

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the August 13, 2003/Sravana 22, 1925 (Saka)

(Ministries : Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power; Rural  
Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—155

Increasing the production capacity of  
coal washeries

†2388. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased  
to refer to reply to Unstarred Question  
1028 given in the Rajya Sabha on  
30th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the production capacity of  
coal washeries is proposed to be increased  
further in the country; and

(b) if so, the future plan of Government  
in this regard?

Implementation of Supreme Court's  
directions by CIL

2389. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the  
Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to  
reply to Unstarred Question 4184 given in  
the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 2003  
and state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court on the  
application filed before it for modification  
of its orders dated 29th April, 2002,  
passed an order on 13th January, 2003;  
if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the CIL complied with the  
directions of the Supreme Court order  
dated 29th April, 2002; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Coal mining outside State boundaries

2390. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether Centre has decided to  
allow State public sector undertakings to  
take up coal mining outside their State  
boundaries and sell it in the open market  
anywhere; and

(b) if so, whether the States having no  
substantial coal reserves can actually set  
up their own coal producing entities and  
start operation in coal rich States such as  
Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal?

Payment of royalty to States

2391. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased  
to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central  
Government has taken over mineral  
resources of States like Madhya Pradesh,  
Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Orissa, etc.

(b) whether Government has received

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requests from these States for payment of *ad valorem* royalty and if so, action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government have revised the coal royalties after 1994; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Measures to check bird hits around IAF bases**

2392. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a plan for cleaning environment in the cities having Indian Air Force bases to reduce the loss of aircraft due to bird hits; and

(b) if so, the bases where this cleaning is proposed to be undertaken?

#### **Showcasing of helicopters by HAL**

2393. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL made history for Indians by displaying a new generation desi-aircraft for the first time on western soil at the Paris Air Show in June this year;

(b) whether the multi-role all weather and terrain Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), Dhruv won the hearts of many customers with its vary attractive price tag \$5.5 million; and

(c) if so, what are the marketing proposals of this new helicopter in the export market?

#### **Function halls in Secunderabad cantonment**

2394. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many function halls are there in the Secunderabad cantonment area on lease;

(b) how much land each one of them has occupied; and

(c) how much land has been given to other persons on lease for running hotels etc. in the cantonment areas?

#### **Order to vacate huts to poor families of Secunderabad cantonment**

2395. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several poor families in Secunderabad cantonment area are serving military personnel by washing/ cleaning military houses and providing other household services and assisting in menial jobs for the last 4 or 5 decades; and

(b) if so, the reasons for giving them notices to vacate their huts and exchange land?

#### **Positioning an eye in the sky**

2396. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to position "An eye in the sky" tucked into 152 metre long helium based balloon above the country's border; and

(b) if so, how will this be useful to augment border surveillance and track missiles?

**Agreement between India and Mauritius for surveillance of EEZ of Mauritius**

2397. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formalised an agreement with Mauritian for the surveillance of exclusive economic zone of Mauritius in Indian ocean by the Indian Navy;

(b) whether this calls for continued regular deployment of Indian Naval vessels and personnel in the Mauritian waters;

(c) whether our navy is fully stretched in keeping under vigil, its own long coastline; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Defence was consulted before this agreement was formalised?

**Recruitment of scouts to plug infiltration**

2398. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has a proposal to recruit scouts from villages to plug infiltration across the Line of Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had recruited scouts from villages earlier; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether such recruitment helped realise the desired intention for which they have been recruited on earlier occasions?

**Induction of Lakshya in IAF**

2399. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenously developed Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) "Lakshya" has been successfully fired from the Interim Test Range (ITR);

(b) whether this aircraft has now been included in our Air Force; and

(c) whether this remote controlled aircraft is being used for imparting training to the pilots?

**Construction of roads by BRO in Uttaranchal**

†2400. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the new roads being constructed by the Border Roads Organisation in Uttaranchal and the total length of roads in kms. proposed to be built by this organisation in Uttaranchal in the year 2003-04;

(b) whether some roads are being constructed or were being constructed earlier in the district of Pithoragarh by this organisation;

(c) if so, the names of such roads separately;

(d) whether there is any proposal to complete these roads during the present Five Year Plan;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Kalinga Regiment**

2401. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has made a proposal for raising of "Kalinga Regiment" in our Defence Forces; and

(b) if so, the details of the request made and the status of the proposal?

**Occupation of land by Army**

2402. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the army has taken over lands at various places in Baramula and Kupwara districts for defence purposes; and

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that the army neither vacates these lands nor pays any rent?

**Setting up of a Sainik Bharti Board in Aheerwal region of Haryana**

†2403. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government to set up the proposed "Sainik Bharti Board" in the Aheerwal region of Haryana; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken; if not, the reasons therefor?

**India's request to US for purchase of patriot missile system**

2404. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has requested the US to sell to it patriot anti-missile system and upgrade Arrow Missile Shield System; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the US thereto?

**Time spent by Indian Navy on the High Seas**

2405. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an in-house analysis of the Indian Navy has revealed that the Navy is not doing enough open ocean work and continuing itself only to the coasts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps the Ministry is taking or propose to take to direct Navy to spend much more time on high seas?

**Aircrafts lost by Indian Navy**

2406. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of aircrafts lost by the Indian Navy each year during last three years;

(b) their makes and causes for their crash; and

(c) the steps taken by the Indian Navy to prevent these accidents?

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**Occupation of peaks by Pakistani troops**

2407. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops have begun movement along the LoC and have occupied various peaks in the Northern Drass sector similar to the situation before the Kargil war;

(b) if so, whether there have been instances that Indo-Pak troops had exchanged fire at these places; and

(c) if not, whether the army is ready for retaliation in case similar attempts of occupying Indian land are made by Pakistani troops rather than going in for a war like Kargil once again?

