

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 14, 2002/Sravana 23, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries : Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions—94

Grade-wise mining of coal

2956. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of grade-wise mining of coal during the last five years;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of good quality coal in the country; and
- (c) if so, steps taken for mining of good quality coal?

Judicial enquiry regarding mine accidents

†2957. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any judicial enquiry has been conducted regarding accidents in Bagdighi and Chaitudeeh mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty officers; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

MIG-21 crash in Chandigarh

2958. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a MIG-21 crashed in the first week of May in Chandigarh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any enquiry has been conducted to look into the aircrash;
- (d) if so, what is the outcome of the enquiry; and
- (e) the amount of compensation paid to the seven persons killed and the injured?

MIG (Type 75 variant)

2959. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an upgraded variant of MIG (Type 75 variant) has been evolved; and

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(b) if so, the salient and distinctive features thereof and whether Government propose to acquire and induct the same into the IAF fleet?

Relaxation of rules for grant of scholarship to students

2960. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the ex-servicemen for relaxation in the prevailing rules for scholarship to the students, so that more and more students might avail the benefit of students scholarships;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereto?

Handing over control of Red Fort to A.S.I.

2961. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a major part of the Red Fort is under the control of Indian Army and is being used as a hospital, store rooms, kitchens and HQs. of military police;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the entire Red Fort area is now a protected monument; and

(c) if so, what immediate steps are being taken to vacate it from the control of Army and to handover it to Archaeological Survey of India for protection as a national monument?

Indian army officers killed in UN operations in Congo

2962. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian Army Officers serving in a UN mission in Congo have been killed in an accident in that country recently; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether UN gives some compensation to the bereaved families of the deceased in such cases of deaths; if so, the details thereof and also the compensation that would be granted by the Indian Government to the families; and

(c) how many of our officers and Jawans are serving in UN missions abroad and what is the normal term of their deputation or deployment?

Landing Ship Tanks for Indian Navy

2963. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI N.R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy has the requirement of three Landing Ship Tank (Large);

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam has submitted bid for construction of these ships; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consider their bid favourably in view HSL facing a severe financial crisis due to lack of adequate orders?

Visit to Pakistan by relatives of Indian PoWs

2964. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan in a statement stated that it has not found any Indian Prisoners of Wars (PoWs) in any of its jails in a renewed search made after a request by Government of India at the Agra Summit;

(b) if so, whether Indian Government has insisted on a 'thorough investigation' into the whereabouts of 54 Prisoners of Wars (PoWs) believed to be languishing in Pakistan jails;

(c) whether any modalities for a visit by the relatives of the missing Indian PoWs to Pakistan has been worked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Overpayment to a transport contractor

2965. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overpayment of Rs. 2.49 crore was made in utter violation of Memorandum of Understanding of 1998-99 and 1999-2000 to transport contractor for conveyance of stores for Advance Winter Stocking in Leh Sector, by the Sub Area H.Q. Northern Command;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether overpayment has since been recovered from the contractors and if not, the reasons therefor and what is the status of action so far taken?

Proportionate representation of States in the Armed Forces

2966. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of personnel in the different Armed Forces of India, State-wise, and in commissioned and non-commissioned staff;

(b) whether all the States are being represented in different Armed Forces in proportion to their population; and

(c) the efforts that are being made to increase representation of natives of Bihar in the Armed Forces?

Preparation of prospective Olympic medal winners from the Indian Army

2967. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has directed the Indian Army to prepare a team which could win a gold medal for the country at the Olympic games to be held in Athens, Greece in 2002 A.D.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Olympic Association was consulted in the matter before a decision was taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Fraudulent encashment of LOC by a US firm

2968. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two contracts were concluded with M/s. FXC International Aircraft Sales of USA for the supply of 48 pilot parachutes and 200 brake parachutes at a cost of Rs. 2.35 crore in January and February, 1996;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said contracts provided for 100% payment against Letter of Credit as against the normal provision of 90 per cent payment;

(c) if so, whether the said firm encashed the Letter of Credit in August, 1996 on the basis of forged document; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against the said firm for having cheated it of such a huge amount?

