

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Monday, the May 13, 2002/Vaisakha 23, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Construction of roads in NE States

4798. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased
to state:

(a) the list of roads under construction
by the North Eastern Council in the North
East, State-wise;

(b) the number of on-going construction
of roads with schedule date/time for
completion; and

(c) the number of new roads approved
and to be taken up soon?

Development of Dhodar Ali Road

4799. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased
to state:

(a) whether North-Eastern Council has
allotted fund for the development of Dhodar
Ali Road from Deberapar of Jorhat district
to Jeypore of Dibrugarh district for the year
2002-2003;

(b) if so, the amount allocated therefor;

(c) whether there is any time-frame
to complete the construction of all
bridges now half done and road
improvement that remains of the other
half of Dhodar Ali Road from
Kamargaon of Golaghat district to
Deberapar of Jorhat district; and

(d) the cause of this delay though the
money was sanctioned in 1989?

NEC Amendment Bill

4800. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased
to state:

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in
bringing the NEC Amendment Bill after
getting views of NECM's Forum, NEMP's
Forum as well as recommendation of the
Standing Committee on Home Affairs;

(b) whether it is likely to be introduced
during the on-going Budget Session; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amount transferred to non-lapsable pool

4801. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the list of Ministries which have not complied with national commitment through various MP's Special Packages for NER indicating actual percentage of budgetary provisions made, utilized and amount transferred to non-lapsable pool of resources during last three financial years; and

(b) the action taken on Ministries Departments not complying with this national commitment?

Disinvestment of NLC

4802. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Disinvestment Commission has recommended disinvestment in Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether NLC is a profit-making PSU in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the reasons for disinvestment of profit making PSU; and

(e) the policy enunciated by Government in regard to disinvestment in profit-making PSUs?

Disinvestment Policy

†4803. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government ignore the basic facts while carrying out disinvestment/privatisation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the main issues Government consider while adopting policies for privatisation; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that instead of competing with full potential in world market we are selling our factories and income generating sources to the rich nations of the world?

Non-payment of dues to suppliers of raw materials

4804. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether while disinvesting Public Sector Enterprises, Government ensure that suppliers of raw materials of small scale industries are paid in full; and

(b) if so, the reasons why raw material suppliers to Hindustan Cables Ltd. have not been paid?

Disinvestment of SCI

4805. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to disinvest their stake in Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);

(b) if so, the percentage of stake to be disinvested;

(c) whether the employees of the Corporation are against the disinvestment;

(d) whether the value of shares has been evaluated; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Disinvestment Commission

4806. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has constituted the Disinvestment Commission;

(b) if so, the main purposes of this Commission;

(c) to what extent this Commission considers the interest of workers; employees and other stakeholders in public sector units; and

(d) to what extent its recommendations are given due consideration for disinvestment?

Violence against women

4807. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a U.N. report released on 15th January, 2001 pointing out that violence against women was a "high growth sector" and nearly 74 per cent crimes were against women;

(b) whether the National Crime Record Bureau has warned that by the year 2010 the growth rate of crime against women would be much higher than the population growth rate; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking to safeguard/protection of women against crimes/harassment in the country?

Distribution of spurious medicines

†4808. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pharmacist posted in CGHS dispensary, Kalibari has been bluffing the CGHS beneficiaries by giving spurious medicines against the prescription issued by dispensary and original medicines in open market; and

(b) whether lesser quantity of the medicines than prescribed is also given by the Pharmacist; and

(c) if so, the punitive action Government propose to take against him so that patients may get proper medicines?

Construction of a Central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre

†4809. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foundation stone has been laid recently for construction of a central building for Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Trauma Centre;

(b) if so, whether the proposed map for the building has not been sent to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC), so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to complete the construction of the said building?

Female foeticide

4810. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

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a large number of female foeticide take place in the country;

(b) if so, the number of female foeticide cases brought to notice of Government during the last five years, State-wise;

(c) whether such cases have been detected mainly in private and unrecognised hospitals; and

(d) if so, the measures taken by Government to stop this heinous crime?

Emergency services in CGHS health centres in Delhi

†4811. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make arrangements for emergency medical services in C.G.H.S. health centres in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that specialist doctors are not available in these centres as a result of which most of the patients are sent to hospitals; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps being taken for the upgradation of these dispensaries?

Greater demand for Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

4812. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that demand for Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy is increasing due to popularity of Homoeopathic Pharmacy in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment for education, training and registration of requirement of Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy in the country in the near future; and

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

Purchase of costly equipments by hospitals in Delhi

4813. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of costly equipments purchased by the authorities in various hospitals in Delhi and cost involved during the last three years, hospital-wise; and

(b) the percentage of medical equipments lying idle in each hospital?

Strengthening of the primary health care network

4814. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned "Health for all" as a goal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the allocation made for the public health system and the expansion and strengthening of the primary health care network during last three years?

Drug-addiction among children

†4815. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards increasing incidents of drug-addiction among children in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect these innocent children from getting addicted?

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National Family Planning Programme

4816. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Family Planning Programme was initiated by Government way back in 1951 but the continuously rising population has made a mockery of this programme;

(b) if so, the reasons that have been put forward by the authorities for rising population the country; and

(c) whether Government are considering to bring any changes in regard to family planning programme?

