

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Total number of questions — 155

Effect of monsoon on agricultural output

2039. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per CII report, a further recovery of agriculture sector with output forecast of increase by about three per cent is expected in 2005-06 as compared to one per cent last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delay of monsoon had caused immense damage to agriculture activities and the agricultural production may decline; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Agricultural reforms

2040. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has shown great concern over farm sector growth;

(b) if so, whether Prime Minister projected a growth of 7 to 8 per cent for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether PM urged to approve and implement the correctives enunciated in the Planning Commission's emphasis on agricultural reforms;

(d) to what extent PM has asked to take steps to tackle agricultural problems;

(e) to what extent the suggestions made by PM has fully been acknowledged and addressed by all Chief Ministers; and

(f) what are the concrete steps and measures, State Governments have considered to improve agricultural growth?

Rural godowns

2041. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of construction of rural godown called "Gramin Bhandaran Yojana" has been started to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the date on which it has been launched and the achievements made, so far;

(c) what is the subsidy on capital cost available for such schemes; and

(d) in what manner the scheme is different from the scheme already in existence?

Assistance to States for infrastructure projects

2042. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have notified certain States/UTs for grant of assistance for investment subsidy on infrastructure projects under the 'Strengthening/development of agricultural marketing infrastructure grading and standardization Scheme';

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the criteria for identifying beneficiary States/UTs;

(c) whether Karnataka would also be considered for grant of assistance under the Scheme; and

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

Starvation-free nation

†2043. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have announced its resolution to make the country a starvation-free and glorious nation by December, 2007 while the foodgrain production has declined to 8 per cent during the last four years and the population has gone up in the same proportion; and

(b) if so, the details of effective steps taken by Government to increase the foodgrain production and bring down the

population in order to make the nation starvation-free by year 2007?

Helping debt ridden farmers

2044. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the past few years, over 4,000 farmers, many from the cotton and dryland belt of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, parts of Kerala and Punjab have killed themselves as they were trapped in a vicious circle of debt, crop failure, penury and extreme hopelessness;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that Indian agriculture is getting increasingly risky, expensive and water dependent; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to help the farmers come out of their debts?

Spurious Bt. Cotton seeds

2045. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that unlicensed Bt. Cotton seeds have made their way into the market in a big way; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that these illicit Bt. Cotton seeds fail to germinate;

(c) whether cotton farmers are likely to suffer heavy loss as a result thereof;

(d) the measures taken by Government to keep a vigil on spurious seeds reaching the farmers; and

(e) whether illicit Bt. Cotton seed producers have been identified and any action taken against them?

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Problems of sugarcane and cotton farmers

2046. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the plans Government have to solve the problems of sugarcane and cotton farmers;

(b) whether Government have any new plan to change the minimum support price;

(c) whether Government have any new scheme to give soft loans to the sugarcane and cotton farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposals from States for agricultural schemes

2047. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the State Governments that have forwarded proposals to the Central Government relating to agriculture under various schemes;

(b) the details of proposals cleared/ approved by the Central Government, State-wise;

(c) the details of projects which have not been cleared, State-wise; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

Restructuring ICAR

2048. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are holding consultations to restructure the Indian

Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to make the organization more stronger in the agricultural research considering its role in the national economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government want the ICAR to develop scientist-entrepreneur scheme on the lines of a similar scheme in the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Protection of Kharif crops

2049. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the delay in monsoon, Kharif crops like pulses, oilseeds and cereals have been affected;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to protect the interests of the farmers due to this factor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reforms in HOPCOMS

2050. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal to sanction Rs. 120 crores to streamline and to introduce reforms in Horticultural Producers' Co-operative Marketing Society (HOPCOMS) in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what is the present status of the above proposal?

FAO approach for reducing hunger

2051. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has described the progress made for reducing hunger in the country, so far, as disappointing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the climatic change is increasing the number of hungry people by reducing the area of land available for farming in the country;

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

(e) whether FAO has proposed us a four-pronged approach to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of reducing hunger by 2015; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement this strategy?

NAIS in Punjab

2052. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Agricultural Assistance Scheme is working satisfactorily in Punjab;

(b) the number of farmers, crops and agricultural land covered under the scheme in the State;

(c) the criteria followed to decide the rate of premium under the scheme, crop-wise; and

(d) the details of financial liabilities shared by the Centre and States?

National Horticulture Mission

2053. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Karnataka earns nearly Rs. 100 crores in Floriculture;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the Centre to set up 'National Horticulture Mission' to create export potentiality in the Horticulture;

(c) whether Government have a plan to educate farmers to approach markets and evaluate clients; and

(d) the role played by the National Horticulture Board in addressing the problems faced by the farmers?

Production and demand of milk products

†2054. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of milk and milk products and its demand in the country;

(b) the estimated requirement of milk and milk products in the next two years in the country;

(c) whether Government propose to make an elaborate plan to increase the production and its export; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

Horticulture Mission in J&K

2055. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving final

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touches to the ambitious programmes under the Horticulture Mission; and

(b) if so, whether a reasonable sum of money would be allocated to Jammu and Kashmir where Horticulture is the main stay for a sizeable section of population?

Procurement by NAFED

2056. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to discontinue Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops and if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) whether NAFED resorts to purchases under PSS whenever the prices of specific commodities fall below MSP till the time the prices are stabilized and losses so incurred are fully reimbursed by Government; and

(c) if so, the details of the specific commodities whose prices fell below MSP during each of the last five years and NAFED resorted to purchases thereof and how much money was reimbursed to it by Government?