Marketing of Delhi class ship

2969. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to put the indigenously built Delhi class ship to compete at the international market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the hindrances that Government are facing in this regard;

(d) whether some countries have shown interest to acquire the Delhi class ship;

(e) the details thereof; and

(f) what is the current estimated value of the ship?

Procurement of funds for production of Tehelka tapes

2970. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the amount used for production of Tehelka tapes was received from sources located outside India;

(b) if so, the name of the country from where the money was received; and

(c) the identity of persons who supplied the money?

Land for migrants affected by shelling from across the border

2971. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Punjab has given 10 marlas plots to each migrant family in the international border and LoC; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government propose to direct the Government of J&K to consider the allotment of plots to the people of the State living close to the LoC and International border?

Inquiry into failure of R-25 engines of MIG-21

2972. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian experts have joined the probe into the failure of the R-25 engines of the MIG-21 alongwith technical experts from the Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry conducted;

(c) what are the main reasons for the failure of the R-25 engines of MIG-21 aircrafts; and

(d) what action has been taken after the probe has been completed?

Permission to Single-Floor houses in Secunderabad Contonment

2973. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to get no objection certificate from Airports Authority of India even for single storey houses by the people of Secunderabad Cantonment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to revoke this rule by fixing the height of single floor in consultation with AAI and by confining the sanctioning power to Secunderabad Cantonment Board, to avoid hardships to the common man?

Monsoon study by IAF aircrafts

2974. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has modified two transport aircrafts to carry out a path-breaking experiment to study the monsoon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Release of open Defence land surrounded by Civilian colonies in Secunderabad Cantt.

2975. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release several pockets of open Defence land of Secunderabad Cantt. surrounded by massive civilian population in favour of Andhra Pradesh Government in exchange of alternate more security-risk free land as it was done in the past for several such pockets of defence vacant lands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Underground Drainage in Secunderabad Cantonment

2976. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

release special grants to introduce underground sewerage system in the Secunderabad Cantonment and to streamline storm water through drainage system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have cleared the financial and administrative sanction of expanding and remodelling of age old culverts in Secunderabad Cantonment specially at Lakshminagar and picket and other places as proposed by the Defence authorities of Secunderabad Cantt.;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Visit of British Secretary of State for Defence

2977. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Secretary of State for Defence had recently met him after visiting Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details of discussion which took place; and

(c) whether the matter relating to the recent spurt in the cross-border infiltration by Pakistan was also brought to his notice and if so, his reaction thereto?

Use of B-4 Defence lands for public purposes

2978. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that B-4 Defence lands had been permitted for public purposes so far by Defence Cantonment authorities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

Supply of T-90 Tanks by Russia

2979. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the T-90 Tanks to be supplied by Russia have been received; and
- (b) if not, when will the rest be supplied?

Release of Defence land to three hamlets of 108 Bazaar, Secunderabad Cantonment

2980. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned the release of Defence land to residents of 100 years old three hamlets of 108 Bazaar, Secunderabad Cantonment in exchange of alternate land as promised by Andhra Pradesh Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Construction of hospitals for armymen in Vellore and Tirunelveli

2981. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have agreed to construct hospitals for armymen in Vellore and Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to construct army hospital in Madurai also considering substantial defence personnel in and around Madurai; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Additional amount to J&K for security arrangements

†2982. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is spending an additional amount on security arrangements against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir; and
- (b) if so, the amount spent during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 separately in Jammu and Kashmir by the Government?

Denial of visa to a team of Amnesty International Observers from London

2983. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that India has denied visa for a team of Amnesty International Observers from London to visit Gujarat to study the impact of recent communal riots there?