Funds spent on National Family Welfare Programme

†4817. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Family Welfare Programme is a totally Centrally-sponsored scheme;

(b) if so, the amount provided under this scheme by Government during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the amount spent by each State; and

(d) the names of the States alongwith the amount still to be provided by Government?

Setting up of surveillance centres in the country

4818. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up 563 surveillance centres all over the country in next five years for immediate reporting of infectious diseases;

(b) if so, the break-up of these centres, region-wise;

(c) whether the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Chandigarh is proposed to be made a nodal surveillance centre for the northern region; and

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

Eradication of leprosy

4819. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the efforts made by Government in the last two decades, the country is still far behind its poorer neighbours like Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka in eliminating leprosy;

(b) if so, whether this was revealed by the World Health Organisation;

(c) whether other South-East Asian countries like Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Nepal too are ahead of India in their effort of eradicating the dreaded disease;

(d) if so, whether India had targeted eradication of leprosy by 2005; and

(e) whether the main problems being faced by Government are surfacing of hidden cases particularly in two States Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand?

Promotion of Homoeopathic herbal medicines

4820. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a comprehensive programme to promote Homoeopathic herbal medicines in the country;

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(b) if so, the details of herbal medicines found in our country;

(c) the efforts made, so far in this regard; and

(d) funds earmarked for this purpose?

Report of fresh cases of Plague

4821. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three fresh cases with symptoms similar to those plague have again been reported from Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a team of experts from the Centre was deputed to investigate these cases;

(c) if so, what are their findings; and

(d) the corrective measures adopted to bring the situation under control?

Diseases due to shortage of clean water

†4822. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the cause of 80 per cent diseases in the country is shortage of clean water;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to provide clean water to the public;

(c) whether Government would also issue some guidelines to States in this regard;

(d) if so, by when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken to educate the people in this regard?

Pill for abortion

4823. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pill is now being sold in the Indian market for abortion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some medical professionals are concerned about its misuse; and

(c) if so, the precautions Government propose to take for ensuring its proper use?

Hike in customs duty on anti-cancer drugs

4824. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether customs duty on several anti-cancer drugs has been hiked;

(b) whether Government would work on reducing prices of life saving drugs to make them more accessible to the masses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National consensus for the promotion of two child norm

4825. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to seek a national consensus for the promotion of the "two-child norm" in pursuance of achieving the average total fertility rate of 2.1 by the year 2010;

(b) if so, whether before taking any final decision in this regard, Government propose to build a consensus for the two-child norms as a concept and create awareness about it; and

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(c) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Protection to ISM

4826. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to protect Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, whether the experts have felt that Indian Systems of Medicine need to be protected from exploitation by others;

(c) whether any concrete formula in this regard has been worked out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Targets set for NMEP

4827. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for the National Malaria Eradication Programme during the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the targets were achieved; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not achieving the targets?

Hassle-free services in Government hospitals

4828. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parliamentary Committee has come down strongly on Government for not taking adequate measures to provide hassle-free services in Government hospitals;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has suggested several measures to rectify the situation;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has called for more effective monitoring and surprise inspections by authorities at the top level; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government have accepted these recommendations?

Manufacturers of Spurious drugs

4829. SHRI AMAR SINGH: 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, "Spurious drugs flood Indian market", which appeared in the Asian Age, dated 19th March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the companies found manufacturing spurious drugs particularly life saving drugs;

(c) whether Government propose to notify to the press the names of traders/manufacturers of spurious drugs; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Muscle damage by excessive mobile phone messaging

4830. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excessive mobile phone messaging could lead to muscle damage and the risk is much to children;

(b) whether it is also a fact that cellphone messaging is on the increase in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to avert health hazards?

Palliative care for cancer patients

4831. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first foundation course on palliative care for cancer patients was inaugurated by him in Delhi;

(b) if so, the areas the course covered;

(c) whether palliative care for cancer patients has been provided by the Government hospitals around the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government to provide palliative care for cancer patients and general awareness about the symptoms of cancer in the hospitals and all over the country?

New drug for Thalassemic patients

4832. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new drug for Thalassemic patients has been developed and is in use in the hospitals, whereby a patient is not now required to go to the hospital for blood transfusion again and again;

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

(c) the hospitals where this drug is in use and the number of patients treated in hospitals, so far; and

(d) whether the treatment has been given wide publicity to bring a change in the life of the patients for the better?

Leprosy cases in Andhra Pradesh

4833. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether leprosy cases are on the rise in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in the State during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to eliminate leprosy from Andhra Pradesh?

Outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis

4834. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of frequent outbreak of Japanese Encephalitis disease (Brain-fever) in several parts of the country, especially Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of cases reported in the country during the last four years, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to prevent recurrence of the disease;

(d) whether Government have developed any special vaccine to combat the disease; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Flooding of poor quality ISM drugs

4835. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor quality of Indian Systems of Medicine (ISM) drugs are flooding markets, as reported in the Deccan herald dated 3rd March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether in Karnataka around 75 per cent of the companies manufacturing ISM drugs do not conform to quality standards; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps Government propose to take against such companies?

New Health Policy

4836. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have formulated any new Health Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be formulated and implemented;

(d) in what way the new policy is an improvement over the earlier policy; and

(e) the action taken, so far, by Government in this regard?

National Policy on ISM

4837. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal before his Ministry to have a National Policy on Indian Systems of Medicine;

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

(c) whether his Ministry is going to give 100 per cent tax benefit for ISM industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cadre review for GDMO of CHS

4838. SHRI DARA SINGH
CHAUHAN:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

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

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended cadre review for GDMO of CHS;

(b) whether his Ministry has completed the cadre review;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for inordinate delay; and

(d) by when the cadre review would be completed?