Agricultural production in Tamil Nadu

2057. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:
SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA
NATCHIAPPAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the present trend of agricultural production in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the State is self-reliant in agricultural production and whether all the necessary facilities are provided to this State by Government; and

(c) if so, the extent to which assistance can be given to the farmers of Tamil Nadu under the new agriculture policy?

Promoting inland fisheries in Tamil Nadu

2058. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to promote inland fisheries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard during the last two years; and

(c) the Central assistance sanctioned to the State for the purpose during the said period?

MSP for millet

†2059. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the support price of millet;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have given instruction to Food Corporation of India with regard to direct purchase of millet from farmers at the said support price; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Demand and supply of fodder

2060. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between
demand and supply of fodder in the country;

(b) if so, the present demand and supply
of fodder in the country; State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Central
Government to reduce this gap;

(d) whether the Central Government
propose to start a new scheme for fodder
development;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this new scheme
is likely to be introduced?

Indo-US collaboration in agriculture sector

2061. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether farm pacts to provide fillip
to bio-tech and drought resistant seeds is
being considered with US in Indo-US
collaboration in agriculture;

(b) if so, whether magic seeds distributed
by International Agricultural Research
Centres of the Rockefeller and Ford
Foundation is focussed on bio-technology
and water stress resistant and higher
longevity inputs in farm sector;

(c) whether US analysis indicated that
India could be a major wild card as an
agricultural growth market only if country's
tariff levels are reduced and not replaced
with new non-tariff barriers; and

(d) if so, to what extent this Indo-US
agriculture collaboration has helped
improve agricultural production in the
country?

Survey for new rail lines

†2062. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the
Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to
state:

(a) whether any survey has been
conducted by the Railways for new rail
tracks in the country during the last three
years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the tracks out of the said new tracks
which are proposed to be given priority by
the Railways?

Growth rate of agriculture sector

2063. DR. GYAN PRAKASH
PILANIA: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate targets fixed by
Government for agriculture sector during
each Five Year Plan, till date;

(b) the actual growth rate of agriculture
sector achieved during each Five Year Plan,
till date;

(c) the growth rate of agriculture sector
during each year of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) how this actual growth rate
compares with the targets fixed;

(e) if targets have not been achieved,
the reasons therefor; and

(f) the efforts Government are going to
make in 2005-06 and 2006-07 for achieving
the targets of growth?

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Assistance to State poultry farms

2064. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new scheme called 'Assistance to State Poultry Farms' is being implemented by the Central Government in the current Plan;

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme and the achievements made by the scheme since its implementation particularly in terms of production of eggs and broiler chicken, State-wise;

(c) whether any assistance is being provided to the State of Tamil Nadu for further development of poultry industry particularly in the districts of Namakkal and Salem where there is large concentration of poultry industry; and

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

Survey to assess crop production

2065. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any survey to assess as to which crops are produced in excess and which ones are produced less than the domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would set up regional cells to inform the farmers about the crops that would be in demand in the coming years so that they can go in for such crops?

Opening of agricultural research institute in Rajasthan

†2066. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agro-climatic zones which exist in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that seed, fertilizer and agricultural processes of one zone cannot be duplicated in another zone;

(c) whether there is any plan to open an agricultural research institute, keeping in view the conditions of Rajasthan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Loss to farmers of AP due to Bt. Cotton of Monsanto

†2067. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI JANARDAN
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Andhra Pradesh suffered loss of crores of rupees due to varieties of Bt. Cotton of American Company, Monsanto;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has requested the company to pay compensation of 4.5 crore rupees to farmers;

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to impress upon the company to pay compensation to the farmers; and

(d) the arrangement made by Government to ban the entry of Bt. Cotton in the country keeping in view the loss being suffered by farmers?

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Debt burden on farmers

†2068. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI JANARDAN

DWIVEDI:

SHRI MANOJ

BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI C.

RAMACHANDRAIAH:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost half of the population of farmers is burdened with debts in the country;

(b) if so, the number of farmers burdened with debts, State-wise;

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to improve the economic condition of the farmers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Electricity connections to DMS booths

†2069. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 873 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 2004 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of depositing the security amount of Rs. 10,000/- in DMS, no electricity connections have been provided in all day milk booths at Laxmi Bai Nagar and Kidwai Nagar;

(b) whether his Ministry is in receipt of complaint letters in this regard from Members of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken by DMS to get electricity connections at the earliest in all day milk booths at Laxmi Bai Nagar and Kidwai Nagar?

Price hike of diabetes and tuberculosis drugs

2070. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of certain life saving drugs and the drugs for diabetes and tuberculosis have increased after introducing the patent regime; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check this abnormal increase of drug prices?

Low production of chemicals and pesticides

2071. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of alkali, inorganic, organic chemicals, pesticides, dyes and dyestuffs has been below the installed capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to make optimum use of the installed capacity?

Subsidy on fertilizers

2072. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy on fertilizers during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, category-wise (Urea, DAP, Super Phosphate, etc.);

(b) the mechanism through which this subsidy is distributed, and whether this benefits producer or the consumer farmer;

(c) what percentage of subsidy on a bag

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of fertilizer (Category-wise) goes to the poor farmer; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme to improve the existing fertilizer subsidy policy and if so, the details thereof?

Reducing drug prices

2073. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to reduce prices of life saving drugs and pain killers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Overcharging by drug manufacturers

†2074. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sale of patented medicines will take some time but the drug manufacturing companies have started charging the rates arbitrarily from now itself;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government against such companies?