Criminal record of Foreign nationals arrested in Orissa

2984. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Balasore police of Orissa have written to Interpol seeking details of the four foreign nationals arrested by them;
- (b) what is the background of these foreigners and what kind of help has been asked from Interpol;
- (c) whether these persons have been found involved in any kind of crime in our country, if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) whether in similar circumstances police had nabbed some foreign nationals in Berhampur in 1999 in the state, if so, what are the details of the case?

Freedom Fighters' Pension

2985. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the rate of freedom fighters' pension during the last five years;

(b) whether the freedom fighters' drawing pension currently are over 90 years in age; and

(c) by what time the Government expects the scheme for freedom fighters' pension disbursements to come to a close, by the death of the last survivor?

Views expressed by an officers on Kashmiri Pandits

2986. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kashmir Conundrum" appeared in the 'Times of India' on 20th May, 2002, where in a senior officer in response to a question on migration of Kashmiri Pandits has said 'the problem was compounded because administration sent military trucks to move Pandits out of valley';

(b) whether it is also a fact that the officer was Special Commissioner, Anantnag District;

(c) whether Government subscribes to the view point aired by the senior officer; and

(d) if not, whether any action has been/ being taken against the officer?

Incidents of looting in trains

†2987. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of looting in trains during the last three years;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to prevent the same; and

(c) the results achieved thereof?

Al-Qaeda men in Kashmir

2988. SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSF has recently admitted presence of Osama Bin Laden's men in Kashmir;

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

(c) the steps taken by the various security agencies to nab such militants of Al-Qaeda in the Valley?

Funds received by terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and NER

†2989. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether money for terrorist activities especially in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States is received from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and names of the countries providing such assistance; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such assistance to terrorists/terrorist organisations?

Infiltration of Al-Quaeda mercenaries into the capital

2990. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Osama Bin Laden's Al-Quaeda mercenaries have infiltrated into the capital as reported in the Pioneer dated the 4th July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Delhi Police and other intelligence agencies have taken up any steps to provide fool-proof security to VIPs and other citizens and also to arrest the mercenaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Scrapping of Official Secrets Act

2991. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the provisions of Official Secrets Act of 1924 particularly the provision which makes it an offence to give any information from Government file irrespective of the nature of secrecy, have become outdated and also confer arbitrary powers;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demands made by legal specialists, public persons, journalists and commentators for the scrapping the OSA; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

Tree plantations in INA area, New Delhi

†2992. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plantation has not been undertaken in the parks in areas near INA from Delhi Hatt to Navyug School and upto Indira Naari Niketan even after expiry of three years since the removal of Jhuggis from the entire areas by NDMC; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plantation has also not been undertaken in the parks amidst the flats near Palika Gram Marg; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to undertake plantation at large scale in these areas and to maintain it?

Terrorist attack on railway stations

2993. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received intelligence report about the possible threat of terrorists attack at the railway stations in the four important metros in the country on the occasion of Independence Day; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to meet the security challenges and prevent attacks on railway stations and trains which are considered to be soft target by the militants?

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Terrorists nabbed in various States

†2994. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists nabbed in various States of the country in the last one year together with the names of the States in which they have been nabbed;

(b) the names of the outfits to which they belong together with the number of arms recovered from them; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to give directions to the State Governments to make additional arrangements in sensitive districts?

New methods adopted by terrorists in J&K

†2995. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kashmiri terrorists have adopted the ways of tree-bombs, cooker bombs etc.;

(b) if so, the specific steps being taken by Government to deal with this situation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the army has sought the permission from the Government to mount an offensive on Pak occupied Kashmir (PoK) 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 7th June, 2002;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Government feel that this is the only way to shut down the terrorists training camps being seen in PoK?

Withdrawal of cases against NSCN leaders

2996. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagaland Government has decided to withdraw charges against NSCN leaders whereas the Manipur Government is not willing to do so;

(b) if so, what will be its impact in holding peace talks with Muivah; and

(c) the efforts being made to impress upon Manipur Government to withdraw cases to enable Muivah to come up for talk?