**Approval of GLR Plan of Murah Cantt. Gwalior**

†2408. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the GLR Plan of Murah Cantonment in district Gwalior has been approved by Government and if so, when it was approved;

(b) whether some land from wards 1 to 7 belongs to private party and if so, the location thereof;

(c) the reasons why the officers from Cantonment prevent the construction of buildings and reasons why old houses are demolished without prior notice; and

(d) whether there is a provision to get lay out plans of cantonment sanctioned and if so, the reasons for not approving the lay out plans by the Cantonment Board, Gwalior for the last so many years?

**Increasing the strength of Rashtriya Rifles**

2409. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the strength of Rashtriya Rifles by adding 13 battalions to counter insurgents and check infiltration;

(b) whether residents of some villages along the borders are being shifted elsewhere;

(c) whether modern sophisticated weapons have been given to Rashtriya Rifles personnel to face infiltrations effectively; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be done?

**Induction of TEJAS**

2410. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently TEJAS, developed by the Aeronautical Development Agency, has been tested successfully;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any time frame has been fixed to induct this in the Indian Air Force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Lack of quality medical treatment**

2411. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDMC

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employees have been facing a perennial problem of lack of quality medical treatment at Charak Palika Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that medicines are not available in that hospital despite budgetary provision of one crore rupee for the hospital; and

(c) the details of the remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

#### **Finger prints of inmates in Tihar Jail**

2412. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail has undertaken a pilot project where scanners will take finger prints of the inmate every time he leaves or enters the jail, if so, the details of the project;

(b) whether the above project will also cover the visitors; and

(c) how far it will help to control jail breaks and in tracking down of the accused?

#### **Talks with Naga militants**

2413. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had initiated any discussion with the Naga militants which have become active in North-Eastern States, to bring them into the mainstream and if so, the outcome thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that annual Budget for Naga militants is about 35 crore and if so, whether Government have tried to find the sources from which that amount comes and if so, the details

thereof and what steps have been taken to stop such assistance; and

(c) how long the cease fire with Naga militants would continue?

#### **Non-utilization of funds**

2414. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre gave 150 crores to Gujarat Government for relief and rehabilitation of victims of Gujarat carnage (Feb.-May 2002);

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent funds have not been utilized by State Government;

(c) what are the details of how funds have been disbursed;

(d) whether inspite of representations made by the victims who had suffered during these riots, these funds have not been fully utilized; and

(e) whether the Prime Minister was urged to help the victims and direct State Government to fully implement the disbursement of amount to the victims?

#### **Suicides cases of Police personnel**

2415. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of police personnel have committed suicides in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cases where they were forced to extreme steps due to administrative apathy or negligence towards their genuine grievances;

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and

(e) the kind of help provided to breaved families?

#### **Employment to youths of Jammu and Kashmir**

2416. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sizable number of youths have given up militancy in Jammu and Kashmir State and now they want to settle down in life;

(b) whether it is a fact that they live dangerously without any source of livelihood; and

(c) whether any scheme has been initiated to offer them employment to eradicate their poverty?

#### **Overlapping in functioning of Narcotics Bureau**

2417. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is overlapping in the functioning of Central Bureau of Narcotics and Narcotics Control Bureau because of the similarities in the nature of work/task and the operating domains;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider amalgamation of both to remove redundancy and duplicacy; and

(c) whether Government will consider equality of status and pay to the employees of both the organizations and remove the anomaly?

#### **Change in Nationality by Tibetan Monasteries**

2418. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to states:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dalai Lama is running several Tibetan Monasteries in India in which the name, religion and nationality of minor Indians are being changed as Tibetan Nationals;

(b) if so, the details of the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Review of present investigation and prosecution system**

2419. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering review of the present investigation and prosecution system in view of recent criminal trials in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Irregularities in project on plantation of trees**

2420. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private contractor in connivance with MCD officials has swindled the exchequer of Rs. 18 lakhs in a project on plantation of trees etc. in Delhi;

(b) whether a probe was ordered in the matter, if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the status of a similar scam on allotment of plots of land meant for slum dwellers to non-existent persons?

**Seizure of spurious medicines in Delhi**

2421. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than hundred kg. of spurious medicines were seized recently in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of persons arrested in this regard; and

(c) how many spurious drugs related cases were registered during the last three years and the number of persons arrested and what is the status of those cases at present?

**Religious community-wise data of population**

2422. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2927 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the relevant data with regard to religious community-wise population has been procured; and

(b) if so, the religious community-wise details of population of Hindus, Christians and Muslims as per the Census of India 2001, State-wise and district-wise?

**Re-activation of witness protection programme**

2423. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre had set up a

Committee under Justice V.S. Malimath to examine the need to launch witness protection programme on the lines of those in operation in western countries; and

(b) whether a poor country like India can sustain such a programme which calls for deployment of special protection forces to each and every witness in all the high profile cases and his kith/kin for a lifetime?

**Facilities being provided to families of martyrs of Jalianwala Bagh incident**

†2424. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of martyrs of Jalianwala Baaagh incident was 419;

(b) if so, the names of such martyrs; and

(c) the details of the facilities being provided to the members of their families by Government?

**Militants hiding in Bhutan forests**

2425. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that Assam militants hiding in Bhutan forests have created havoc in Bhutan and also in various parts of our country;

(b) if so, whether Bhutan has shown its inability to flush out ultras from their country;

(c) whether Bhutan has urged India to help them in flushing out these ultras;

(d) if so, whether both the countries have agreed to have a joint inspection force to meet the menace of ultras and also help Bhutan in tackling these ultras; and

(e) to what extent these steps have

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reduced their activities in Assam and its neighbouring areas?