Impact of product patenting pharma industry

2075. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study of the impact of product patenting on Indian pharma industry has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Taxes on medicines

†2076. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taxes upto 60 per cent are being charged on medicines in the country;

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

(c) the taxes being charged by the Central Government and State Government on the medicines in the country during the year 2005-06 alongwith the rates thereof?

Adulteration in oils

2077. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to implement Edible Oils Packaging (Regulation) Order 1998, effectively;

(b) the number of cases of adulterated oils reported; and

(c) the number of such cases during the years from 2002-03 to 2004-05, State-wise?

Starvation deaths

2078. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been seized of the direction issued in early June, 2005 by the Supreme Court of India to the West Bengal State Human Rights Commission to verify reports of wide spread starvation deaths among people in

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several villages in Murshidabad district of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the actions taken, if any, for ensuring availability of adequate nutritious food to the surviving people living below the poverty level in the district in order to avoid further deaths due to starvation?

New sugar mills in Bihar

†2079. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal regarding setting up of five new sugar mills in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether sixteen old sugar mills which are closed in the State would be reactivated/revived or privatised?

Norms for food grain procurement and allocation

2080. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have notified new norms for food grain procurement;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are going to cut food grain allocation to States taking into account the recent average off-take;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the methodology proposed to be used by Government to allocate food grains to States?

Loss due to procurements by the State Governments

†2081. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are purchasing paddy, rice and wheat directly from farmers and the States where the same are being purchased through the Food Corporation of India;

(b) the reasons for this variation;

(c) whether the State Governments are incurring losses due to such purchase by them;

(d) if so, the quantum of such losses incurred during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the reasons for such losses and the details of compensation paid to States for such losses, State-wise?

BPL families in Punjab

2082. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families identified as living Below Poverty Line in Punjab for providing food-grains under Public Distribution System;

(b) whether there is any proposal to revamp the entire Public Distribution System in Punjab in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Status of sugar mills in Bihar

†2083. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of sugar mills in Bihar;
- (b) the number of total mills in public sector and cooperative sector and the status of their production;
- (c) the scheme of Government for revival of closed sugar mills in Bihar; and
- (d) the loss suffered by farmers as well as the loss of production of sugar as a result of sickness and closure of sugar mills in Bihar?

New sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh

†2084. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to set up new sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the number of new sugar mills proposed to be set up in current financial year in the State;
- (c) whether some sugar mills already set up in the State have become sick;
- (d) if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken for their revival?

Replacement of products under warranty

2085. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in the name of 'Warranty' the manufacturers offer only services of repairing of a bad product even if it is very new;
- (b) whether Government would make it compulsory to replace the product within a certain time, if the product is found to be a faulty piece; and
- (c) the steps taken to protect the interests of consumers in this age of growing consumerism?

Task force on tigers in Sariska

2086. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the task force appointed by Government to study the tiger crisis in Sariska forest in Rajasthan has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what action Government have taken thereon?

Project of cloning Cheeta

2087. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the project of cloning Cheeta in India has suffered a

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setback following the refusal of Iran to give India two Cheetas as requested; and

(b) if so, what alternate options are being explored to re-introduce the extinct Cheeta in India?

Forest land for development project of Sabarimala

2088. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for forest land for development project of Sabarimala situated in the Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala has been received by Government;

(b) if so, the details of land sought and the decision taken on the above proposal, as on today;

(c) whether there is any proposal submitted by the competent authority for sanction/clearance of a detailed road development project for Sabarimala; and

(d) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Disposal of waste

2089. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in clear violation of the Supreme Court order on hazardous waste disposal, industrial effluent and sludge is being dumped on the streets in the Wazirpur Industrial Area as the common effluent treatment plant is not working;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to ensure that the Supreme Court orders are fully implemented; and

(c) whether with this state of affairs, precautionary measures have been adopted

so that resultant diseases do not infect the residents?

Action under Battery (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001

2090. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Pollution Boards have, so far, taken any action against erring organizations under the Battery (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001;

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

(c) whether there is any action plan of his Ministry to bring awareness of the Rules among the various parties connected with the Rules;

(d) if so, the details of such action plan; and

(e) if not, whether there is any proposal to have such an action plan?

Relocation of Tiger reserves

2091. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to relocate some tiger reserves;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that to save tigers, some States have asked for a special financial package to meet the immediate needs of national parks and reserves; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Role of Forestry Research Institutes

†2092. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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(a) the names of institutions which undertake study of problems of the country regarding environment and forestry in the country and matters relating to their protection together with the locations of these institutions;

(b) the amount provided by Government during the last three years alongwith details of works for which this amount was provided;

(c) the details of work accomplished by such institutions in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the details of achievements of these institutions?

National Environment Policy

2093. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalized a National Environment Policy, 2005;

(b) if so, what are its main features; and

(c) how does the policy address the problem of ozone layer protection?

Active river conservation policy

2094. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the lack of enthusiasm on the part of Government for having an active river conservation policy;

(b) the details for this reluctance;

(c) whether it is a fact that representations from NGOs and others are un-heeded by Government; and

(d) what steps will be taken to activate policies and schemes for effective river conservation?

Poaching of tigers

2095. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

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

(a) the major factors that made the poaching possible in tiger reserves during recent years;

(b) whether the connivance of some of the staff of Forest Department has been established;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken to rehabilitate the tigers in these reserves;

(e) what new measures are being taken against poaching; and

(f) whether Government are considering to set up any Expert Committee to monitor the affairs of such reserves?

Complaints of torture and harassment of elephants

2096. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been complaints of torture and harassment of elephants in the State of Tamil Nadu in the name of recreation etc.; and

(b) if so, the remedial action taken in this regard?

