RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the April 15, 2002/Chaitra 25, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—155

Public sector investments in NER

- 2213. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
- (a) the estimate of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region from 1995-96 to 2000-2001. State-wise:
- (b) the details of these investments, sector-wise:
- (c) the share of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region in total estimated public sector investments in the country as a whole; and
- (d) the measures adopted by Government to accelerate the tempo of public sector investments in the North-Eastern Region?

Involvement of the North-Eastern Region with the national mainstream

- 2214. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that despite years

- of developmental largesse from Government aiming at mainstreaming the North-East, feeling of oneness with the rest of country has not significantly emerged amongst local people of these areas; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to further involve them so that impediments to lasting peace in the North-East are avoided especially in view of the belligerent neighbouring countries around the North-East?

Preclusion of IOC from bidding in oil PSUs

2215. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether post-IBP acquisition, Indian Oil Corporation has been precluded from bidding for stakes in other oil PSUs like HPCL and BPCL;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this decision by Government is based on the policy that the sale of one PSU to another would not amount to privatisation;

- (d) the reasons for choosing IOC to bid for IBP; and
- (e) whether preclusion of IOC from bidding for BPCL/HPCL stakes will lead to cartelisation and manipulation of valuation by other two bidders?

Creation of Disinvestment Fund

- 2216. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to meet the divestment targets for the Ninth Plan;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government have finalised the creation of proposed Disinvestment Fund; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Disinvestment of VSNL

- 2217. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have recently disinvested VSNL to the Tata Group of Industries at Rs. 202/- per share;
 - (b) whether this involves the cost of land
- (c) if not, whether the original shareholders should not be compensated for the segregation of land by Government;
- (d) if so, whether VSNL shares were sold at very cheap prices; and
- (e) whether VSNL would be able to earn as much money as it was earning under the public sector?

Strategic sale of BSNL

- 2218. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to go for strategic sale of BSNL;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the privatisation of VSNL and the fact that VSNL itself is having a licence as a NLD operator has put the future revenue earning potential of BSNL from incoming international long distance telephone traffic into jeopardy and thereby will depress the valuation of BSNL;
- (d) if so, whether Government will recommend that BSNL be awarded ILD licence forthwith; and
- (e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment in oil companies

2219. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to disinvest the oil companies;
- (b) the names of companies and Government's plan in regard thereto and by when it is likely to be taken up;
- (c) the total stake which is likely to be downloaded;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that blue chip/profit making units are also being considered for such disinvestment; and
 - (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Disinvestment of Bharat Wagon Engineering Company Ltd. in Bihar

- †2220. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government consider the proposals of the Labour Unions at the time of disinvestment;
- (b) whether Bharat Wagon Engineering Company Ltd. of Muzaffarpur and Mokamah of Bihar are also kept in the list of the heavy industries to be disinvested; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Performance of disinvested PSUs

- 2221. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARI: Will the Minister of DISINVEST-MENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) privatised during the last three years;
- (b) the turnover and profit/loss earned from each unit during the said period, unit-wise;
- (c) whether Government have equity holdings in these sold units; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

High child mortality rate in Andhra Pradesh

- 2222. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether World Bank Vice-President visited Hyderabad in February, 2002 and expressed concern over high child mortality rate in Andhra Pradesh and called for

- concerted efforts on the part of Government to bring it down drastically;
- (b) if so, what is the child mortality rate in the country; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking to bring down child mortality rate in the country?

Constitution of National Drug Authority

- 2223. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.
- (a) whether Government have a proposal to constitute National Drug Authority;
- (b) whether Government have decided to appoint an IAS officer as Head of the Authority; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Enhancing the facilities in hospitals

- †2224. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enhance facilities in the hospitals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

NICD report on epidemic in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal

2225. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a three-member

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expert team of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases is investigating into a strange epidemic in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

- (b) whether the team has completed its work;
 - (c) if so, what are its findings; and
- (d) the details of assistance given by Government?