Representation of minorities communities in Rapid Action Force

2997. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the percentage of personnel and officers belonging to the minorities communities viz. the Muslims, Christians, Parsis at different levels in the Rapid Action Force, during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and as on May 31, 2002?

Setting up a National level institute of Disaster Management

2998. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a national level institute of Disaster Management to cater the needs of human resource development of country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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Forensic report regarding Sabarmati Express Fire

2999. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the Forensic Science Laboratory on the pouring of the inflammable material inside the coach of Sabarmati Express on 27th February, 2002 has been examined by the Competent Authority; and

(b) whether a detailed inquiry is proposed to be initiated in the light of the above report?

Checking and profiling the frequent fliers by intelligence agencies

3000. SHRI S. SIVASUBRAMANIAN:
SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that intelligence agencies are checking the baggages of frequent fliers and profiling them without the knowledge of the owner of the baggage; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Funding pattern of modernisation of police

3001. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haryana Government has urged the Central Government to replace the existing funding pattern of modernisation of police force by providing 50 per cent Central Grant and 25 per cent loan and 25 per cent of State funding;

(b) if so, what is Centre's response on this request;

(c) whether some other States particularly militancy hit States have also made a similar request; and

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

Flood situation in Assam and Bihar

3002. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether flood situation in Assam has worsened and some areas of Bihar have been seriously affected;

(b) if so, what is the total loss suffered by these States;

(c) the other states affected by floods; and

(d) what are the steps being taken to check the floods and provide sufficient relief to the affected states?

Action Plan to control communal riots

†3003. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan is being formulated by Government to avoid recurrence of communal riots throughout the country;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NHRC's suggestion to amend protection of Human Rights Act, 1993

3004. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National

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Human Rights Commission has suggested some amendments to the protection of Human Rights Act, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of suggestion accepted by Government; and

(c) by when a suitable amending legislation is likely to be introduced?

Setting up of "waste to energy" plant

3005. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN
(DURRU):

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

(a) whether there was a proposal to set up a waste to energy plant at Ghazipur landfill site in Delhi to be set up by a private company named Energy Development Limited;

(b) if so, whether the project has been shelved, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the alternatives explored or are being explored to set up the plant?

Setting up plants using renewable/ Non-conventional Energy Sources

3006. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plants set up using renewable/NES though small in number account for a huge capital investment posing burden on State Electricity Boards/consumers with high cost energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have requested for capital

subsidy so that the number of such plants may increase in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction in this regard?

Setting up waste to energy project in U.P.

3007. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private company is being given contract for 'Waste to Energy' project in Allahabad, Aligarh, Bareilly and Agra promising to give electricity at the rate of Rs. 3.20 per unit;

(b) whether Government proposed to grant subsidy to any such project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that similar projects in Delhi, Chennai and Lucknow which promised much ended up as loss making projects; and

(e) if so, the total accumulated losses thereon?

Solar village electrification scheme in Madhya Pradesh

3008. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages in Madhya Pradesh have been electrified with the solar energy cells during the last three years and as on date;

(b) the potential of providing electricity connection using solar energy in the State;

(c) the steps taken by Government for exploiting the full potential in the State; and

(d) the funds allotted to Madhya Pradesh under the solar village electrification scheme during this year?

Profit earned by NHEPC

†3009. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a dividend of Rs. 469 crores has been earned by National Hydel Electric Power Corporation till the end of last financial year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of power generated by the corporation during the said financial year and its average production cost per unit; and

(c) the average rate at which it was sold further and the production capacity of power Generating projects under the corporation during the said period?

Power Trading Corporation

†3010. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had given approval for setting up of Power Trading Corporation in 1999;

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

(c) the power generating projects from which power was purchased by Power Trading Corporation during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the quantum of power purchased and rates thereof; and

(d) to whom the power was sold during said years alongwith the rates and quantity of the power sold?