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

Diversion of forest land

2097. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has been requesting the Central Government for diverting forest land in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether due to non-release of forest land, the State has been put in a precarious situation to dispose of hazardous waste; and

(d) if so, the alternative measures taken to grant approval to the State Government to dispose of hazardous wastes?

Hurdles in achieving target for forest cover

2098. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI G. K. VASAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that there were hurdles in achieving the target of 33 per cent forest and tree cover by 2012;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to overcome these hurdles;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government require an annual investment of Rs. 8,000 crores and effective public-private participation; and

Protection of bio-diversity and wildlife in Manas Reserve

2099. SHRI URKHAO GWRA
BRAHMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are undertaking any programme in Manas Biosphere Reserve of Assam to protect, preserve and enrich its biological diversity and wildlife;

(b) if so, what are the programmes and which agencies have been engaged for that;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned funds for the purpose in the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

State of forest report

2100. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently released 'State of Forest Report' reveals that the country has lost some 26,000 sq. kms. dense forest areas during the last year;

(b) the States where substantial deforestation had taken place and if so, whether the forest lands were used for developmental projects for forest dwellers; and

(c) the States that have retained their area of forest cover or even are adding thereto?

Seizure of skins, tusks, etc.

2101. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:

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

(a) whether Government have seized wildlife products which include tiger skins, leopard skins and elephant tusks during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the value of the seizures;

(c) whether some cases of killing of animals have been reported during the last one year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in each case?

Ganga dolphin

2102. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the media report regarding the Ganga dolphins, both protected and endangered species which are being mercilessly butchered by poachers and fishermen for oil; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the steps proposed to be taken to save this endangered and threatened species whose extinction may upset the rivers ecology?

Additional force to stop poaching of tigers

2103. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to deploy additional forces to stop poaching of tigers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken on poachers who have been apprehended; and

(d) the details of the efforts to keep vigil to avoid incidents of tiger poaching in tiger parks of the country?

National Afforestation Plan

†2104. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Forest Development Agency is set up with concurrence of the Central Government in forest divisions for implementation of forest development works under National Afforestation Plan;

(b) whether any consideration is paid on the prevalent weather, soil and biological pressures in different States while earmarking the optimum cost criterion for forest development works under the said scheme;

(c) whether any proposals from the Department of Forests, Rajasthan have been received for amending the accepted cost criterion for fencing the free plantation areas; and

(d) whether the Central Government as per the request of Government of Rajasthan, propose to bring a provision for keeping flexibility in the optimum cost criterion?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Census of tigers

†2105. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether the counting work of tigers in various sanctuaries has been completed; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of cubs born from 1999 till date and the number of cubs died as a result of hunting/natural death/negligence of employees, sanctuary-wise;

(c) the details of report of C.B.I. in respect of deaths of tigers;

(d) the details of amount allocated for tigers along with the number of tigers, year-wise and sanctuary-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for the protection of tigers?

Scam in mustard oil processing

2106. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scam regarding processing of mustard oil has taken place in Rajasthan and some senior officers of NAFED and traders have been arrested in the scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of money involved in the scam;

(d) the details of such other scams that took place in the NAFED, so far; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure non-repetition of scams in NAFED?

Growth of food processing sector

2107. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether food processing sector is expected to grow at 10 per cent per year by 2010;

(b) if so, whether this will attract a minimum investment of Rs. 2000 crores;

(c) whether according to the study by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) the markets in developed countries will provide additional export opportunities for agricultural and agro-based processed products for countries such as India, due to reduction in import duties, removal of non-tariff barriers and reduction in subsidies, to domestic agriculture; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the food processing industry in the country?

Assistance to punjab for wheat processing plants

2108. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab, the wheat processing industry is denied the location advantage and the State is deprived of the advantage of attracting investments in world class green field wheat processing plants;

(b) whether the Government of Punjab has requested for extension of the location advantage in respect of wheat processing industry; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto and the decision taken thereon?

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Checking wastage of agricultural produce

2109. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that farm produce worth Rs. 50,000 crores is going waste every year;

(b) the measures taken by Government to reduce the loss; and

(c) whether the Central Government's proposal to amend the APMC Act would help in reducing the wastage in agri-supply chain?

Re-submission of FPI projects

2110. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has submitted a proposal to the Prime Minister which was earlier proposed by Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi for food processing industry;

(b) if so, whether the key pending projects started with at least Rs. 2000 crores whereas the entire Tenth Plan totalled Rs. 650 crores and in the last budget, the outlay was nearly Rs. 186.55 crores;

(c) whether the allocation to his Ministry was Rs. 90.68 crores for 2004-05;

(d) if so, how many projects which have not fully been taken, will be considered during Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the allotment made for these projects?

Clinical trial on AIDS vaccine

2111. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune based National AIDS Research Institute has embarked upon the India's first ever clinical trial on humans for an AIDS vaccine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the TRC is awaiting official communication from the Genetic Engineering Approval Committee to launch the trials; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Commission on Macro Economics and Health

2112. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Macro Economics and Health, set up to assess the means to ensure that the poor get free treatment, has submitted its report recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations made by the Commission and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Registration of private hospitals and diagnostic centres

2113. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the private hospitals and diagnostic centres in the country to register with the designated authorities with a view to ensuring uniformity in healthcare services; and

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

Central Drug Authority

2114. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal to set up an independent Central Drug Authority has again been mooted;

(b) if so, what will be the terms of references of the Authority; and

(c) who will head the said Authority, a technocrat or bureaucrat?

medicines worth crores of rupees are siphoned off with the connivance of doctors posted at CGHS, Centre, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any CBI enquiry is being conducted in this regard and the action being taken against the doctors found involved in this case; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by Government against the culprits?