Population Policy

2226. DR. KARAN SINGH: SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that though India adopted a population control policy in 1950s, there has been no effective check on the rate of growth of population over the last 25 years;
- (b) whether any special plan of action has been or is being worked out since the population crossed the 100 crore mark;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the contemplated population policy for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Availability of life saving drugs

- 2227. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the demand of some of the CGHS beneficiaries for Bilocompine Nitrate 2 per cent Minims eye drug certified as life saving drug by the specialist of AIIMS, New Delhi, which was to be imported, is pending for more than two months;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps Government propose to take for ensuring timely availability of this life saving drug for the CGHS beneficiaries in future?

Scam in purchase of drugs by the MSO

†2228. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that a scam of crores of rupees has been made by the Medical Stores Organization in purchase of drugs;
- (b) if so, whether the said organization was purchasing spurious drugs;
- (c) if so, the amount involved in the scam, alongwith the quantity of spurious drugs supplied by it; and
- (d) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the scam alongwith the details of the action taken against the guilty?

Availability of condoms in rural areas

- 2229. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that condoms are not easily available in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) whether it is due to this that HIV/ AIDS cases are increasing in the country;
- (c) whether this shortage of condoms is also one of the reasons for not achieving targets in population control in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to make condoms available in all rural areas and in good numbers?

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Amendments in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954

- 2230. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has proposed amendments to various provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and a draft Bill in this regard has been sent to Government for their approval;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government are in the process of reviewing the entire gamut of this proposal;
- (c) if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter; and
- (d) if not, by when the final decision on this proposal is likely to be taken?

CT Scanners lying idle in Government hospitals in Delhi

- 2231. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that CT Scanners are lying as junk in three Government hospitals *i.e.*, Hindu Rao Hospital, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and Swami Dayanand Hospital in Delhi for a long time; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken, if any to reactivate them?

Action taken on the recommendation of NHRC

2232. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

the action taken on the recommendation of the National Human Rights Commission urging revamping of the system of licensing and certification to prevent spurious and substandard IV fluids in the market?

Rise in HIV cases in Manipur

- 2233. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that HIV positive cases in Manipur have increased at an alarming rate during the last couple of years;
- (b) whether it was due to the fact that people in Manipur were not made aware about the causes and prevention of AIDS;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the responsibility fixed for the laxity; and
- (d) the number of known HIV cases in Manipur at present and the action being taken to stop spreading of the dreaded disease?

Deaths of children due to malnutrition

- †2234. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of children die due to malnutrition in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government would consider to take any specific steps to check it; and
- (c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical facilities for CGHS beneficiaries in private hospitals

2235. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether a fresh scheme has been formulated recently to allow certain categories of beneficiaries of the Central Government Health Scheme to avail of medical facilities in various private hospitals also:
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the list of such private hospitals in the capital and other leading towns in the country with the specific facilities available there and their appointed liaison officers to facilitate hasslefree application of the new scheme; and
- (c) the fresh obligations/formalities enjoined on the CGHS beneficiaries and other modalities finalised for availing these facilities?

Centralised Accidents and Trauma Centres in Delhi

2236. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): DR. KARAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether a Centralised Accidents and Trauma (CAT) Scheme was launched in 1980s in Delhi:
- (b) if so, the latest network in Delhi, indicating the number and details of the trauma centres operating thereunder, and the infrastructure available therefor;
- (c) whether any more centres, including the one at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital are to be set-up; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made, so far, in this regard?

Setting up of mobile hospitals

†2237. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

- are considering to set up mobile hospitals in the form of emergency clinics;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated to implement the same?

Sale of spurious drugs in the market

- 2238. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of flooding of spurious drugs in the market in Delhi:
- (b) the reasons for the markets getting flooded with sub-standard drugs; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in respect of part (a) above and for implementation of the existing laws regarding manufacture of drugs and the monitoring machinery made more effective in curbing the manufacture and marketing of spurious and sub-standard drugs in the country?