Allocations for certain diseases

†4839. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount allocated for the preventive programmes of diseases like Malaria, Kala-a-zar and Dengue under the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the allocation made during the plan period is not sufficient for the purpose;

(c) if so, whether provisions have been made by Government to increase the allocation during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details of the allocation, State-wise?

Constitution of a new Ministry for ISM

4840. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a new Ministry of Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Separate cadre for primary service doctors

4841. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inadequacy of doctors in the rural areas;

(b) whether Government would consider creating a separate cadre of primary service doctors to serve in rural areas; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve medical facilities in the rural areas?

National goal of population policy

4842. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Population has recommended that two-child per couple be declared as a national goal of population policy;

(b) whether some incentives and disincentives have also been suggested in this context and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government to the recommendations of the N.C.P.;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Population control sops spark rights row", which appeared in the Telegraph, dated the 17th April, 2002; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Strike by CGHS Chemists Association

4843. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.G.H.S. chemists Association has gone on strike from 1st April, 2002 with the result dispensaries under the C.G.H.S. in Delhi are in a state of disarray as most of the medicines are not available therein;

(b) if so, the precise demands of the Chemists Association; and

(c) by when these are likely to be met and if not, the reasons therefor?

Corruption in purchase of Unani medicines

4844. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding corruption in the purchase of Unani medicines in the CGHS Unani Store Depot, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter has since been investigated; and

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

Constitution of Medical Boards in hospitals

†4845. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no Medical Board in the Government hospitals for the convenience of handicapped persons and for postmortem;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue instructions for constitution of Medical Boards in all Government hospitals without any delay; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Use of medicinal plants

4846. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has devised adequate provisions to encourage sustainable use of medicinal plants and attach conservation values to them so that Ayurvedic system is strengthened;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the provisions are sufficient to protect this system of alternative medicine from world-wide companies patenting their drug development schemes based on traditional systems of medicine?

Inclusion of new hospitals under CGHS in Kolkata

4847. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new hospitals are being included in Kolkata to facilitate in-patient treatment to the CGHS Cardholders; and

(b) if so, the details of hospitals and by when the scheme will come into effect?

Pre-clinical tests of AIDS vaccine

4848. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the AIDS vaccine would enter the pre-clinical tests;

(b) whether it is a fact that the vaccine would counter the strain of HIV subtype 'C' which is prevalent in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Shifting of CGHS dispensary, Janakpuri

4849. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering shifting of CGHS dispensary at B-I, Janakpuri to a bigger accommodation on public demand;

(b) the action taken by Government and the options available;

(c) whether progress of action in the matter has been slow; and

(d) if so, the remedial action proposed and by when the work would be accomplished?

Entry pay scale of Pharmacists

4850. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1491 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th March, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the grant of entry scale of Rs.4500-125-7000 per month to Pharmacists possessing qualification of diploma in pharmacy is not in accordance with the ACP recommended by the Pay Commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that entry pay scale is not in accordance with the assurance given by Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Condition of Dental Wing of RML Hospital

4851. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dental Wing

of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital is most filthy and neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Dental OPD does not function on Saturdays;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to open Dental OPD on Saturdays?

Misutilisation of funds under RCH Programme

4852. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to check the misutilisation of funds under Reproductive and Child Health(RCH) Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that these funds have been directed for other purposes in many States;

(c) if so, the details of the same;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have directed senior officers of his Ministry to check the misuse of funds by visiting villages; and

(e) the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh under this scheme since 1998?

Prevalence of AIDS

4853. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have high prevalence of AIDS cases;

(b) whether any kind of vaccine has been developed in the country or abroad for total cure of this disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the progress made in research;

(d) whether the high cost of treatment is subsidised by Government in certain hospitals;

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

(f) the number of AIDS cases detected and the number of deaths caused by this dreaded disease during the last two years, State-wise?

Constitution of project implementation Committee in PGI, Chandigarh

†4854. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Director of P.G.I., Chandigarh has constituted a Committee for project implementation overlooking the statutory bodies and decisions are being taken to spend crores of rupees through it while the said Committee has not been conferred such powers as per rules;

(b) if so, the date of its constitution and whether Government have conducted any inquiry into this irregularity; and

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

Procurement and export of Ayurvedic herbal plants

4855. SHRI N.K. PREMA CHAND-RAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on the procurement and export of any Ayurvedic herbal plant and medicine; and

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

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Eradication of malaria in A.P.

4856. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified hard core malaria districts and malaria problematic towns in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps Government propose to take to eradicate malaria from such areas of the State?

Central assistance for upgradation of PHCs

4857. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central assistance is provided to States for upgradation of primary health centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and number of PHCs upgraded during the said period; and

(d) if answer to part (a) be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

ECT for mental patients

4858. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electro Convulsive Therapy (ECT) or shock therapy is beneficial for mental patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that treatment for mental patients getting shock therapy is performed under sub-standard conditions due to lack of facilities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the facilities?

Films for creating social awareness

†4859. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the films shown during the last three years in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Uttaranchal for creating social awareness;

(b) whether the goals have been achieved; and

(c) the action proposed to give wide publicity in order to make them a success?