Amount spent on Health Scheme

2115. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on Health and Family Welfare by States, Union Territories and the Central Government from 2000-01 to 2004-05 and its percentage of the respective budgets of those States, Union Territories and the Central Government;

(b) the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Schemes in force for States, N.G.Os and individual;

(c) whether it is a fact that looking to the budgetary allocations made and the actual expenditure done, there is wide gap during last five years; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to remedy the situation?

Siphoning off of medicines for CGHS dispensary

2116. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

Naturopathy System of treatment

†2117. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given reorganization to Naturopathy as system of medicine;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to operate and develop it as a department under his Ministry;

(c) whether any procedure is being evolved for the registration of the doctors who are doing private practice under this system; and

(d) if so, by when it would be implemented?

Migration of Psychiatrists from AIIMS and NIMHANS

2118. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in recent years, a large number of specialists of Psychiatry including eminent Professors from AIIMS and NIMHANS have left India for foreign countries, causing an alarming shortage in major institutes and hospitals;

(b) the estimated number of

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Psychiatrists left India since 2003 and names of the countries to which they have migrated; and

(c) the causes responsible for the large scale migration of specialists and the remedial action taken by Government?

Medical tourism

2119. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is emerging as one of the favourite destination for medical tourists in Asia, as per report appearing in an UNCTAD expert paper on general agreement in trade and services;

(b) if so, the details of medical tourists who visited the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for the visits of overwhelming tourists; and

(d) the number of nurses who went to foreign countries under H1A visa as compared to other countries?

National Vector borne Disease Control Programme

2120. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme is being implemented to control the disease such as Malaria, Dengue and Japanese encephalitis, which are spread by mosquitoes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by Government as a result of implementation of this programme on controlling/elimination of those diseases, so far;

(c) whether any initiatives are proposed to be taken to eliminate Malaria, Dengue,

Japanese encephalitis and Filariasis totally from the country by effective control of mosquito breeding; and

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

Food and drug testing laboratories

2121. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up Modern Food and Drug testing laboratories;

(b) if so, what is its number and where these laboratories are expected to be set up and at what cost; and

(c) the difference between the existing ones and the modern laboratories?

Package for doctors

2122. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether Government propose to bring forward an improved package for doctors to prevent them from leaving various Government Institutes or settling outside the country for better opportunities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this is likely to be brought forward?

Dental Council of India

2123. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Dental Council of India in the matter of dental education;

(b) the names of the present chairman and other members;

(c) to what extent, the Dental Council of India has maintained and enhanced good standards for dental education in the country;

(d) whether adequate buildings and teaching staff are being demanded by the DCI for all colleges; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to ensure that high standards are maintained by the Dental Council of India?

Medical Colleges in India

2124. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recognized medical colleges in the country as on 30th June, 2005, State-wise;

(b) the details of Government medical colleges in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to open new medical colleges in different parts of the country in both private and Government sectors?

Poor services and facilities in hospitals

†2125. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of emergency, ICU and OPD in the major hospitals of the country (which are under the jurisdiction of the Central Government) including PGI, Lucknow and AIIMS, is getting bad to worse while Government had given an assurance to improve their condition;

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government are also aware

of the fact that in the above mentioned hospitals, the attendants of the patients are not guided properly and doctors, nurses, and assistants, all snub them; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard?

Supreme Court's order on organ donation

2126. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Supreme Court has recently passed an order and given directions to Government on donation of organs;

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

(c) whether Government are contemplating to bring out some guidelines on the donation of organs and if so, the details thereof?

Problem of leprosy in India

2127. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest burden of leprosy in the world;

(b) if so, what is the extent of this menace indicating the sensitive regions in the country; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to control this disease?

Non supply of essential drugs to the poor

2128. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government are aware that poor patients at AIIMS, Safdarjung and RML are not getting essential medicines and they are compelled to purchase the medicines from the open market; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the action taken by Government and the rules framed in this respect?

New medical colleges

2129. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Medical Association has decided to start medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details of medical colleges proposed to be opened in different parts of the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether proposed colleges are going to be opened in private sector or in the Government sector?

Injectible contraceptives for women

2130. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the demand made by various women organizations and women activists, Government have banned injectible contraceptives in the family planning programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed injectible contraceptives have many side effects;

(c) if so, how Government are thinking of introducing this in the family planning programme; and

(d) whether it is a fact that US Food and Drug Administration has declared injectible contraceptive, Depo Provera, as

not good and put it in the "Black Box"?

Requirement of physiotherapists

2131. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of physiotherapists is increasing in the country;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Changing composition of drugs

2132. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lack of Central legislation in making it mandatory for all pharmaceutical companies of India to register their trade names and formulations of their medicines, is helping drugs manufacturers to change the composition of fast moving drugs without changing the brand names, for commercial benefits; and

(b) if so, what corrective measures Government are taking to streamline the drug manufacturing industry?

Central legislation on medical admissions

2133. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to frame Central legislation regarding medical admissions;

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

Foreign migration of doctors

2134. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 49 per cent of doctors trained at AIIMS have found their vocations abroad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the large investments in providing subsidized medical education for developing excellence and sufficiency have gone substantially unreturned;

(c) if so, the reasons for not formulating rules/law which prohibits trained medical professionals to leave the country before serving the country for 15 years including 10 years in a rural area; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to enact such rules/law and if not, the reasons therefor?