Decline in purchase of medicines by MSO

2239. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI C.P. THIRUNA VUKKARASU:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the value of medicines purchased by the Medical Store Organisation, which is responsible for the purchase of medicines for Government organisations at the Centre and States as well as the paramilitary forces, has been steadily coming down during the last five years:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
 - (c) whether it is also a fact that 11 out of

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16 officials of MSO are facing vigilance inquiries on account of purchase of drugs from unregistered firms, etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Funds to States under National TB Control Programme

2240.SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

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

- (a) the details of funds sanctioned to the States under the National TB Control Programme for the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal to cover 17 Districts under National TB Control Programme; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Law to regulate the price of blood in private blood banks

2241. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no law to regulate the price of blood in private blood banks in the National Capital Territory of Delhi:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there was a proposal with Government to constitute Delhi State Bank Transfusion Council and if so, the reasons for not taking a decision for the constitution of this Council?

Invention of medicines for AIDS and Cancer by private firms/agencies

2242. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

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

- (a) whether many private firms/ agencies claiming to have invented medicines for AIDS and Cancer are selling their products in the markets;
- (b) if so, the number of such companies operating in the market;
- (c) whether Government have done any test to prove the antecedent/efficacy of these firms as well as medicines;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any ban is proposed on these drugs till their genuineness is certified; and
 - (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Making AIDS a notifiable disease

2243.SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of making AIDS a notifiable disease;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when Government are going to notify the disease as a notifiable disease?

SC on guidelines for MCI registration

- 2244. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has approved the norms for regulating the MCI registration;
- (b) if so, the details of the guidelines approved by the Supreme Court;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some of the private medical colleges are not following the guidelines issued by the MCI; and
 - (d) if so, the details of such institutions?

Leakage of medical papers

- †2245. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of incidents of leakage of medical papers occurred during the last five years;
- (b) the details of the persons arrested in each case and the punishment awarded to them; and
- (c) the concrete steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Casualties due to over dose of Vitamin A in Assam

- 2246. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that several children died of taking UNICEF supplied Vitamin 'A's in Assam last year;
 - (b) the findings by the investigating

doctors team sent by his Ministry; and

(c) why nobody has been brought to book till to-day?

Compulsory yoga education scheme for Government employees

- †2247. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formulated any compulsory Yoga Education scheme for the Central Government employees;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is proposed to be implemented?

Eradication of malaria from Rajasthan

- 2248. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided drugs, insecticides, larvicides equipments etc. to Rajasthan under National Anti-Malaria Programme (NAMP) during the last five years;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far malaria was controlled in that State during the said period; and
- (d) the other steps being taken to eradicate malaria under NAMP in the State?

Transfusion of untested blood to Children

- 2249. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that doctors are

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transfusing blood to children who are suffering from weakness of mild anaemia;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that most of the blood is untested and is likely to transmit the AIDS virus in healthy kids;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that in one study on 27 HIV positive children, 12 were found to have been infected from this treatment; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Post of Curator in Medical Colleges

- 2250. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is mandatory for a medical college recognised by IMC to have the post of curator:
- (b) if so, the details of guidelines of IMC in this regard;
- (c) whether Periyaram Medical College, Kannur, Kerala does not have the post of Curator;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when the above post would be filled up on regular basis?

Registered firms in CGHS Store Depots of ISM & H

- 2251. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the number of the registered firms in each CGHS Store Depots of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homoeopathy from 1st April, 1999 to till date, system-wise; and
 - (b) the rules/criteria framed for the

registration of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathic and Unani firms, system-wise?

Vaccination of the children against Hepatitis A, B and C

- †2252. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a provision of vaccinating the children against Hepatitis A, B and C under Integrated Child Development Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor: and
- (c) the number of children who have been vaccinated free of cost against Hepatitis B in the different States of the country, so far, as was done in case of Polio, Statewise/ district-wise/block-wise?

Alternative drug to Botox

- 2253. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of spastic children in the country as on today;
- (b) whether the drug "Botox" is manufactured in the country for treatment of this disease;
- (c) whether Government are giving any subsidy for this drug;
- (d) whether the drug is available in all parts of the country; and
- (e) any other alternative to "Botox" treatment?

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Use of defective medical device in

- 2254. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a defective medical device "bronchoscopes" was recalled from U.S. hospitals because it may have exposed hundreds of patients to dangerous bacteria;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a similar device is still being used in All India Institute of Medical Sciences;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the Government's plan in this regard?