Alcohol abuse

4860. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact, that the alcohol abuse has caused major health problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details of death and disabilities due to alcohol abuse since 1998-1999, till date, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that alcohol causes more harm to women than men; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to cure alcohol related diseases?

Family welfare programmes in villages

4861. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of family welfare programmes undertaken at village level during the last three years to create a sense of awareness among the masses of the country;

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(b) the expenditure incurred on the is programme in each State during this period; and

(c) the progress made in bringing down the birth rate in each State during this period?

Recovery of dues by Power and Coal related Enterprises

†4862. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), an apex body of public sector undertakings has requested to give enough power to power and coal enterprises for recovery of outstanding dues;

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

(c) the total dues of public enterprises realted to power and coal against the States and other institutions at present?

Ban on Pepsi Cola

†4863. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the time of entry in India Pepsi Cola had assured that it would work for the benefit of farmers through commercialisation of agriculture in Punjab and other agriculturally dominated States in collaboration with concerned State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would impose ban on Pepsi Cola for backing out of its assurance and not performing as per the agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Non-payment to suppliers of raw-material to HCL

4864. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many suppliers of raw-material to the Hindustan Cables Limited were not paid for the supplies us duirng the last two years; and

(b) if so, the action proposed for timely payment to such small-scale industries?

VRS to PSU employees

4865. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Voluntary Retirement Scheme has been notified *w.e.f.* the 5th May, 2000 for public sector undertaking employees;

(b) if so, the number of employees who sought voluntary retirement in each of the public sector undertakings till the end of March, 2002;

(c) the total amount of compensation paid to these employees;

(d) whether any of the public sector undertaking has also been wound up as a result thereof; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Under valuation of fixed assets of PSUs

4866. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the public

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

sectors seem to be hiding a goldmine in the value of their fixed assets;

(b) whether it is a fact that the market capital of 67 PSUs listed, including banks and financial institutions currently stand at around Rs. 150,000 crore compared to their fixed assets including land and building etc., at more than Rs. 190,000 crore;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the current land values are not shown in their balance sheets resulting in undervaluing the cost of the PSUs; and

(d) if so, Government reaction on this?

Closing down of seven units of CCI

†4867. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to close down seven units of Cement Corporation of India Limited recently;

(b) if so, the details of units to be affected by the said decision and the reasons for their closure; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to safeguard the interests of workers working in the said units?

Cable TV Operators in West Delhi

4868. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cable operators operating in West Delhi in general and Janakpuri in particular and the number of consumers registered with each during December, 2001;

(b) the rate of entertainment tax per consumer and the total tax deposited by each operator for the month of December, 2001; and

(c) the mechanism in place to check under-reporting of consumers in public interest?

Outstanding dues of DD against private organisations

†4869. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of private organisations owe to Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details of the amount outstanding as on March, 1999, March, 2000 and 2001 and March, 2002;

(c) the amount recovered by Government, out of the total outstanding amount, during each of the above years; and

(d) the steps taken to recover the remaining dues?

Serials and programmes telecast on DD/AIR

†4870. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional telecast centres of Doordarshan and Akashvani are mostly giving approval for telecast of programmes/serials of such persons who are influential and resourceful;

(b) whether this tendency is also prevalent in national telcasts of Doordarshan and Akashvani; and

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(c) if so, the concrete steps being taken by Government for bringing transparency in this regard and also to ensure that resourceless but talented persons are encouraged to come forward?

News telecast by Star TV

†4871. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Star TV is formulating any scheme to give news telecast a new face; and

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

Charges against Chief Engineer of Prasar Bharati

4872. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in one of the corruption cases, the charges against the Chief Engineer of Civil Construction Wing of Prasar Bharati were established;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Review of ban on FDI in print media

4873. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal for partial review of the ban imposed by Government in 1955 on Foreign Direct Investment in print media;

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

(c) whether the proposal has been opposed by the Parliamentary Committee on Information Technology which has expressed in favour of the continuance of the ban; and

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

Newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP

4874. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newspapers and periodicals registered with DAVP for the purpose of advertisements till 31st March, 2001, language-wise; and

(b) the details of applications from new newspapers and periodicals pending till 31st December, 2001 for registration with DAVP, language-wise?

Putting of titles of newspapers on website

4875. DR. A.K.PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the titles of registered newspapers/periodicals etc. are still maintained confidentially by Registrar of Newspapers of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to put the titles on the website so that the people are saved from the hardship of coming again and again to RNI with the existing title?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Recommendations of Task Force on
TV Channels**

4876. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH
'SURYA':

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Task Force was appointed to examine the feasibility whereby the Consumers are made to pay only for the TV Channels they watch and not for all channels as at present;

(b) if so, whether the report of the Task Force has been received and if so, the recommendations made by them;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations and if so, the decision taken; and

(d) whether it is proposed to be enforced?

**DTH digital satellite broadcasting
service**

4877. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether the All India Radio will be launching its direct-to-home digital satellite broadcasting service;

(b) if so, whether the 24 hour satellite broadcast channel will beam programmes to the Indian Sub-Continent as also to the entire South-East Asian Region;

(c) if so, to what extent the new technology will improve audio quality; and

(d) to what extent this decision will help larger area to be brought under the broadcasting net?