Expenditure on MBBS, MD and BDS courses

2135. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of money spent by Government on education of MBBS, MD and BDS students in Government medical colleges;

(b) the percentage of these expenditures charged from the students;

(c) whether Government propose to make it conditional that all Government

trained medical students will have to work in rural areas for a certain period of time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Janani Suraksha Yojana

2136. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to replace National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) with Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY);

(b) if so, the total number of women benefited and the amount granted and distributed under NMBS during the last three years, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the total number of estimated women to be covered under JSY as on today, State-wise;

(d) whether JSY will exclude many women who are eligible for the benefit as per NMBS;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the norms of JSY for determining eligibility criteria of women for the benefits?

Polio cases in Western U.P.

2137. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of polio have recently been detected in Western Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during 2004 and so far during 2005;

(c) the causes thereof; and

(d) what effective steps are proposed to be taken to tackle the problem?

FDA certificate on medical stents

†2138. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed a condition of American FDA certificate for selling equipments in India, known as stent, required for opening blocked arteries of heart;

(b) whether such steps are causing a hindrance in making available cheap stents by indigenous companies;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to remove them; and

(d) whether Government are also contemplating to import Chinese stents?

Population stabilization and two-child norm

2139. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Population in its recent meeting has evolved any strategy on fertility reduction, which at the current rate, would make it impossible to attain population stabilization even by 2015;

(b) whether many States are working at cross purposes, by evolving two-child family norms for bestowal of rights for concessional water supply tariffs and eligibility to contest Panchayats/local body elections; and

(c) whether dismal performance of Empowered Action Group States like U.P., Bihar, M.P., Rajasthan and Orissa is proving a drag on the excellent results attained by Southern States?

Monitoring agency for private hospitals

2140. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to constitute Monitoring Committees to oversee the functioning of private recognized hospitals;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the said Committees have not been constituted, so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to constitute the said Committees at an early date especially for NCR towns like Gurgaon, Faridabad, Noida, etc.?

Policy for preventing cholera

†2141. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outbreak of cholera in the country is on the rise;

(b) whether Government have formulated any planned policy for prevention of the same, so that it could be prevented completely; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pen type injection for diabetic patients

2142. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations/requests for issue of pen type injection for diabetic patients are pending with his

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Ministry;

(b) if so, since when they are pending and what are the reasons for keeping them pending; and

(c) by when these patients will be able to receive such injections?

Emergency services in CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar

2143. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that emergency services at the CGHS dispensary, Laxmi Bai Nagar have been shifted;

(b) whether the emergency services were stopped and shifted some months back also;

(c) the reasons for frequent shifting of emergency services at Laxmi Bai Nagar; and

(d) by when the services are likely to be restored?

Committee for new drug approval

2144. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee had been constituted for new drug approval in 2001; and

(b) what are the recommendations of the Committee and what is its term?

Lack of research grants to AIIMS

2145. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's premier medical health centre AIIMS has failed to emphasize on medical research due to lack of funds and infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to enhance the research grants from the budget allocation and for providing necessary infrastructure; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Guidelines for private hospitals

2146. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring private hospitals under Government guidelines regarding treatment charges and facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposal will be implemented?

Changes in structure of healthcare delivery

2147. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

(a) whether despite five decades of Central planning and massive expenditure on healthcare, CEO of India Inc admitted that India erred in designing of health programmes;

(b) if so, whether PM has now effected surgery to change structure of healthcare delivery;

(c) if so, whether National Rural Health Mission was launched in April and it will focus on district based planning in 18 States;

(d) if so, whether architectural correction will be followed by increase in health spending in next five years;

(e) if so, the details thereof and in how

many States they are not implementing; and

(f) whether health mission is aimed at strengthening referral hospital care for every one lakh persons, as per new standards?

Spurious drugs for diabetes and tuberculosis

2148. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many drugs including life saving drugs are spurious and of low quality being produced by certain drug manufacturing companies;

(b) whether the drugs for diabetes and tuberculosis are of different brands and spurious, produced by certain fake companies; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to check this adulteration of drugs which harm the human life?

IDMA's resistance on pricing of medicines

2149. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's move to make all life-saving medicines available at reasonable prices, faces resistance from the Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA);

(b) whether it is a fact that bodies of drug makers recently boycotted a meeting with Prime Minister's appointed Task Force on this account; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken, so far, to keep its promise of providing 354 essential drugs available at cheaper rates as well as to follow the

Supreme Court's directive to Centre that such life-saving drugs do not fall out of price control?

Non-availability of urologist in Medical Centre, PHA, New Delhi

2150. SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:

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

(a) whether the Medical Centre was set up in Parliament House Annexe a few years back to enable Members of Parliament to consult Medical Specialists instead of going to Dr. R.M.L. hospital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no urologist attached to the Medical Centre to attend to the urological problems of the Members of Parliament for which they have to visit the RML hospital and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to open a self-contained unit for urology and post an urologist at least once a week for the convenience of Members of Parliament and if so, by when?

Judgement on treatment to accident victims

2151. SHRI C. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:

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

(a) whether in a recent judgement the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission has ruled that doctors/hospitals cannot turn away accident victims on any ground, including the ground that patients were not ready with requisite fees;

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

(c) whether similar judgement had already been given by the Supreme Court of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether those judgments of the apex court were given wide publicity for information and compliance throughout the country?

Task force for medical education

†2152. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to constitute a task force of experts to keep an eye on doctors and medical education;

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

(c) the jurisdiction of the aforesaid task force?