Decline in HIV/AIDS patients

- 2255. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of HIV/AIDS affected patients has reduced considerably in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the schemes in existence to create awareness of HIV/AIDS among the people?

Conference on cancer treatment

- 2256. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the outcome and the main discussions in the three-day conference on cancer treatment held in Delhi in February, 2002;
 - (b) whether it is a fact that only less

- than 30 per cent of the cancer patients are being cured in the country;
- (c) if so, the reasons for such a state of affairs; and
- (d) the details of the amount sanctioned for research in cancer cure for the last five years and the outcome of such researches?

Promotion of ISM

- †2257. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for promotion of Indian Systems of Medicine in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of amount being spent by Government for the same?

Use of ISM

- †2258. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is again a need to bring in practice the Indian Systems of Medicine and health care;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the various diseases for which cure or prevention is not possible through Allopathy System of Medicine?

Prevalence of arsenic contamination of drinking water in Indo-Bangladesh region

- 2259. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether WHO has warned India of

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wide prevalence of arsenic contamination of drinking water in Indo-Bangladesh region;

- (b) the names of the districts and number of people estimated to be running the risk of arsenic poisoning in West Bengal and the number of cases actually detected; and
 - (c) the steps taken to fight the menace?

Kidney Trade

- 2260. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that despite ban Kidney trade still flourish in several parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that large number of Kidneys are being destined for the patients of the Middle East countries;
 - (c) if so, the facts thereof;
- (d) whether a large number of middlemen, medical professionals and private hospitals are involved in the racket; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such racket?

Approval of various courses in medical and para-medical field in Kerala

- 2261. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the competent authority is considering the approval of various courses in medical and para-medical field submitted by private, co-operative and Non-Governmental sectors from Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details including number of courses applied, present status of approval

etc. for the last two years, year-wise and category-wise?

Report on incident of testing cancer drugs in Kerala

2262. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report submitted by the Committees to examine alleged incident of testing cancer drugs on human being during the year 2001 without following standards in the Cancer Institute at Thiruvananthapuram has been examined by competent authority;
- (b) whether there is any difference of opinion in findings and fixing responsibility between the studies of ICMR and the Committee appointed by Government of Kerala;
- (c) if so, the details including findings of both the studies; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken or to be taken by Government in this regard?

Drive against spurious drug sellers and manufacturers

- †2263. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of persons apprehended under the drive being carried out against spurious drug sellers and manufacturers;
 and
- (b) the action being taken against these persons?

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Submission of report on mother and child programme

- 2264. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether an Expert Group on Mother and Child Treatment Programme has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Expert Group;
- (c) the action taken by Government thereon; and
- (d) the names of AIDS Societies and NGOs involved in this programme?

UNO Report on deaths of children for want of proper care

- †2265. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the recently released report of the UNO wherein it has been stated that around 23 lakh children below the age of five year, die every year for want of proper care and timely medical facilities;
- (b) if so, the effective steps Government are going to take to avoid the untimely death of such children; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Promotion of Two-Child Norm

- 2266. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by his Ministry to promote the Two-Child

- Norm in pursuance of achieving the average total fertility of 2.1 by the year 2010;
- (b) whether any meeting of the Chief Ministers of all States has been held or proposed to be held for arriving at some consensus so as to achieve the goal; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

Survey on AIDS

- 2267. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the recent survey conducted by specialised group including experts belonging to UNAIDS and WHO revealed that the AIDS in the country is on decline;
 - (b) if so, the details of the survey;
- (c) the effective steps his Ministry is taking to reduce the deadly disease to the minimum level; and
- (d) the steps the NACO is taking to educate the people with regard to AIDS in the country?

Leprosy Rehabilitation Centres in the Country

- 2268. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of Leprosy Rehabilitation Centres existing in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of Missionaries and Voluntary-Organisations involved in Karnataka for rehabilitation of leprosy patients; and
- (c) the amount allocated and spent on rehabilitation in Karnataka for the past three years?