**Central assistance for Golden Temple Galiara project**

2426. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:  
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the Central Government to Punjab for the Golden Temple Galiara project; and

(b) by when the entire work is likely to be completed?

**Action plan to curb naxalism**

†2427. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Jharkhand has sent any action plan to Central Government to overcome the menace of naxalism;

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

(c) whether similar action plan has been considered for Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and other States which are affected by naxalism; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being proposed to have co-ordination in action against naxalism in all the said States?

**Norms for investigation of rape cases by Delhi Police**

2428. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for investigation of rape cases by Delhi Police;

(b) whether recently a lot of rape cases have been entrusted to male officers for investigation which are in gross violation of the Rape Case Investigation Norm; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Government will issue guidelines to the Delhi Police to follow the existing norms in rape cases and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Beneficiaries of Swatantrata Sangram Senani Pension Scheme**

2429. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who are the beneficiaries of S.S.S.P. Scheme, as on 31st March, 2003;

(b) having participated in the freedom struggle of 1942 at the minimum age of 18 years, whether most of the beneficiaries are now over 85 years of age; and

(c) by what percentage, the total number of beneficiaries is decreasing every year, for the last five years?

**Black listing of police stations in Delhi**

2430. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police have black-

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listed some police stations including Malviya Nagar Police Station, New Delhi on account of increase in crime rate;

(b) what is the crime rate of these police stations during the last one year; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to streamline the black-list police stations?;

**NHRC notice on disappeared persons in J&K**

2431. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Human Rights Commission has asked the Jammu and Kashmir Government with regard to the disappeared persons in Valley even when the Central Government have maintained that disappeared persons were 'Terrorists' or those killed in 'Encounters';

(b) whether similar notices were also issued by NHRC in September, 2000 and if so, what was the result of that action; and

(c) whether the 'Association of the Parents of Disappeared Persons' was satisfied with that action?

**Damage due to natural calamities in H.P. and Uttaranchal**

†2432. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the recent damage to life and property due to calamities like landslide, sliding of rocks, floods in rivers and lightening in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(b) the details of measures that have

been taken by Government to check the recurrence of these calamities?

**Report of Justice V.S. Malimath Committee**

2433. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:  
SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee on revamping of the criminal justice system in India headed by Justice V.S. Malimath, has submitted its report to the Government of India;

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

(c) the action taken on the above report; and

(d) whether the report is available for public reference; if so, the details thereof?

**Permission to private companies for laying ducts in Defence establishments**

2434. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to some private companies to carry out surveys for laying ducts for fibre optic cables in the most sensitive areas around Defence establishments in the country;

(b) if so, how many companies have applied and been permitted to survey and lay ducts around Defence establishments in the country; and

(c) whether proper scrutiny of these companies were undertaken before granting permission and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Compensation to persons displaced  
due to fencing at Indo-Pak border**

‡2435. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the residents of Ameen ka paar village under Shiv tehsil, district Barmer who were rehabilitated elsewhere at the time of fencing of Indo-Pak international border have not been paid compensation till date;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by Government to provide compensation to affected families without any delay?

**Meaningful discussions to resolve  
Ayodhya dispute**

‡2436. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold a meaningful discussions with various sections of the society keeping in view the results of Ramjanmabhumi dispute at Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme formulated by Government in this regard?

**President's assent to a Bill from  
Karnataka**

2437. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government

has sent the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002 for obtaining the assent of the President; and

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

**Assent to Karnataka  
Stamp Bill, 2003**

2438. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the Karnataka Stamp Bill, 2003 for obtaining the assent of the President;

(b) if so, when the above Bill was sent for statutory clearance; and

(c) what is the present position?

**Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu  
for safeguarding intrusion of  
foreigners**

2439. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 900 km. long Tamil Nadu coast is vulnerable due to the internal strike in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Tamil Nadu Government has to incur heavy expenditure or police force in guiding the coastal line to prevent intrusion of undeniable foreigners and terrorists; and

(c) if so, whether Government would provide special assistance to Tamil Nadu treating it as a border State?

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**Non-compliance with SC guidelines regarding undertrials**

2440. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints against State Police Forces not complying with the guidelines of the Supreme Court while arresting and keeping the accused in jail, have been received;

(b) whether complaints have also been received regarding undertrial prisoners in the State Government jails being not extended the basic fundamental rights guranteed by the Constitution;

(c) whether any such instances have been reported and brought to the notice of Government from Kerala and Tamil Nadu States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**New equipment for fire services in States**

2441. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the fire services in all States are using age old and outdated equipment;

(b) if so, whether Government have received recommendations from the fire services of States for providing them with new and improved equipment;

(c) if so, whether Government are willing to equip the fire services with new equipment throughout the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the cost involved for the same?

**Pending cases of character verifications in Delhi Police**

2442. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of character verification cases of the officials selected in various categories of posts of different Government departments/Ministries have been pending with the concerned officials of Delhi Police;

(b) if so, the reasons for such pendency;

(c) why the said verification could not be completed within the stipulated time; and

(d) the responsibility fixed by Government in such cases?

**Arrest of call girls by Delhi Police**

2443. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police have conducted raids and arrested call girls and sex workers in Delhi; and

(b) whether television and press photographers were allowed to take their pictures although they were in the police custody; if so, the reasons therefor?

**Security lapse at joint check post on Indo-Pak border**

2444. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to a glaring security lapse at the joint check post on the India-Pakistan border a British couple entered India in a foreign car on 19th July, 2003;

(b) if so, whether Government have made investigations to find out how the couple crossed various points without being intercepted; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against the persons responsible for this security lapse?

**Law and order condition  
in Delhi**

2445. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that law and order condition in the capital city is deplorable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a detailed study has been made into manpower requirements and modernisation of Delhi Police;

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

(d) what steps are being taken to get them implemented?