National Film Awards

4878. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that last year the Jury for the 48th Film Awards had made some specific recommendations for revising the method of judging entries for the National Film Awards of India;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the present status of their consideration;

(c) whether any decision has been taken to hold the next National Film Awards function for which awards are generally announced around this time of the year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Streamlining the operations of Prasar
Bharati**

4879. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned, 'Prasar Bharati to streamline operations' which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 19th April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Prasar Bharati has now decided to adopt double entry accounting system to streamline its operations;

(c) if so, whether Prasar Bharati could not maintain transparency in financial matters in the past;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the extent to which the adoption of double entry accounting system is going to maintain transparency in its accounts?

**Deletion of Magazines and
Newspapers by DAVP**

4880. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the DAVP has decided to delete a number of newspapers and magazines from its list;
- (b) whether some new criteria have been set to prepare such list;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for deleting the number of magazines and local newspapers of West Bengal?

Drop in the earnings of DD

4881. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the annual earnings of the Doordarshan have dropped by several crores during the year 2001-2002, as reported in the Statesman, dated the 22nd April, 2002;
- (b) if so, the factors responsible for such a steep drop in its earnings;
- (c) whether Doordarshan proposes to take any effective steps to enhance its earnings during the year 2002-2003; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**UPSC advertisements to Urdu
newspapers and periodicals**

4882. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of the UPSC were given

through DAVP during the period 2000-2001 and 1st January, 2001 to 31st December, 2002?

**Expansion of programmes by DDK,
Ahmedabad**

4883. DR. A.K.PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for improvement and expansion of the programmes being telecast from DDK, Ahmedabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the type of equipments installed in the present set up of DDK, Ahmedabad; and
- (d) the total number of LPT working under DDK, Ahmedabad?

Misutilisation of loan by Companies

†4884. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published by the Reserve Bank of India wherein it has been stated that some of the business enterprises, after availing loans from the financial institutions, have utilised the same somewhere else;
- (b) if so, the details of such business enterprises togetherwith the total amount of loans provided to them and the amount alleged to have been misused; and
- (c) the action taken by Government, so far, against the companies involved in such irregularities?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Increasing pay of persons engaged in the managerial work in Companies

†4885. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the limit of increasing monthly pay of persons engaged in the managerial work of companies has been increased by Government;

(b) if so, what has been the limit so far and the increased limit now; and

(c) the reasons for taking this decision by Government?

Cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

4886. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts, court-wise;

(b) the number of posts of judges which are vacant;

(c) the number of cases pending with Consumer Courts, State-wise; and

(d) the number of cases disposed of by Supreme Court and High Courts during the year 2001-2002?

Registration of Companies

4887. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for all the companies in the country to get themselves registered with Department of Company Affairs;

(b) if so, whether transport companies which are not at all registered with the Department of Company Affairs have been awarded tenders of transportation by Government owned Mother Dairy's (F&V) Plant at Mangolpuri, Delhi; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take against such transport companies which are violating the various provisions of the Company rules?

Vacant posts of SCs/STs

†4888. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts vacant at different levels as per the reservation policy for SCs/STs in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) the number of Judges belonging to SCs/STs appointed in Supreme Court and High Courts, so far?

SCs, STs and OBCs in higher judicial echelons

4889. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representation of SCs, STs and OBCs in the higher judicial level is inadequate;

(b) whether there are presently only 20 judges belonging to SC and ST, communities among a total of 610 High Court Judges; and

(c) if so, the obstacles coming in the way of giving more representation to SCs and STs in higher judicial echelons?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of Fast Track Courts

†4890. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether Government had taken a decision to set-up Fast Track Courts throughout the country for early disposal of the pending cases in the courts;

(b) if so, the total number thereof and by when these courts were to be set-up;

(c) the total funds allocated for implementation of the said scheme; and

(d) the amount spent, out of the total allocated funds, till December, 2001?

Changes in law of arrest and detention

4891. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Law Commission had sent recommendation for making changes in the law of arrest and detention for regulating the power of arrest without warrant vested in the police under Section 41 Cr. P.C.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these are likely to be accepted?

Appointment of Judges

4892. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked States to undertake large-scale appointment of Judges before March, 31, 2003;

(b) if so, whether serious concerns have been expressed by the Supreme Court in which it has been pointed out that nearly two crore cases are pending in the country's subordinate courts on account of shortage of judges;

(c) whether both Government and States have been asked to implement this directive and appoint more judges both in Government and States to cope up this rush; and

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

Financial assistance for computerisation of lower courts

4893. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to provide financial assistance to State Governments for computerisation of lower courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Disposal of pending cases

4894. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view nearly two crore pending cases in the subordinate courts, the Supreme Court has asked the States to undertake large scale appointments of Judges before March, 31, 2002;

(b) whether the apex court has suggested to have 50 Judges for 10 lakh population;

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(c) if so, Government's plan in this regard; and

(d) whether Government will lay down an action plan to see that pending cases are disposed of as early as possible?

Delimitation Commission

4895. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been finalised to appoint a Delimitation Commission for determining the electoral constituencies in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and its present status?

Amendment of Article 46 of the Constitution

4896. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Article 46 of the Constitution directs the States to promote the educational and economic interests of the SCs, STs and other weaker sections of Society and protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation;

(b) whether this directive principle has failed to attain the objectives all through these five decades; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider amendment of the Constitution to convert this provision into a fundamental right?

Complaints regarding non-holding of annual general meetings by companies

4897. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from shareholders against companies for not holding annual general meetings during the year 2000-2001 and not sending annual reports etc.; and

(b) the action taken by Government against the defaulting companies?