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Ignoring the alert on plague outbreak

- 2269. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether alert on Plague outbreak was ignored by certain quarters;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken to instruct State Governments to tighten vigil to stop spreading the menace?

Prevalence of Anaemia among children and women

- 2270. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that about 3.5 million people in the country suffer from micronutrient deficiency leading to iron deficiency with anaemia prevalence among children and women; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the nutrition and help the lower strata of society?

Setting up of an integrated disease surveillance network

- 2271. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have drawn up a plan to set-up an integrated disease surveillance network throughout the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a pilot project is being setup initially on a trial basis;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) by when, the full scheme is likely to be put in place?

Sale of kidneys in Assam

- 2272. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Youth put up their kidneys for sale", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th March, 2002;
- (b) whether jobless and penniless rural youths in Assam are on active sale of their kidneys and they are within their rights to sell their kidneys as per the local authorities;
- (c) if so, whether Government would ban the sale of parts of the body by individuals; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Privatisation package of Jessop

- 2273. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that pre-conditions of privatisation package of Jessop are waiver of loan and interest burden and purchase preference from Railways;
- (b) whether the same conditions were recommended by BIFR for revival of Jessop; and
- (c) the reasons for non-acceptance of BIFR recommendations?

Wagon orders to the prospective bidders of Jessop and other PSUs

2274. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether firm wagon orders are being ensured to the prospective bidders of Jessop and other public sector manufacturing units; and
- (b) if so, why the same could not be ensured by Government during the implementation of the revival scheme sanctioned by the BIFR for Jessop, Burn Standard and Braithwaite?

Proposal of workers of Jessop and Company

2275.SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that workers of Jessop and Company Ltd. have made some suggestions to run the company as a public sector company stalling its proposed sale to a private party; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme for PSUs

- 2276. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the salient features of the Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS) for Central Public Sector Enterprises;
- (b) whether it has come to the notice that there is a fall in compensation in MVRS than the previously notified Gujarat pattern of VRS in case of companies where a revision of wages has taken place after 1st January, 1992;
 - (c) if so, whether Government will allow

option to the workers to opt either the new MVRS or the previously notified pattern of VRS; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Cleaning up the balance sheets of PSUs

- 2277. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to clean up the balance sheets of various public sector units to make them more attractive to bidders at the time of disinvestment;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are considering to give a counter-guarantee to companies for raising funds from market for their VRS;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Gross irregularities in AIR/ DD

- †2278. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that C.A.G. has submitted its report with regard to gross irregularities in All India Radio and Doordarshan:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there have been gross irregularities behind the non-achieving of the target fixed for expansion of transmission centres; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by Government to check the increasing tendency of scams in AIR Doordarshan and also against the guilty officers?

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Digital Terrestrial Transmission in Metros

- 2279. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to launch Digital Terrestrial Transmission (DTT) in Metros;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the proposed expenditure to be made in its working; and
- (d) by when, it would be translated into action?

Efficiency and skill of various departments of the Ministry of I & B

†2280. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the efficiency and skill of various Departments of her Ministry is required to be enhanced; and
- (b) if so, the details of such departments and the proposal for reforms therein and the additional annual revenue likely to be generated by her Ministry by implementing the same?

Turnover of advertising industry

†2281. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the total

- turnover of the advertising industry in the country has been Rs. 8,509.70 crore during the year 2000-2001;
- (b) if not, the total turnover during the aforesaid year;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the share of the five largest institutions was 47.2 per cent in the total turnover; and
- (d) if not, the correct estimate of the percentage of this share?

Announcement of a package for NER

- 2282. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that she had two years back announced that there would be a package for North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the reason for delay in the announcement of the package;
- (c) whether the same has been abandoned;
- (d) if not, the total allocation of the budget package; and
 - (e) the details of the priorities?

Serials on prime time Channel of Doordarshan

- †2283. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the reasons behind the increase in number of serials on prime time channel of Delhi Doordarshan which are based on illicit relations in rich high class families;
- (b) whether it does not harm our traditional social system and moral values;
- (c) whether the telecast of these types of serials would not adversely affect the

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creative consciousness of adolescents and youths though these reflect the contemporary reality and present day's truths; and

(d) how Doordarshan is different from other channels?