Hydel power potentiality of various rivers

†3011. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified power production potentiality of 1,07,000 megawatt in hydel power factor in the country;

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

(c) whether any estimate has been made by Government regarding potentials of power-generation by utilising various rivers of the country; and

(d) if so, the magnitude of possible power generation by each river basin and the details of power generated by them at present?

Agreement between India and Finland in power sector

3012. SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Finland have decided to cooperate in the power sector;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent Finland has agreed to promote power in India?

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**Cancellation of loan to PGCL by
World Bank**

3013. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World
Bank has cancelled a loan of Rs. 560 crores
to Power Grid Corporation Ltd. owing to
delay in getting clearance from the
Government of India for its country-wide
power transmission system; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Tax-free bonds by SEBs

3014. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government have approved
a scheme for States to issue tax-free bonds
to repay the outstanding power dues to the
NHPC, NTPC, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States that have agreed to this
proposal;

(d) the States which have not accepted
this proposal; and

(e) the reasons for non-acceptance by
such States?

**Renovation and modernisation of old
power plants**

† 3015. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government propose to
make heavy cuts in its programme of
increasing the capacity of old power
generation plants of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith
plants for which provision had been made
in Tenth Five Year Plan for renovation and
modernization; and

(c) the Government's scheme with regard
to renovation and modernization of all the
old power plants?

**Talcher-Kolar Power Transmission
System**

3016. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Talcher-Kolar Power
Transmission System is nearing
completion;

(b) if so, the details like the total power
generation and transmission capacity of
this system, the amount of power each
State lying in the route of the transmission
line is projected to get, the criteria for
determining the allocation of power to
each State;

(c) whether there is proposal to construct
another transmission line between
Bangalore and Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when
is this project expected to be completed and
the power each State is envisaged to get?

Shortage of power in Kerala

3017. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to
state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the news appeared in "The

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Hindu" dated 29th July, 2002 under the heading, "Power cut looms large over Kerala";

(b) whether any request/representation/discussion is received/held with Government of Kerala for assistance to solve the serious situation of power shortage from hydro stations;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken if any, for resolving the issue; and

(e) what steps will be taken so that Kerala can utilise thermal power in a subsidised rate till crisis due to monsoonal failure is over?

Counter Guarantee of the State Governments for financing by PFCL/RECL

3018. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Counter Guarantee of the State Governments is insisted upon for financing projects by PFCL/RECL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have suggested other alternative security mechanisms such as equitable mortgage of SEBs properties including transmission and distribution lines and stations, instead of the Counter Guarantee of the State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

Precarious condition of hydel reservoir in Kerala

3019. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the water level in the hydel reservoir in Kerala is precarious;

(b) whether Government of Kerala requested for help of Central Government to overcome the existing power shortage;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to extent any help to meet the power requirements of the State of Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of pollution control devices in thermal power station in the country

3020. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power stations in the country;

(b) the details of thermal power stations which are operating without pollution control equipments for the last three years;

(c) the action being taken to install pollution control equipments in all thermal power stations for ecology friendly environment around them;

(d) whether some power plants have been found negligent in installing pollution control equipment as per the guidelines in this regard; and

(e) if so, the action taken against the delinquent officials?

Targets for NHPC

3021. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the targets set for the Ninth and the Tenth Plan for NHPC;

(b) whether the power generating utility of the country could add only 60 MW of electricity to the national grid against its Ninth Plan (1997-2002) target of 450 MW; and

(c) if so, what are the steps being considered to achieve the targets of Tenth Plan by the NHPC?

Power projects in public and private sectors in M.P.

3022. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of power projects sanctioned by Central Electricity Authority for Madhya Pradesh during the last three years in public and private sectors;

(b) the details of the power projects completed/on going in public and private sectors and by when, the on-going projects are likely to be completed;and

(c) the details of the power projects pending sanction in public and private sector togetherwith reasons therefor?