Legal expertise to other countries

4898. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian legal expertise/department is extending its expertise to other countries in drafting laws, rules, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details of countries to which legal expertise has been extended?

Turnout of voters in elections

4899. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the low percentage of voter turnout in the elections in the recent years;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to increase the voter turnout by bringing in changes in their attitudes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases in subordinate courts

4900. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases in subordinate courts and the number of Judges to deal with the cases;

(b) the norms fixed for the number of Judges for 10 lakh population; and

(c) the action proposed to appoint more judges to dispose of pending cases?

Recommendations of Indrajeet Gupta Committee Report

†4901. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Indrajeet Gupta Committee was constituted for election reforms;

(b) whether Government have received the report of the said Committee; and

(c) the main recommendations of the Committee and the number of recommendations accepted/unaccepted by Government alongwith reasons therefor?

Implementation of Article 44 of the Constitution

†4902. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court had sought a report from Government few years back on implementation of Article 44 of the Constitution; and

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

Rakesh Mohan Committee Report on tonnage tose scheme

4903. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the Rakesh Mohan Committee Report on tonnage tax scheme for shipping Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has specified the areas that would get a boost under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Conversion of Vizag into transhipment centre

4904. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vizag is being converted into a transhipment centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of fuel on operation of waterways traffic

†4905. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of fuel on operation of waterways traffic is less as compared to that of rail and road traffic;

(b) if so, the average consumption of fuel on operation of waterways, rail and road traffic, separately;

(c) whether the operation of waterways traffic is less as compared to that of rail and surface traffic due to the decrease in the use of fuel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Wage negotiations with the port and dock workers

4906. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether while concluding wage negotiations with the port and dock workers his Ministry irregularly included in 1992 the element of house rent allowance in calculation of overtime allowance;

(b) if so, the details of the clause agreed upon during the bi-partite negotiations regarding computation of overtime allowance based on element of house rent allowance and the cadres of employees covered thereunder; and

(c) whether the Port Trust adopted this irregular practice despite clear orders from Government to the contrary?

Non-completion of Ninth Plan Projects

4907. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects included in the Ninth Five Year Plan could not be completed;

(b) if so, the details of projects which have not yet been completed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the projects which could not be completed in the Ninth Plan are going to spill over to Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the impact on the financial target for Tenth Five Year Plan?

Failure to achieve the target by Indian shipping industry

4908. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian shipping industry has failed to meet the Ninth Plan target;

(b) if so, whether according to the National Shipowners' Association there has been stagnation in the growth of the Indian fleet during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether as against the targeted tonnage of 9 million grt. for the Ninth Plan period, the tonnage position as on January 1, 2002 was only 6.94 million which was more or less at the level that existed at the beginning of the plan period which stood at 6.92 million grt.; and

(d) if so, what were the main reasons for the same?

Chinese participation in dredging of major ports

4909. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently the Chinese companies are not permitted to participate in dredging of major ports in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recently the Kolkata Port Trust has pleaded with Government that the Chinese companies be permitted to participate in global tendering of Rs. 400 crore capital dredging project of Kolkata port; and

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

Uniform land policy for major ports

4910. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the proposal to come out with a uniform land policy for major ports in the country, as reported in the Statesman, dated the 22nd April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major ports in the country are having surplus land etc. and facing financial crunch to meet day-to-day expenses; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to dispose of the surplus lands of the major ports and to make them financially sound?

Administrative reforms of ports in the country

4911. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce administrative reforms of ports in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that working group of Planning Commission has made some recommendations in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Introduction of tonnage tax for Shipping industry

4912. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for imposing tonnage tax in lieu of corporate tax for shipping industry;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that an Expert Committee has been constituted to look into the desirability of introducing Tonnage Tax Act;

(d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted report; and

(e) if so, the recommendations of the Committee?

Guidelines for import of vessels in the country

4913. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has issued guidelines for import of all types of vessels in the country;

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

(c) whether the indigenous industry is protected from the imported vessels?

Allocation for Vocational Rehabilitation Centres

4914. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for the 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) functioning in the country for mentally and physically retarded children are not adequate;

(b) if so, the total funds allocated and expenditure incurred on the VRCs during the last three years; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for physical, medical, socio-economic and psychological evolution of the children residing in these VRCs?

Atrocities against SCs and STs

4915. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of atrocities against persons belonging to SC and ST communities reported during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to prevent such atrocities?

Identification of untouchability-prone areas

4916. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only three States have identified untouchability-prone areas;

(b) if so, the reasons for slow pace of identification of untouchability-prone areas in the country;

(c) whether all the States/UTs have set-up Special Courts to inquire into the cases of untouchability;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the States where such courts are yet to be set-up alongwith the reasons therefor?

Pathetic condition of children in Juvenile Homes

†4917. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of children in Juvenile Homes set-up by Government is very pitiable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the behaviour of officers towards the children of these Homes is very harsh and cruel in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to improve the condition of these Homes?

Atrocities on SC and ST women

†4918. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in incidents of rape and atrocities with the women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) the details thereof for the last five years, State-wise;

(c) the action Government have taken to check such incidents; and

(d) the outcome of the action taken by Government?