**Proposed amendment in  
marriage laws**

2446. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the marriage laws to protect women from litigation-related harassment, if so, the details of the enabling provisions; and

(b) whether Government also propose to bring in some kind of legislation to legalize "live-in-arrangement" practice, which is gaining ground?

**Authorisation of negotiation with  
insurgent outfits of NE Region**

2447. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have authorised any Chief Minister, Minister or person to negotiate with insurgent outfits operating in the N.E. Region;

(b) if answer to (a) is affirmative, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have since received any report in this regard?

**Clashes between two communities at  
Talhan, Punjab**

2448. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has asked for a report from the State Government over the recent clashes between two communities at Talhan (Punjab);

(b) whether the National Commission for SC/ST has blamed the district administration for lapses leading to clashes at Talhan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Central Intelligence Agency of the US has also submitted a situation report on Talhan clashes to Government of India; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction on this report?

**Economic Union of Southern States**

2449. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee of the Southern Zonal Council under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh proposed the formation of an "Economic Union of Southern States" on the lines of the European Union;

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

(c) the various States which have opted to join the Union and the subject matters likely to be taken up at this common forum?

**Damage to railway tracks by PWG in Bihar**

2450. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that naxal PWG has damaged the rail tracks at a number of places in Bihar in mid July, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents and to ensure safety of rail passengers?

**Spurt in crimes against women**

2451. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been spurt in crimes against women in the East District Police Range of Delhi and the

cases registered and subsequently transferred to the Crime Branch of Delhi Police have not been properly investigated including a case *vide* FIR No. 350 dated 7th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of such cases pending for the last one year;

(c) the reasons for not being able to solve the relevant cases pending since August, 2002; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken against the errant police officials of Crime Branch of Delhi Police for their slipshod investigation?

**Corruption in transfers in Delhi Police**

2452. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is lot of corruption in posting and transfers of police officials in Delhi;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the system of transfer and posting of ACPs, SHOs and other junior police officials;

(c) what is the present system of transfer and posting of police officials from one place to another and whether these transfers and postings are monitored by any committee; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Strength of B.S.F.**

2453. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength of B.S.F., cadre-wise as on 1st April, 2003;

(b) the number of vacancies, cadre-wise as on that date;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to fill the vacancies expeditiously;

(d) the number of army officers of the level of major and above, rank-wise, on deputation with B.S.F.;

(e) the normal period for which army officers are deputed with B.S.F.;

(f) the number of army officers on deputation with B.S.F. for more than Five Years, cadre-wise; and

(g) by when the deputationists overstaying are proposed to be repatriated to the parent organization?

#### **Training for anti-terrorist forces**

2454. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form anti-terrorist force trained to counter nuclear and chemical warfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to train the force for specialised courses in Israel, U.K., and USA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether these Governments have acceded to the proposal for training in their countries?

#### **Fake ST/SC certificates**

2455. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of officials using fake ST/SC certificates for securing coveted Government jobs have come to the notice of Government;

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

(c) how such unscrupulous candidates could pass through the strict vigilance of the UPSC;

(d) whether applications of such candidates are strictly scrutinised; and

(e) the action contemplated by Government to enforce stricter norms to screen such applications?

#### **Seizure of Uranium**

2456. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether semi-processed Uranium of explosive grade has been seized by the Intelligence agencies and Bangladeshi Security forces recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Uranium was packed in protective packets complete with a user's manual; and

(d) what are the steps taken by Government to prevent misuse of these uranium packets by terrorist groups working in India?

#### **Sexual harassment of women in police custody**

†2457. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the cases of sexual harassment of women in police custody; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the increase in the number of such cases during last five years and culprit punished?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Misuse of funds by India Development and Relief Fund**

2458. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint that a US based voluntary organisation, namely, the India Development and Relief Fund (IDRF) is channelising major portion of donations collected by them to communal party based NGOs which were involved in spreading hatred against minorities in India; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to curb use of foreign funds in such a manner?

**Installation of defective electricity meters by NDMC**

†2459. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the old defective meters are installed even today in Sarojini Nagar, Lakshmi Bai Nagar, Lodi Road and Gole Market colonies of the NDMC areas and the reasons therefor and reasons for not-installing electronic meters in these areas;

(b) by when Government propose to install electronic meters in these areas;

(c) the reasons for not handing the power distribution to private sector and by when the same is likely to be done; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that consumers are charged replacement cost for burnt meters when they do not have any control over such situations, if so, the reasons therefor?

**Recovery of antiques by Delhi Police**

2460. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has recently recovered statues made of ashthadhatu, having invaluable antique importance stolen from a remote village of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard indicating the manner in which these statues were stolen and how those were recovered;

(c) whether taking advantage of drought condition prevailing in Rajasthan these antique thieves have targeted that State for their nefarious activities;

(d) whether some of the antiques have already been smuggled out of the country from some of the porous borders of Rajasthan; and

(e) the steps contemplated by Government to stop such trade?

**Discussion with J&K Government**

2461. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had convened a meeting in 31st March, 2003 with the Jammu and Kashmir Government to discuss various issues;

(b) if so, whether this included security scenario and implications of the various policies of the State Government in the wake of Nadimarg massacre; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

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**Requirement of sniffer dogs in the country**

‡2462. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sniffer dogs in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a State-wise need for more dogs in the country;
- (c) if so, whether Government have fixed any time limit to meet the requirements; if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total amount spent by Government for purchasing sniffer dogs so far?

**Amendment of Commission of Inquiry Act**

2463. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Commission of Inquiry Act needs amendments so as to provide mode of appointment of Inquiry Commission and its terms of reference to inspire confidence in its independence and make its findings and recommendations public;
- (b) if so, by when the Commission of Inquiry Bill will be introduced; and
- (c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) be negative, the reasons therefor?