WHO's warning on mother and child deaths

2153. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that WHO has warned India that the number of untimely deaths of mothers and children could shoot up;

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

(c) the efforts of his Ministry to get over this tragedy?

Doubling of railway track in Uttar Pradesh

†2154. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of doubling the Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Bhatni-Varanasi railway track in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details of the survey conducted;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when doubling of Lucknow-Gorakhpur-Bhatni-Varanasi railway sections in Uttar Pradesh is likely to be done?

Safety related vacancies in Railways

2155. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had undertaken a massive drive to fill the safety related vacancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways had also decided to provide training to safety personnel for new techniques of railway operation and safety; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Construction of overbridges/underbridges in North Eastern Region

2156. SHRINABAMREBIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of overbridges/underbridges under construction in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region, project-wise;

(b) the details of proposals received by the various State Governments for construction of overbridges/underbridges at railway crossings; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

Railway wheel manufacturing factory at Chhapra

†2157. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an announcement was made to set up Railway wheel manufacturing factory in Chhapra, Bihar;

(b) the progress of this factory;

(c) by when it would be completed; and

(d) whether it is a fact that thousands of tonnes of scrap of Railway Department has to be brought to this factory which is under construction?

Survey of Haldibari-Mekhliganj rail line

2158. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey work has started on the new line project from Haldibari to Mekhliganj in West Bengal;

(b) if so, by when the survey would be completed; and

(c) whether Changrabandha has been included in the project?

Tender for purchase of cranes

†2159. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that tender documents for the purchase of advanced 'Gottwald' and 'Cowans Shildon' in Railways were given to foreign companies on 8th January, 1996, which were signed by 19 Railway officers;

(b) if so, the details of the cranes, their manufacturing company, time of their purchase and amount spent on their purchase respectively;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as far as quality of the cranes with regard to speed, efficiency and other merits is concerned, this was not as per stipulation;

(d) if so, the types of shortcomings found in them;

(e) the persons responsible for the same; and

(f) the action taken against such persons?

Review of crimes in Railways

†2160. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever reviewed the offences committed in the trains;

(b) if so, the outcomes thereof;

(c) whether Railways are contemplating to provide additional charge to R.P.F. in this regard; and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details thereof?

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Cleaning of trains and railway stations

2161. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken to keep the trains and railway stations clean;
- (b) the steps being taken to see that the human waste is not littered on railway lines and stations;
- (c) whether any study has been made on how railway stations are kept clean and good smelling in other developing countries of the world; and
- (d) whether Government propose to take steps to stop this open bottom toilet system, which makes our stations some of the foulest smelling places in the world?

Scam in refund of fake tickets

2162. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that one Railway officer of Vadodara Division of Western Railway was arrested in respect of scam of refunding the amount for fake railway tickets;
- (b) whether the said officer was in jail for about two months and his bail application was once rejected by the Gujarat High Court;
- (c) why the said officer is reposted on the same post;
- (d) whether the officers who are making enquiries in that scam were transferred by the Railway administration; and
- (e) whether further enquiry has been handed over to Railway Vigilance Department and what action has been taken

against the concerned officer who was involved in this scam?

Sleeper coach workshop in Bihar, Assam

2163. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sleeper coach workshop is going to be established in Bihar of Cachar District, Assam for which tenders have been called for;
- (b) whether the work order has been given to the lowest bidder; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Linking of North-Eastern States with Bangladesh

2164. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering the prospects that will be derived if Agartala, Tripura be linked with Akhaura of Bangladesh by railway line in respect of likely transportation between North-Eastern States and Kolkata *via* Bangladesh;
- (b) the steps contemplated by Government on that line; and
- (c) other similar measures that Government propose for extension of Railways to ease transportation in the North-Eastern States?

Linking of ports with Freight trains

†2165. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has been contemplating a plan under which all ports could be linked to goods train;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the estimates regarding financial resources of the proposed plan are being made and by when this plan is proposed to be commenced?

Inquiry reports by Commission of Railway Safety

2166. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure of discharging inquiry reports submitted by the Commission of Railway Safety;

(b) how many inquiry reports have been submitted by the Commission during the last one year about railway accidents;

(c) what are the reasons of the railway accidents as per those inquiry reports; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Railways, so far, to address those reasons?

Doubling of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam sector

2167. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling of Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam sector in Kerala has been taken up this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected time of completion of the above work?

Railway line from Secunderabad to Kareemnagar

2168. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would release budget for the project of laying a railway line from Secunderabad to Kareemnagar *via* Siddipet in view of this route covering several backward mandals, districts and villages and in view of the survey having been already completed by South-Central Railway, Secunderabad for this route from Secunderabad to Jagityal about 200 kms. covering backward villages, mandals of Gajwel, Siddipet, Sircilla, Vrmulawada, Jagityal etc., with an anticipated cost of Rs. 249.69 crores as estimated by South-Central Railway, Secunderabad; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Computerisation of unreserved ticketing system

2169. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to computerize the process of unreserved ticketing system from 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also in the process of making the existing train enquiry system as an integrated one either through telephone or internet;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether all the reserved ticketing system in the country have been computerized; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Loss of Railways in parcel and catering business

2170. SHRI R. KAMARAJ:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways had suffered Rs. 700 crores loss in parcel services and over Rs. 400 crores in catering business last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more parcel trains would have to be run on long term lease over the next two months to increase the parcel loading capacity to 50 per cent; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Railway land to a contractor

2171. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railway Club (Mumbai Division) Western Railway has given a piece of railway land worth Rs. 7.6 crores free of cost to a contractor for use, violating the rules in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) since when the said contractor has been utilizing this land and the basis thereof;

(d) the action taken against the officers involved therein; and

(e) in what manner the said land is being utilized at present?