Policy on pre and exit polls

2284.SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

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

- (a) the policy of Government on pre and exit polls; and
- (b) whether Government are of the view that they unnecessarily influence the voters?

Licences for Cable Operators

- 2285. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have introduced the system of licences for Cable T.V. Operators;
- (b) if so, the minimum qualifications required for that; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider the desirability of introducing licence system for Cable T.V. Operators?

Growth in advertisement industry

†2286. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that advertisement

- industry has registered massive growth during the last few years;
- (b) if so, its annual growth rate during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and the last nine months of the year 2001-2002; and
- (c) the total amount of business transacted by the advertisement industry during the said years, year-wise?

Supervisory system for banning indecent publications

†2287. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether any supervisory system has been evolved to ban publications and broadcasts by the information and broadcasting media in the country which are polluting original culture and civilization of the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the steps taken by Government to ban indecent publications and broadcasts; and
- (d) the number and the names of publications and broadcasts banned, so far, alongwith the dates on which the ban was put on them?

Action against erring employees of AIR, Aurangabad

2288. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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have not taken any action against the erring employees of All India Radio, Aurangabad, as demanded by local journalists;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that these journalists have undergone fast in protest against inaction;
- (c) the action taken against erring employees of AIR; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Selection of departments for disinvestment

†2289. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to make disinvestment in the various departments under her Ministry;
- (b) if so, the names of the departments selected for disinvestment, so far; and
- (c) the basis laid down by Government for the selection of departments for disinvestment?

Proposals received by Doordarshan

2290. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals received by Doordarshan are pending scrutiny for a long time;
 - (b) the details of such proposals;
 - (c) the reasons for the delay; and
- (d) the steps being taken to clear those proposals in order to avoid undue delay?

Telecast from DD Relay Centre, Jashpur Nagar, M.P.

†2291. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for frequent interruption in telecast from Doordarshan Relay Centre, Jashpur Nagar, Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to depute a Caretaker for regular telecast from the said centre:
- (c) if so, by when this post will be created; and
- (d) the details of measures taken for continuous relay from this centre?

Criteria for purchase of regional films

- 2292. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of regional films including Tamil which have been bought by the DD and Films Division for the past five years; and
- (b) the criteria for the purchase of such regional films?

Launching of DTH services

- 2293. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) by when Government are going to launch the services of DTH to its viewers;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the broadcasters are opposing 20 per cent equity restrictions set under the DTH guidelines;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) the reaction of Government on such demand?

Guidelines for setting-up of TV towers in rural areas

- †2294. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) Government's guidelines for settingup of T.V. towers in rural areas;
- (b) whether Government have received applications from local M.P. for setting up of a T.V. tower at Chidgaon, Shimla district;
- (c) if so, whether Government will setup a T.V. tower during the year 2002-2003 keeping in view of the demand of public there; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Auction of FM Radio Stations

- 2295. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of FM Radio Stations which have been auctioned as on 31st December, 2001;
- (b) the number of cities for which the auction was held:
- (c) the number of cities in Andhra Pradesh including Hyderabad for which auction was held; and
- (d) the total revenue earned on account of the open auction of FM Radio Stations?

Foreign investment in print media

†2296. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Newspaper

owners have warned Government about the foreign investment in the field of print media as it will entail the risk of creating instability and disintegration in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Parliamentary Committee of the Ministry has also warned Government about the flaws developing in social, political structure and also about the fact that it is against the foreign investment procedure and has also submitted its report to Government to this effect; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Powers to censor TV programmes

- 2297. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether her Ministry has the powers to censor TV programmes if it goes against the national interest;
- (b) if so, whether Section 20 of Cable Television (Regulation) Act proposes to prevent the operation of any cable television in public interest;
- (c) if so, the main provisions that had been made applicable to her Ministry in this regard; and
- (d) to what extent it will be helpful in checking the private TV programmes?