**Naming of road after late Piloo Modi**

2464. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal to name South

- End Road after late Piloo Modi has been under consideration of N.D.M.C. and Government of Delhi since November, 2000;
- (b) by when the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Receipt of views of the State Governments by the POTA Review Committee**

2465. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the POTA Review Committee set up by Government has since received views of the State Governments on the said anti-terror law;
  - (b) if so, the details and facts thereof;
  - (c) whether copies of FIRs of these cases have also been forwarded to the Union Government, if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) the details of individual representations received by Government on the said Anti-Terror law and action taken by Government in this regard?

**Complaints/petitions filed before NHRC**

2466. SHRISWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of complaints/petitions filed before National Human Rights Commission from each State;
  - (b) the number of complaints/petitions dismissed on preliminary inquiry;
  - (c) the number of complaints/petitions disposed off after regular hearing;

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- (d) the number of complaints/petitions in which State/officials were indicted; and
- (e) the number of complaints/petitions found to be false or untire?

**Production and export of mica**

†2467. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of mica produced till date during the years 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;
- (b) the percentage of export of the total production of mica during the last three years; and
- (c) the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period?

**MoU for cooperation in Geo-sciences between India and Canada**

2468. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a MoU was signed between India and Canada to set up a framework for mutual co-operation in the field of geo-sciences; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Availability of non-conventional products in the market**

2469. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether basic non-conventional

energy products like solar cooking, solar panel lighting, etc. are readily available in markets for consumers;

- (b) if so, whether non-conventional energy shops providing end user products have closed down in the past;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if not, the State-wise details of the number of such shops that are still running?

**Installation of wind-mills in M.P.**

†2470. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of wind-mills installed so far in the State of Madhya Pradesh with a view to promote utilisation of non-conventional energy sources for irrigation; and
- (b) the number of wind-mills proposed to be installed during the current financial year?

**Setting up wind power parks in the country**

†2471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total output of wind power in the country;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to construct wind parks in the country;
- (c) if so, whether such kind of wind power parks is proposed to be set up in Uttaranchal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Wind monitoring masts**

2472. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many wind  
monitoring masts for identifying areas  
suitable for wind farming all over the  
country;

(b) if so, the details including the number  
of such masts, State-wise, as on date;

(c) the details of areas identified, if any,  
for wind farming, State-wise, as on today;  
and

(d) the total funds given to each State  
for developing non-conventional energy  
sources for the last three years, year-wise,  
category-wise and source-wise?

**Potential sites for wind power  
generation in Andhra Pradesh**

2473. DR. DASARI NARAYANA  
RAO: Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as  
30 potential sites for wind power generation  
have been identified in the State of Andhra  
Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Central and State  
Governments have taken to tap the  
potential of these sites in the State?

**Action plan for development of Non-  
Conventional energy sources in Assam**

2474. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH  
SHARMAH: Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to  
formulate any specific action plan for the  
development of Non-Conventional energy  
sources in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details of project, location-  
wise, prepared and the amount sanctioned  
so far for the purpose during the last two  
years?

**MNES programmes in Assam**

2475. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:  
Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred  
Question 1120 given in the Rajya Sabha on  
the 13th March, 2002 and state:

(a) the State-wise targets finalised for  
implementation of programmes under the  
Ministry during the Tenth Plan period  
showing year-wise outlays and utilisation;

(b) the schemes being operated in Assam  
showing total outlay, operating agency and  
achievements made; and

(c) the list of NGOs engaged and  
proposed to be engaged for implementation  
of such schemes in Assam?

**Solar Powered Rickshaws**

2476. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:  
Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether solar powered rickshaws have started plying on roads in Jaipur in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether eco-friendly vehicles are proposed to be started in other parts of the country; and

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

**Transparency in conduct of Government functioning**

2477. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the interest of transparency some Governments release the confidential files for peoples' information after a specific period of time;

(b) if so, whether Government have any such permission in the conduct of Government functioning; and

(c) if so, whether it has been done so ever?

**Implementation of recommendations of the ERC**

2478. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of Economic Reforms Commission's recommendations during the last one year, especially in the field of downsizing the number of employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the success achieved in downsizing the number of employees, Ministry/ Department-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government failed to implement the recommendations made by Geetha Krishnan Committee; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in Pension Bill**

2479. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in Government's Pension Bill during 1990-91 to 2001-2002;

(b) whether by 2010 the number of pensioners will exceed the number of employees;

(c) if so, the corrective action contemplated by Government in view of increased Pension Bill;

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a new pension scheme for fresh recruits into the Civil Services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Central Government employees in Karnataka**

2480. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees working in various Central Government offices in Karnataka;

(b) how many posts in class 'C' and 'D' groups are vacant in these offices; and

(c) the steps taken to fill up these posts?

Captive Power Projects in private sector	Establishments at the Central level for power sector
<p>†2481. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:</p> <p>Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether it is a fact that captive power projects are operating in private sector for power production in the country;</p> <p>(b) if so, the production capacity of these projects as on March, 2003 alongwith assessment with regard to the average production cost;</p> <p>(c) whether it is a fact that power is being produced in this sector more than the requirement; and</p> <p>(d) if so, the details of the said surplus power?</p>	<p>†2483. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:</p> <p>Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether Government have set up many establishments at the Central level for the proper functioning of power sector in the country;</p> <p>(b) if so, the names thereof and details of the responsibilities assigned to each of these establishments; and</p> <p>(c) the average annual Budget of each establishment during the last three years?</p>
<p><b>Increase in earnings of NHPC</b></p> <p>2482. MISS MABEL REBELLO: SHRI B.J. PANDA:</p> <p>Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether it is a fact that NHPC has registered an upswing trend in earnings during 2002-2003, if so, the details thereof and the increase in earnings from the last corresponding year;</p> <p>(b) the outlay earmarked for this PSU for further development during the Tenth Plan period; and</p> <p>(c) the contribution of NHPC in power generation during Ninth Plan and proposed ones during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan periods?</p>	<p><b>Super thermal power project of NTPC at Kahalgaon</b></p> <p>†2484. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) whether it is a fact that Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project of National Thermal Power Corporation is on the verge of closing down due to the scarcity of coal;</p> <p>(b) the reasons for shortage of coal supply;</p> <p>(c) whether there are inadequate facilities for storage of coal in Kahalgaon Project; and</p> <p>(d) financial loss likely to be incurred by the Corporation in case the power production gets stopped in this project and what will be its effect on the production of power in the country?</p>