Tripartite agreement of Gridco with Power Ministry

3023. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gridco has decided to sign a tripartite agreement with the Union Power Ministry regarding the securitisation of dues to the central power utilities;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gridco has also stopped power supply to Andhra Pradesh; and

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

Private Power Projects cleared by CEA

3024. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Private Power Projects given techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and the total envisaged power capacity to be added by these projects, as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of projects which have been completed and total power generation capacity added by these projects as on 31st March, 2002;

(c) the number of Private Power Projects in pipeline at different stages of implementation and expected power generation capacity of these plants, during the next three years; and

(d) the number and details of Private Sector Power Projects sanctioned and under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Assessment of power reforms

† 3025. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the power reforms on large scale in power sector;

(b) if so,the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by Government to Rajasthan to implement the reforms in power sector during the last three years and the increase in power production by Rajasthan?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Meeting of Indian Energy Forum with power organisation

3026. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has underlined the need for technological upgradation in the power sector to bring in competition;

(b) if so, whether a meeting was organised by the Indian Energy Forum in association with various power organisations and discussed the introduction of the new technology upgradation;

(c) if so, what were the main suggestions made; and

(d) how many of them have been implemented?

Target for generation of power in Tenth Five Year Plan

3027. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target set for the generation of power in respect of each of the power producing States during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of actual generation of power and achievements made so far?

Computerization of Land Record projects in Orissa

3028. SHRI B.J.PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has requested for release of the balance amount of sanctioned grant for completion of computerization of Land Record projects in 30 districts; and

(b) if so, the amount that has so far been released and the balance amount yet to be released to the State Government for the purpose?

Kolar's unique water project

3029. SHRI B.J.PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the "Kolar's Unique Water Project" in Karnataka as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 11th June, 2002;

(b) the number of villages which have been covered under the project for regular supply of safe drinking water;

(c) what is the contribution of the villagers towards the success of the project;

(d) whether such projects under rural development schemes are also proposed to be launched in Orissa and other parts of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the progress so far made in these areas?

Potable water crisis in Madhya Pradesh

†3030. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to Government for addressing the problem of potable water which is likely to arise due to low rainfall in most of the districts in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this grant will be provided; and

(c) whether Government are considering to extend concessions granted under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme in drought hit areas?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Roads in tribal areas under PMGSY

3031. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special plans to construct village roads in tribal areas, which are sparsely populated and remote under PMGSY;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government made any special financial allocation for that;

(d) if so, the fund allocated to Madhya Pradesh under this scheme to construct roads in tribal areas;

(e) by when all tribal villages/hamlets are likely to be connected by roads in Madhya Pradesh?

Release of additional rice under SGSY for Andhra Pradesh

3032. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has released 5 lakh tonnes of additional rice under Sampoorna Grameen Samriddhi Yojana for Andhra Pradesh in the month of June, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details of rice released to Andhra Pradesh since August, 2001 under the Food for Work and SJRY and the demand made by the State Government?

Repair of road over Madanpur Khadar (New Delhi) to Palla (Haryana)

† 3033. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the road

constructed over the canal from Madanpur Khadar (New Delhi) to Palla (Haryana) has not been repaired since its construction;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to repair it under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana or some other Centrally sponsored scheme;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Documentaries regarding rural development

† 3034. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are getting the documentaries produced with a view to provide rural development related information to the villagers;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked for the said purpose and names of persons who had applied for it;

(c) the names of agencies to which responsibility of production of films have been assigned;

(d) whether it is a fact that D.A.V.P. had requested for production of films; and

(e) if so, reasons for not assigning the said job to D.A.V.P.?

Rural Livelihood Project in Andhra Pradesh

3035. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total grants-in-aid provided by Government to the State Government of

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Andhra Pradesh for Andhra Pradesh Rural Livelihood Project (APRLP) uptill 31st March, 2002;

(b) the number of micro watersheds proposed to be constructed under the project and total number of watersheds already sanctioned and completed uptill 31st March, 2002;

(c) whether Government have set up a Committee for monitoring and review the work done under the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to extend the project to more districts in the State and also to increase the total outlay for the project?