Condition of Minto Road Railway Colony

†2172. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the meeting of the M.P.s Consultative Committee of his Ministry held on 4th November, 2004, the M.P.s were informed that railway quarters are being repaired regularly;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Delhi based Minto Road Railway Residential Colony is in dilapidated condition;

(c) if so, how many times officers visited the said colony; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue instructions for repairing the said colony properly?

Crane scam

†2173. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of media report regarding a crane scam related to his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto alongwith steps taken or being taken to check such scams in future?

Containing wasteful expenditure on railway infrastructure

2174. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for containing wasteful expenditure

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on railway infrastructure in the country since last two years; and

(b) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken for making railway profitable?

Derailment of trains

2175. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the passenger trains and goods trains have got derailed during the last four months as well as Rajdhani Express escaped from accident thrice;

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

(c) what are the details of preventive measures taken for the safety of passengers in the future?

Shortage of drivers and engines

2176. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the goal of transporting 700 million tonnes of cargo a year by the Railways, has run into rough weather owing to acute shortage of drivers and engines;

(b) if so, the estimated requirement, availability and shortage of drivers and railway engines; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to make good the shortage?

Dalli Rajahara-Jagdalpur broad gauge line

2177. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Chhattisgarh for construction of Dalli Rajahara-Raoghat-Jagdalpur new broad gauge Railway line;

(b) whether Government are aware that this line is very vital for development of Bastar region inhabited by tribals; and

(c) if so, how long it would take to complete the project and if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of CNG engines in local and suburban routes of Delhi and Mumbai

2178. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost effective CNG engines are expected to be introduced on local and suburban routes in Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the trial runs have been conducted successfully by the Northern Railway; and

(d) how far it would prove cost effective and result in saving?

Wheel factory at Chhapra

2179. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have decided to use all its scrap for proposed Chhapra Wheel and Axle Factory;

(b) when this factory is likely to begin its operation;

(c) whether Railways have decided not to dispose their scrap till then; and

(d) what will be the cost of such accumulated scrap till then?

Unmanned level crossings in Bangalore Division

2180. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unmanned level crossings in Bangalore Railway Division;

(b) the number of unmanned level crossing mishaps occurred during the past six months;

(c) the number of busy unmanned crossings identified; and

(d) the number of gates that would be installed in the above division during 2005-06?

Promotion of environment friendly products in Railways

†2181. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to promote environment friendly products such as Kullhar and Khadi in Railways to promote cottage industries;

(b) if so, the details of remarkable activities done in this regard;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to introduce handmade paper stationery in the Railways, if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to promote such an employment oriented policy?

Quazigund-Baramulla rail project

2182. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry intends to complete the railway track between Quazigund and Baramulla on priority basis; and

(b) if so, what is the time frame for construction of railway line between Udhampur and Quazigund?

Corruption in delivery of goods

†2183. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints to the effect that the goods sent through Railways reach late to the consignee and in less quantity than the actual one and in addition to that they have to grease the palm of employees for getting the delivery;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome of the inquiry alongwith action taken against the persons found guilty;

(d) whether Government propose to

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ensure avoiding of hardships to the consignee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Production and demand of railway coach

2184. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of production and demand of railway coaches in the country;

(b) whether it is proposed to increase the production of railway coaches to meet the ever going demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Traffic congestion at Ahmedabad

†2185. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for reducing congestion of traffic at Ahmedabad Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Provisions for development of Ahmedabad Railway Division

†2186. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons for not making any provisions according to demand for development of the Ahmedabad Railway Division in the railway budget 2005-2006?

Appointment of doctors for primary health facility to passengers

†2187. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint doctors to provide primary health care facility to the railway passengers in the long distance trains and on the important stations; and

(b) if so, the names of such trains and stations and by when?

Iron-ore production

†2188. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron-ore produced during the last two years and the names of the countries to which iron-ore was exported alongwith the quantum of such export to each country;

(b) whether it is a fact that some private sector companies like 'POSCO' have been permitted to commission steel plant in the country with the guarantee of supply of iron-ore and also with permission to export; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor in view of less production of iron-ore in the country as compared to its requirement?

Merging of Mecon Limited with SAIL

†2189. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for merging Mecon Limited of Jharkhand with the Steel Authority of India Limited;

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(b) if so, the view point of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Mecon's employee unions have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Steel policy

2190. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to announce a new steel policy; if so, by when;

(b) whether Government are projecting ten per cent growth rate for steel sector in the country;

(c) whether Government have set up any expert committee to formulate guidelines for allocating mining leases for iron ore, manganese and chrome ore in the country; and

(d) if so, by when the committee is expected to submit its report?

Factories set up by SAIL

†2191. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the factories set up by Steel Authority of India Ltd. in the country together with the location thereof;

(b) the profit earned by these factories

separately during the last four years; year-wise; and

(c) the amount of re-investment made in Chhattisgarh out of the amount of profit earned by the Bhilai Steel Plant situated in the State during the last four years, year-wise?

Demand for chrome Ore

2192. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total demand of chrome ore for stainless steel and other steel related industries in the country has increased; and

(b) if so, the details of any long term projections of demand relating to such industries and the details of plan, if any, to meet their requirement of raw materials particularly chrome ore?

Long term plan for growth of steel sector

2193. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any long-term plans for healthy growth of the steel sector keeping in view the raw material resources in the country; and

(b) the details of facilitating role being played by his Ministry in achieving planned growth?

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