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**Generation of hydro and thermal power in the country**

†2485. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise generation of hydro power and thermal power in the country;
- (b) the shortage of power as compared to demand of each State;
- (c) the amount allocated for power sector in Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) by when the shortage of power generation will be met?

**Demand and supply of power**

†2486. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of total demand and supply of the power in the country including the State of Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether Government have assessed the need of the power in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the extent of power production capacity likely to be increased State-wise due to installation of new power plants and upgradation of present power plants separately during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Private and public sector power projects in M.P.**

†2487. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of power projects

sanctioned for private and public sectors in the State of Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

- (b) the number of such projects which are pending and the number of projects being implemented; and
- (c) the names of the above projects and estimated cost thereof?

**Power Sub-stations in Manipur**

2488. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of power Sub-stations sanctioned for Hill District of Manipur and Manipur during 2002-2003;
- (b) by when these power sub-stations will start functioning;
- (c) whether the Central Government has discussed with the State Government about the mode of establishment of these sub-stations; and
- (d) if so, the decision or understanding arrived at?

**Assistance for modernisation of power plants**

†2489. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of States for which Government are considering to provide assistance for the modernisation of power plants; and
- (b) if so, the details of said assistance and by when it is likely to be provided and which are the States which will be covered?

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<b>Tipaimukh Power Project</b>	erosion; and
2490. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:	(c) whether Government propose to install the equipments in all the plants?
(a) the latest position in the implementation or construction of Tipaimukh Power Project;	<b>BPL households covered under KJP in A.P.</b>
(b) by when, the construction of the Power Project will commence;	2493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(c) the responsibilities of the affected States in the construction of the project; and	(a) whether all the BPL households in rural and semi urban areas of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under Kutir Jyoti Programme (KJP);
(d) the duration of the construction of the project?	(b) if not, the number of households which are yet to be covered under KJP, district-wise; and
<b>Formulation of micro-model plan to reduce T and D losses</b>	(c) by when, all these households are likely to be covered under KJP in the State?
2491. SHRI R.S.GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:	<b>Coal import by MSEB</b>
(a) whether the SEB's have formulated micro-model plan called meter to money to curtail transmission and distribution losses in power sector;	2494. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:
(b) if so, the details thereof;	(a) whether Government have permitted Maharashtra State Electricity Board to import 3,75,000 tonne coal, for their thermal power station;
(c) the States where the project has been implemented; and	(b) if so, the details thereof;
(d) the success achieved in these States in the field of T and D losses?	(c) whether the quality of coal MSEB is importing is not available in domestic market; and
<b>Preventing the erosion in hydro power stations</b>	(d) if available, the reasons for the permission for import being granted?
2492. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:	<b>R&amp;M and upgradation of sub-transmission relating to power sector in A.P.</b>
(a) whether it is a fact that silt erosion seriously affects hydro power stations costing Rs. 500 crores every year;	2495. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be
(b) if so, whether it is a fact that BHEL has developed a process for preventing the	

pleased to state:

(a) whether schemes of Renovation and Modernisation and Upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution relating to power development were sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status of each of these schemes in the State?

**Drinking water in schools**

†2496. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Primary/higher Secondary schools in the country upto March, 2003 where there is no arrangement of drinking water;

(b) the number of such schools, State-wise;

(c) whether the Centre and the State Governments have contemplated on a time bound programme to provide drinking water in these schools by mutual co-operation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what is the programme for the next three years?

**Re-building BPL houses in Muzaffarpur, Bihar**

†2497. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families Below Poverty Line living in the huts made of straw in Muzaffarpur district of Bihar;

(b) how many houses of those families were gutted in summer season;

(c) whether a proposed project from the Muzaffarpur district has been received

by Government of India to rebuild the burnt houses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken by Central Government thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Supply of drinking water in rural areas**

2498. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved an additional Rs. 700 crore for three schemes for improving supply of drinking water in rural India;

(b) if so, what are the three schemes for which this amount has been sanctioned;

(c) whether the amount sanctioned is sufficient for completing these projects;

(d) whether according to the study conducted by Government, the main areas of concern in the rural water supply sector was coverage of habitations including schools in the rural areas and ensuring sustainability of systems and sources; and

(e) if so, what are the steps suggested by them in this regard?

**Review of T.S.C.**

2499. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent review Mission to various Total Sanitations Campaign (TSC) projects in the country to assess the extent of implementation; and

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(b) if so, the outcome of the same alongwith achievements made by TSC projects in Orissa?

**Misuse of IAY funds in J&K**

2500. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Auditor General and Comptroller of India has found that funds amounting to Rupees Two crores were misused in J&K under Indira Awaas Yojana; and

(b) if so, what action has been initiated by the Minister in this behalf?

**People in J and K living Below the Poverty Line**

†2501. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 58 per cent of the population of Jammu and Kashmir State is still living Below the Poverty Line;

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

(c) whether Government have formulated any special scheme to uplift the people of the State economically; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard?

