussed with them; and

(c) the names of the countries with whom agreements were signed along with the details of each agreement?

Proposal for urban development from Rajasthan

†2786. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals/schemes sent by Government of Rajasthan for Central assistance for development of various cities;

(b) the number and names of the proposed cities for development under each

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of the abovesaid proposals/schemes; and

(c) by when the approval of Government is likely to be accorded to pending proposals/schemes and the reasons for delay in this regard?

Legal rights to persons buying flats in Group Housing Societies

2787. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Delhi Government or any other body for providing all legal rights to a person buying flats in cooperative group housing societies which are available to original members; and

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

Additional assistance to Kerala under NSDP

2788. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Kerala regarding additional Central assistance for the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the total amount allocated for Kerala, so far, under this scheme?

Construction of drains in Rohini

2789. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Rohini DDA residential complex, rain/storm water drains have been constructed recently by MCD;

(b) if so, whether such drains have been constructed around Pockets C-11, 12 and 13, Sector-3 if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether authorities concerned in connivance with contractor have diverted the drain abruptly to favour the resident of house No. 1, Pocket C-13, Sector-3, which has choked the drain;

(d) whether complaints from residents have been received, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

World Bank Report on Urban Transport Sector

2790. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report of the World Bank on, "India's Transport Sector: The Challenges Ahead", highlighting the need to establish more effective institutional financial and technical capabilities and functional coordination amongst various agencies operating in the urban transport sector; and

(b) if so, the details of major observations/recommendations contained in the report and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Order for bogies for Metro Rail in Delhi

†2791. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will

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

(a) whether Government have placed the order for the bogies based on latest Japanese technique for Metro Rail in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of bogies to be imported and total amount spent for the purpose;

(c) the reasons for not manufacturing the said bogies indigenously; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the indigenous manufacturing of such bogies in future?

External and internal funding for urban development projects

2792. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total external funding received for the various urban development projects, in the country, State-wise;

(b) the break-up of external funding for various sectors viz., water supply, sanitation, urban infrastructure, etc.;

(c) whether there is any direct external funding to the urban projects in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to States under IDSMT Scheme

2793. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored

Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme;

(b) the number of towns identified for assistance under the scheme and the funds released in each State during the last five years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the financial assistance released earlier to the States for IDSMT was treated as a loan as against grant under the revised scheme; and

(d) whether Government would consider converting the loan granted under the pre-revised scheme as grant in respect of the towns not able to generate their own resources?

Covering of open drain in LIG flats, Manglapuri

2794. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 576 given in Rajya Sabha on 22nd July, 2002 and state:

(a) the reasons for not filling the vacant land surrounding the LIG Flats, Manglapuri;

(b) whether Government are aware that if the drain is not properly covered it will become a breeding place for mosquito and other insects and it may cause spread of many diseases in the area; and

(c) if so, the action taken to cover the drain soon keeping in view the health of residents?

Funds to Municipal Corporation of Muzaffarpur, Bihar

†2795. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:

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

(a) whether Government have directly provided funds to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for developmental purposes;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide funds to Muzaffarpur Municipal Corporation on the same line;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

2796. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had earlier decided to regularise unauthorised colonies which had come up all over Delhi upto 31st March, 1993;

(b) whether the Delhi Government had demanded that the cut-off year for the purpose should be 1998; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Expansion of Delhi Metro for whole NCR

2797. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand Delhi Metro to the whole of the National Capital Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revised programme of phases for

introduction of Metro in NCR?

Fixation of pay scale of drivers of DDA

†2798. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that when the minimum pay scale of Rs. 950 of drivers was fixed by the Fourth Central Pay Commission and then the Delhi Development Authority as per the previous practice had fixed it at Rs. 1150 but when the Fifth Central Pay Commission had merged both the pay scales then the pay scale of some drivers of DDA was fixed at Rs. 3575 and the rest at Rs. 3050;

(b) whether Delhi Development Authority would fix the minimum pay scale of drivers at Rs. 3575 corresponding to the minimum pay scale of Rs. 1150 as per the previous practice;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the opinion of the legal cell of DDA in this regard?

Award of civil, electrical and horticulture works by CPWD in R.K. Puram

2799. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of civil/electrical/ horticulture works awarded to contractors by the CPWD in Sector 2, 8 and 12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi separately from April, 1999 to June, 2002, year-wise;

(b) the amount incurred thereon, work-wise and contract-wise;

(c) whether without checking work of the contractors and any satisfactory report from the allottees/associations, CPWD have

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(d) whether payments were given to contractors even some works were not completed by the contractors despite the number of complaints by allottees/associations to Engineers in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

NEW DELHI;
The 6th August, 2002
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**Allotment of plots/flats under Housing
 Flat Registration Scheme-1985**

2800. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has allotted the plots/flats to all weaker sections who have registered their names in the Housing Flat Registration Scheme-1985; and

(b) if not, by when DDA will allot the plots/flats to them?

R.C. TRIPATHI,
 Secretary General.

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