Setting up of Sanitary Marts

4919. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had launched the concept of Sanitary Marts to liberate and rehabilitate the scavengers;

(b) if so, the number of Sanitary Marts set-up during the last three years alongwith financial assistance provided, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for very slow pace for setting-up of Sanitary Marts; and

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(d) the fresh steps taken for proper and expeditious implementation of the scheme?

Steps for social and economic upliftment of minorities

4920. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for social and economic upliftment of minorities especially the Muslims; and

(b) the results so far, achieved therefrom?

Job reservation for handicapped

4921. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Persons with Disabilities Act has been enforced throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether three per cent job reservation as per the provision of the said Act has been implemented;

(c) whether any action has been taken against departments and institutions for not implementing three per cent job reservation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Central and State Commissariat for persons with disabilities have taken effective action for implementing the provisions of the Act?

Social welfare schemes for Backwards/SCs/STs and border areas of Rajasthan

†4922. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of social welfare schemes being implemented in Rajasthan by Government and amount provided for the same under these schemes, district-wise;

(b) the manner in which this spending is controlled by Government;

(c) whether there is any scheme for the welfare of Backwards/SCs/STs and border areas of Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the same is being implemented?

Financial assistance to backward castes for higher education in Gujarat

4923. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given to the backward castes in Gujarat for higher education through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the number of persons benefited thereby;

(c) the number of applications received and pending out of them; and

(d) the criteria adopted for selection of persons for such assistance?

Workshop on appropriate models of education for children with special needs

4924. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rehabilitation Council of India had organised a workshop on 'Appropriate Models of Education for children with Special Needs' at Secunderabad in September, 2001;

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(b) whether the workshop, *inter alia*, recommended formulation of a National Policy on Special Education;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal; and

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

Evaluation of Tribal Sub-Plan

4925. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the average amount (percentage) of Special Central Assistance (SCA) and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution in a Tribal Sub-Plan Budget;

(b) the amount of Central share and States' shares of Tribal Sub-Plan Budgets for the financial years 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have ever evaluated how these funds have improved the lives of tribals;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/Tribal-wise/year-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to carry out such evaluation?

Proposals from Chhattisgarh for irrigation projects, construction of tanks, etc.

†4926. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by Government between August, 2001 and March, 2002 from Government of Chhattisgarh for various irrigation projects, construction of tanks, pools, stop dams and roads;

(b) the amount made available by Government for the construction thereof and latest status of all of these;

(c) whether any target has been fixed by Government to complete these projects; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Amendment in the list of STs and SCs

4927. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring an amendment to the lists of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes;

(b) if answer to part (a) be in the affirmative, by when the same will be done;

(c) whether recommendation from Manipur Government has been received for recognition of more/new tribes; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Demand for declaration of some areas under Fifth Schedule

4928. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand for declaration of some tribal areas under Fifth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to include more tribal areas under the Schedule to protect tribal land from encroachment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes of tribal development in Madhya Pradesh

4929. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tribals form

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22 per cent of the total population of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the tribal belts identified in the State, district-wise;

(c) the programmes and schemes being implemented for the development of tribals in the State; and

(d) the funds allocated to the State during the last five years, year-wise and programme-wise?

Schemes for tribal welfare in MP and Chhattisgarh

†4930. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for tribals being run in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations which are implementing the said schemes;

(c) the details of amount allocated and spent by the said organisations, scheme-wise and organisation-wise;

(d) whether Government are aware that the allocated amount has been diverted for other purposes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps being taken by Government to keep a check on the same?

Educational campus for girls in tribal areas

†4931. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to establish educational campus in tribal areas with a view to imparting education to girls;

(b) whether Government have any plan for remote tribal areas of Mandi, Kullu, Kangra and Shimla districts in Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployed persons in urban areas

†4932. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

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

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of unemployed persons in the urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such persons at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the target with regard to time-frame fixed to provide employment to all these persons?

Officers to assist the States in evolving projects

4933. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the States where his Ministry has sent teams of officers to assist the State Governments in evolving some projects for the proper development of those State;

(b) if so, the details of the projects evolved and assisted;

(c) whether such a team has been sent to Rajasthan to assist the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Slum Rehabilitation Programme in Mumbai

4934. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested for the NOC from the State Government of Maharashtra to their ambitious programme of free housing to the slum dwellers in Mumbai under Slum Rehabilitation Programme; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Proposal of bringing MCD and NDMC under the Ministry of Urban Development

4935. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to place Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), which are presently under the control of Home Ministry, to his Ministry to solve the multiplicity of authorities and check encroachments, unauthorised constructions etc. in Delhi; and

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up this matter to place these two local bodies under his Ministry?

Reason for delay in Metro Rail in Delhi

4936. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) failed to keep its promise to roll out first metro on April, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the progress made in the project, so far, and by when, it is likely to be commissioned?

Assistance for maintaining and developing Nagpur and Hyderabad

4937. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amongst the best maintained cities from the viewpoint of sanitation, road development, beautification of parks and ponds, improvement in street lights etc. Nagpur and Hyderabad cities have been declared as the best maintained cities in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give financial and other assistance to the State Governments of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to further improve the maintenance and development of these cities; and

(c) if so, the details of the assistance proposed to be provided to these States?

Central fund for infrastructural development of Hyderabad

4938. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released Central funds to Andhra Pradesh for the development of Hyderabad under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of infrastructure developed with the funds, so far, and infrastructure projects under implementation now?