**Swajaldhara proposals scheme from Andhra Pradesh**

2502. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by the Centre under Swajaldhara from Andhra Pradesh Government during last two years, year-wise;

(b) the number of schemes sanctioned and cleared;

(c) the number of schemes pending and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the pending schemes likely to be cleared?

**Central assistance to Orissa under PMGSY**

2503. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance granted to Orissa under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the fiscal 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the number of projects so far completed, number of on-going projects and details of those yet to be taken up; and

(c) the time-frame within which these works would be completed?

**Projects for upliftment of rural poor**

2504. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his last visit to Orissa, Union Minister of Rural Development has informed that for development of rural areas and improving the financial conditions of poor people in

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the State, Centre has undertaken some programmes;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that under the above programmes adequate amount of financial support would be provided for execution of the works; and

(c) if so, details of the projects so undertaken by the Center under the above programmes?

**Demands raised by C.M. of Orissa for rural development schemes**

2505. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his last visit to Orissa the Union Minister had discussed the progress of PMGSY with the CM of Orissa and the CM had requested to provide more grants and food grains for the drought-affected people in the State alongwith last instalment of Rs. 1.65 billion for construction of additional 400,000 Indira Awaas Yojana houses and other assistance etc; and

(b) if so, whether this demand has since been met and if not, status of the case?

**Employment targets under SJGSY**

†2506. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed to provide employment to villagers under Swarn Jayanti Gramin Swarojgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 and the funds allocated to achieve the target; and

(c) the actual amount spent out of the allocated fund and the assessment of the Government with regard to the achievements of the annual targets?

**Categorisation of drinking water in India by World Water Evaluation Programme**

†2507. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Water Evaluation Programme of UNESCO had categorised quality of drinking water in India as 'Bad';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for improvement of quality of drinking water and what are the proposals to be implemented in future?

**Construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Uttaranchal**

†2508. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads of Almora district in Uttaranchal State proposed to be constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during 2003-2004;

(b) whether the Pokhri-Mergaon-Satyon bus route is also proposed to be constructed under the scheme;

(c) if so, by when said route is likely to be sanctioned; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Targets of SHGs under SJGSY**

†2509. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how the targets of Self Help Groups under the Swarn Jayanti Gramin Rozgar Yojana are fixed in States;

(b) whether all the States have fulfilled their targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether all such organised Self Help Groups are being financed from banks and others for promotion of self-employment; and

(e) if not, what measures Government propose to take to help these Self-Help Groups to be funded by NGOs and banks?

**Funds to Bihar under Swajaldhara Yojana**

†2510. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the amount as assistance proposed to be disbursed to Bihar during the current financial year under Swajaldhara Yojana?

**Assistance to destitutes of over 65 years**

†2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide full amount of additional assistance to all the destitute beneficiaries of over 65 years receiving pension, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government provide amount of additional Central assistance for

the sake of all beneficiaries of National Family Assistance Scheme; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, whether suitable additional Central assistance for the sake of all entitled beneficiaries would be provided to the State of Madhya Pradesh?

**Preparation of BPL list**

2512. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BPL list is not prepared on merit by the Block Officers;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of total families included in BPL list; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in Korai, Jaipur, Badachana, Danagudi, Dharamshala, Rasalpur, Bigharpur, Dasrathpur, Bani and Sukinda Blocks of Jaipur district people are included in poverty alleviation programme even though their names are not in BPL list?

**Transfer of Power to Panchayats**

2513. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Seventy-Third Amendment to the Constitution stipulates the transfer of power and functions to Panchayati institutions as a part of the decentralisation processes;

(b) if so, the action taken and progress with respect of the transfer of funds, functions and functionaries to Panchayati Raj bodies, State-wise as on date;

(c) whether there is any suggestion to

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amend the Constitution to develop financial powers to Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Foodgrains allocated to Andhra Pradesh**

2514. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains allocated to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under the food for work programme since January, 2001 to to-date;

(b) the number of districts covered under the programme;

(c) the number of labourers employed and mandays of employment generated during the said period;

(d) whether the entire quantity of foodgrains lifted was distributed to the labourers or major part of it was diverted else where; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Directives issued with regard to SGRY**

2515. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any directive to the State Governments not to undertake any capital intensive programme under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY);

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

(c) the details of durable assets and infrastructure created under the SGRY during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**PMGSY projects**

2516. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of roads taken up/constructed under PMGSY during 2001-02 and 2002-03;

(b) whether Chief Minister of Manipur on one or two occasions met the Minister of Rural Development in respect of the implementation of the scheme;

(c) the decision or understanding arrived at, if any; and

(d) the progress in the implementation of the said programme?

**Implementation of SJGSY in Maharashtra**

2517. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of the proposals received by Union Government during last one year from Maharashtra Government under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Rural Water Supply Scheme;

(b) the funds demanded by the State Government and the funds sanctioned by Government;

(c) whether the schemes were completed in time by the State;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

**Release of matching share by States under SJGSY**

2518. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have released the matching share within the financial year for the on-going Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;

(b) if not, the details of the defaulting States; and

(c) the action taken to oversee the functioning under SJGSY?

**Implementation of SJGSY in Orissa**

†2519. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people benefited under the 'Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana' during the last three years in Orissa and what was the target for the same;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds provided by Central Government for the said scheme to Orissa have been spent on the other items;

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by Government in this matter; and

(d) the fresh efforts made by Government for the proper implementation of the above scheme in Orissa?

**Projects sanctioned under SGRY in Rajasthan**

2520. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects sanctioned and the amount of funds allocated under

Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana to the State of Rajasthan for the year 2002-2003; and

(b) the details of projects/works completed and the amount of funds spent under the SGRY in Rajasthan till now?