Construction of road from Kolu to Dondal, Pauri District, Uttaranchal

3036. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government sanctioned funds for the development of village roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper road from Kolu to Dondal in Block—Kot Mahadev of Pauri Garhwal district in that State;

(c) whether any Non-Governmental Organisation has sent any proposal to Prime Minister's Office for the construction of roads in the above said areas; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to construct the roads from Kolu to Dondal, Block—Kot Mahadev for the development of the area?

Rural Development Technologies

3037. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eminent nuclear scientist has called for "technology foresight" for selecting the critical technology for development with a national perspective giving the rural development related technologies a high priority;

(b) if so, what are the concrete steps that are being considered for rural development technologies;

(c) whether any concrete measures in this regard have been taken; and

(d) if so, to what extent this technology will help to develop rural areas?

Production of bio-fuel

3038. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experiments are on for the production of clean bio-fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has already taken an initiative to run all its vehicles on bio-fuel; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to emulate Andhra Pradesh and introduce bio-fuel all over the country?

Comprehensive policy on bio-diesel

3039. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a comprehensive policy on bio-diesel as reported in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 24th June, 2002;

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

(c) whether the production of Bio-diesel will generate employment opportunities in rural areas of the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent it will also reduce pollution in the country?

District Special Employment Programme

3040. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of districts included in the District Special Employment Programme;

(b) how many districts of Bihar are included in District Special Employment Programme; and

(c) the reasons of including only 16 districts under this Programme till date and not including a single district from Bihar?

World Bank assistance for reforms in rural water sector

3041. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought assistance from the World Bank for strengthening reforms regarding country's rural water sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed strengthening included any project for Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the World Bank's reaction to the proposal?

Social audit through Gram Sabha

3042. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to ensure accountability, social audit through Gram Sabha has been introduced to further improve the speed and quality of programme-implementation;

(b) if so, whether any report of periodical progress in this regard has been called for; and

(c) the details of progress report so received?

Revamping handloom sector

†3043. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the projects being implemented for revamping handloom sector in the country; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance provided so far to handloom sector during the last three years?

Textile mills in Govt. / Private Sectors

†3044. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the textile mills under Government Sector and Private Sector in the country, mill-wise;

(b) the number of mills out of the existing mills which are closed; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far, to revive in the closed mills?

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Foreign exchange spent on import of silk

†3045. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of silk imported in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the amount of foreign exchange spent on the import of silk; and
- (c) the schemes formulated by Government so far to stop the growing import of silk and to produce it in the country?

New Textile Policy

†3046. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated any new Textile Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective steps taken so far for encouraging handloom industry under the Textile Policy?

Achievements under Textile Policy

†3047. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) what has been the increase in employment and in export so far after the declaration of National Textile Policy in November, 2000;
- (b) whether Government will constantly review the export to achieve the set target for the year 2010; and

(c) the details of the points on which emphasis given in the representations received against the policy after its declaration in 2000 alongwith the gist of representations?

Facilities to Carpet Exporters of Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh

†3048. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the facilities being provided by Government to the Carpet Exporters of Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government had been giving incentives to the exporters some years back and the income-tax was also not deducted;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the reasons for not giving incentives and deducting income-tax;
- (e) whether it is also a fact that the exporters are facing a lot of difficulties due to increase in the prices of cotton yarn and woollen yarn many times; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by Government to solve the problems of the exporters of carpets?

Sericulture in Uttar Pradesh

†3049. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the different methods existing for production of silk and out of them which methodology is effectively used in Uttar Pradesh;

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- (b) whether Government propose to bring into practice some effective schemes to develop sericulture in various parts of Uttar Pradesh; and to import technical training for silk production to the farmers of U.P. besides setting up a branch of Central Silk Board in U.P. and to conduct any relevant survey thereof and if so, by when?
- (c) whether Government also propose

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