Aerial survey of unauthorised colonies

†4939. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Government has declared several colonies in Delhi as unauthorized and have thought of conducting an aerial survey;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not making these residential areas (colonies) inhabited by the middle and very poor class beautiful by providing all facilities and the reason why attempts are being made to demolish and displace them?

Operation of Metro Rail in Delhi

4940. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Metro Rail is likely to commence operations during the current year;

(b) if so, to what extent Metro Rail is likely to ease the traffic on the roads;

(c) in what manner and to what extent the Ring Rail will help the Metro Rail in providing an effective transport system in Delhi; and

(d) whether Ring Rail will be further strengthened to give better linkage to Metro Rail?

Paripath Development Schemes for Chardham in Uttaranchal

†4941. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have launched a number of 'Paripath' development schemes for development of places of historical and cultural importance;

(b) whether Government have included the 'Chardham Marg' in the said 'Paripath' development scheme for facilitating Chardham yatra Yamnotri-Gangotri-Kedarnath-Badrinath Pilgrimage in the State of Uttaranchal and for providing additional facilities for the pilgrims; and

(c) if so, the amount allocated for the year 2002-2003 and the details of works to be undertaken in this regard?

Unauthorised constructions in DDA flats

4942. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flats which have been cancelled by the DDA for unauthorised constructions/additions/alterations and later restored during the period from 1st June 2000 to 30th June, 2001;

(b) whether Government are aware that a number of flats which have been restored, still have unauthorised constructions and fall within the five categories of illegal constructions notified by his Ministry through Public Notice in June, 2000;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take in the matter; and

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(d) whether Government have identified such flats?

Proposal to absorb surplus staff of other departments as JEs in CPWD

4943. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per recommendations of Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC), CPWD propose to absorb surplus staff of other departments as JEs by overlooking the experienced candidates in CPWD itself;

(b) if so, the reasons and the justification therefor;

(c) whether the number of Draughtsman in CPWD would also be reduced by promoting them as JEs; and

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

Demand and supply of potable water in Delhi

4944. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply position of potable water in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that several residential areas in Delhi are virtually without potable water; and

(c) if so, the effective steps Government have taken to mitigate hardships of residents of Delhi keeping in view the severity of the ongoing hard summer?

Addition/alteration in Sector-3, R.K. Puram

4945. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received about non-undertaking of addition/alteration work by 'S' Division, C.P.W.D. in Government accommodation, particularly in Sector-3, R.K. Puram although the amount of 10 per cent of expenditure to be incurred had already been deposited;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) the action Government propose to initiate against officials responsible for this and by when the work would be undertaken and completed?

Amount spent on Metro Rail

4946. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent by his Ministry and Delhi Government upto March 31, 2002 and the amount received from the Japanese Government for Delhi Metro Project;

(b) the total estimated cost of this project;

(c) the number of phases in which this project is to be completed; and

(d) the target dates of completion of various phases and the final approximate date of completion of the project?

Implementation of AUWSP

4947. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the 575 schemes sanctioned by Government in the year 1993-94 under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme covering a total of 2151 small towns, work on 101 schemes is yet to be taken in hand;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned by Government for the implementation of these schemes, till date the amount utilised and the schemes implemented, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for not implementing the schemes and the cost over run as a result thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure the implementation of all the schemes within a time-frame?

Proposal for electricity trolley buses for Delhi

4948. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is under consideration to run electricity trolley buses in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a Committee has been constituted to go into this scheme;

(d) if so, the terms of reference of the Committee and the time frame of submission of the report;

(e) the cost involved in the project and whether the State Government would bear the entire cost, or Centre would also make some contribution; and

(f) the benefits that would be derived out of this by the general public?

Regularisation of colonies on agricultural land in Delhi

†4949. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised colonies and colonies constructed on agricultural land in Delhi regularised during last three years;

(b) the number of colonies yet to be regularised and the impediments coming in the way of their regularisation;

(c) the rules with regard to regularisation of colonies constructed on agricultural land and the tax being charged from them at present;

(d) whether Government propose to reduce this tax; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for their early regularisation?

Additional Central assistance to States under NSDP

4950. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total additional Central Assistance released to States/UTs under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) during the last five years;

(b) the number of schemes taken up and completed under the programme, State-wise;

(c) the total number of districts covered under the programme, State-wise; and

(d) the number of people who were benefited by the said programme till 31st March, 2002?

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**Possession of flats under RPS-2001 of
DDA**

4951. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the normal time taken for issuing possession letters and handing over the physical possession to the allottees of DDA flats who have deposited full amount and completed all the formalities required by DDA;

(b) whether Government are aware that the allottees of DDA flats under RPS-2001 are facing difficulties in getting possession of flats; and

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the affirmative, the steps taken by Government to sort out the problem being faced by such allottees and speed up the whole procedure of handing over the physical possession?

**Demolition of double storey quarters
at Mata Sundari Road and Mirdard
Road**

4952. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of money was spent recently on Government quarters situated at Mirdard Road and Mata Sundari Road, New Delhi for their repair/maintenance, like boundary walls, iron gates and other repair works;

(b) whether the life of the above quarters have increased due to these repairs;

(c) if so, the durability of these quarters;

(d) whether there is any proposal for demolition of these double storey quarters at Mata Sundari Road and Mirdard Road;

(e) if so, whether it would not result in huge wastage of money; and

(f) whether Government are considering to avoid this huge wastage?

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