**BPL houses constructed in Tamil Nadu**

2521. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 95 lakh rural houses have been constructed so far under the Rural Housing for Below Poverty Line scheme;

(b) the number of houses constructed in Tamil Nadu under the scheme so far; and

(c) the number of houses proposed to be constructed during the Tenth Plan?

**Beneficiaries of rural housing scheme**

2522. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 35,000 ineligible beneficiaries have been allotted housing under the Rural Housing Scheme;

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

(c) the justification for involvement of contractors in construction of houses worth nearly Rs. 200 crore defeating the objective of involving beneficiaries in the construction; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof and action taken in the matter?

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**Implementation of pending proposals**

‡2523. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:  
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of about Rs. 28.05 crores regarding Drought Prone Area Programme and Integrated Wasteland Programme of Madhya Pradesh for the year 2002-2003 are pending with Government for release of instalments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Central Government would issue orders for implementation of the pending proposals?

**Agreement on textiles with European Union and U.S.A.**

‡2524. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into a new agreement for textiles after the year 2005 with U.S.A. and other countries of European Union;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the new agreement; and

(c) the benefits the Indian Textile industry is likely to get as per the terms and conditions of the new agreement?

**Special Economic Zone to textile sector**

2525. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

extend the privilege of Special Economic Zone to textile sector to enable it to achieve the export target of \$50 b;

(b) if so, the details of concessions to be extended to the sector; and

(c) whether it is proposed to induct FDI in the sector; if so, the detailed plan thereof?

**Additional investment in Textile Industry**

‡2526. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that N.K. Singh Committee has advised for additional investment of Rs. 98,550 crore in Textile Industry in order to achieve the export target of the industry;

(b) if not, the details of the amount;

(c) whether any efforts have been made so far by Government for the investment of the amount; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Talks with EU regarding textile exports**

2527. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether during bilateral talks with the European Union representatives in Brussels on 7th May, the Textile Secretary expressed serious concern on proposals for generalised system of preference scheme which has adversely affected Indian textile exports to the EU *vis-a-vis* those from Pakistan;

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(b) if so, the other concerns expressed by the Indian official delegation during the talks; and

(c) to what extent India's point of view was considered and whether any settlement has been found in this regard?

**Export of cotton**

†2528. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cotton exported during the year 2002-03;

(b) whether Government propose to amend the cotton export policy and to lift the restrictions imposed on its export;

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

(d) the targets fixed for export of cotton during the year 2003-04 and the steps taken to achieve the same?

**Mulberry and sericulture for SCs and women**

†2529. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether mulberry and sericulture works are proposed for the Scheduled Castes and for women for their economic development; and

(b) if so, the names of new areas in addition to Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir where this scheme is proposed to be launched?

**Textile exports**

2530. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of textile exports during the last three years alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to accelerate growth of exports during the Tenth Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Projects under DHPY in Kerala**

2531. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects under Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana have been sanctioned in Kerala, the district-wise details thereof;

(b) the amount released by Government for these projects so far, and whether all these projects have started functioning;

(c) whether any proposal requesting financial assistance has been received from the Government of Kerala, the to start fresh projects; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in regard thereto?

**Persons involved in handloom industry in A.P.**

2532. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than five lakh persons are involved in handloom industry in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what measures Government

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have taken for the welfare of these persons and for the overall development of handloom sector in the State?

**Proposal for selling properties of Azam Jahi Mills in A.P.**

2533. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sell properties of Azam Jahi Mills, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Government of India not to dispose off the property; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken by Government?

**Asset Sale Committee of NTC**

2534. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asset Sale Committee of National Textile Corporation has given permission to sell surplus lands to NTC subsidiaries;

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

(c) the details of the pending requests for sale of surplus lands from closed NTC Mills; and

(d) by when ASC will examine and give permission for sale?

**Export of handicraft products**

2535. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of handicraft products exported during 2002;

(b) how much has been exported from Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to further improve the exports of handicraft products?

**Implementation of rural development programmes by NGOs in Assam**

2536. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise list of NGOs being short listed for implementation of programmes of the Ministry in Assam showing organisation-wise assignments and amount sanctioned during Tenth Plan against each scheme; and

(b) the details of programmes being taken up by the Ministry including that by CSB as well as programme being implemented in Assam with foreign assistance and achievement made there upon?

**Rebate on excise duty on traditional powerlooms**

†2537. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to offer rebate with regard to excise duty on traditional powerlooms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Production of cotton**

†2538. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise total production of cotton during the last three years in the country;

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(b) the total quantum of export from Maharashtra in terms of percentage to the world; and

(c) the place where in largest quantity and best quality of cotton is produced?

**Study conducted by the Textile Committee**

2539. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study conducted by the Textile Committee to assess the impact of reforms on the functioning of the Committee said that the reforms succeeded in changing the Committee from abominable regulations to growth-led facilitation; and

(b) what are the other major outcome of the study conducted by the Textile Committee?

**Development of textiles in J and K**

2540. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been initiated to promote textile development in Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the manufacture of silk carpets in Kashmir needed support from the Textiles Ministry?

**Scheme for powerloom sector**

2541. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to announce Rs. 700 crore scheme for the powerloom sector in the country;

(b) whether Government are also planning to set up 15-20 powerloom parks in the next couple of years; and

(c) if so, what will be the marketing infrastructure thereof?

**Non disbursement of loans under TUFs**

2542. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial institutions have stopped disbursing loans to textile units under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme due to Government's failure to release funds to meet the interest subsidy cost;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-increase in the budgetary support to the Ministry, it has not been able to have any alternative system to run TUF Scheme;

(c) the budgetary support received for this in the Tenth Plan period; and

(d) the total number of applications received in the Ministry for funding under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme from various States; State-wise?

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