Undue benefit to M/s. Nalini Singh Associates

2298. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Nalini Singh Associates received undue benefit to

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the tune of Rs. 9.96 crore from Doordarshan between 1996 and May, 2000 according to CAG Report;

- (b) if so, the details of the misuse and loss caused to the exchequer; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken against the persons who are involved in the scam?

Effective and speedy justice

2299. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a group of law firms called the Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF) has recently submitted a five-point charter for faster and fairer justice for all highlighting the inadequacies of the present legal system and steps required for delivering effective and speedy justice; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Operation of multinational accounting firms in the country

2300. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the multinational accounting firms are working in the country and attending auditing work;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to make stringent rules for such companies to avoid cases like Enron and Arthur Anderson taken place in United States;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Effectiveness of Married Women's Right to Property Act, 1874

- 2301. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have reviewed the working and effectiveness of the Married Women's Right to Property Act, 1874:
 - (b) if so, the outcome of the review; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take to make the Act more effective?

Fees collected under Amnesty Scheme

- 2302. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the total amount of fees collected under Amnesty Scheme for various documents to be registered under various sections of the Companies Act during the last one year; and
- (b) how many documents have been registered under such scheme which have been collected?

Registration of overseas corporate bodies

†2303. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of overseas corporte bodies have been formed and registered at the same address during the year 2000-2001;

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- (b) if so, the number of firms operating from the same address;
- (c) whether it is possible that ten to sixty firms can operate from the same address; and
- (d) if not, the reaction of Government thereto?

Notification of the Repealing and Amending Act, 2001

- 2304. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the recent notification of the Repealing and Amending Act of 2001 on 3rd September, 2001 by Government has created controversies and confusion both in legal and commercial circles;
- (b) whether this Act was sought to repeal various amending statutes listed in the First Schedule to the Act:
- (c) whether this Act, in effect, has caused the rescindment of the amended statutes; and
- (d) whether the judiciary has refused to entertain such proceedings on the basis of interpretation suggested by the Act?

Special courts for rape victims

- 2305. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement of the Chief Justice of India at the Judicial colloquy organised by the National Judicial Academy of India on 5th September, 2001, calling upon judges to ensure that victims of rapes and other such indignities are not subjected to further indignities at the trial stage:
 - (b) whether any special court is

proposed to be set up for trial of such cases and special procedure for their trial has been or being evolved in the light of CJA's observations; and

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

Central grant for construction of Courts and residential accommodation

- 2306. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Central grants are released to the States for the construction of High Courts, District Courts and residential accommodation for Judges therein;
 - (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) the grants, so far, made available to Gujarat for this purpose and number of courts and residential accommodations constructed in the State; and
- (d) whether all the District Courts in the State are having good and reasonable accommodation?

Representation of SC/ST and Women Judges

- 2307. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of judges in the Supreme Court and in the various High Courts in the country, court-wise;
- (b) the details of percentage of SC/ST and Women Judges; court-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that our judicial system is not adequately represented by the above sections; and
- (d) if so, the comments of Government thereon?

Corruption in courts

- 2308. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Court workers thrive on Kharchapani', which appeared in the Asian Age, dated the 19th January, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action Government propose to take to eliminate corruption from the functioning of Courts?

Appointment of Judges

- †2309. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of judges appointed in Supreme Court, High Courts, Districts Session Courts, and lower Courts in view of number of cases pending in various Courts in the country and the number of additional judges required therefor;
- (b) whether Government propose to increase the number of courts and judges; and
 - (c) if so, by when?

Vacancies of Judges

- 2310. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of vacancies for the post of Judges in the High Courts and the Supreme Court as on date; and
- (b) the steps Government have taken to fill these vacancies and improve the disposal of the cases pending in the various courts?

- 2311. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether setting-up of Special Courts for terrorists is the need of the hour;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to setup such Courts; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Family Courts in Delhi

- 2312. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Supreme Court had directed in 1996 that family courts should be set-up in Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether Government have not acted on this direction even till today;
 - (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when family courts will be setup?

Shortage of skilled Pilots

- 2313. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Indian ports are suffering because they don't have enough skilled pilots;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government are planning to give more incentives to the pilots to attract them to join; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Special Courts for terrorists

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Development of port at Patna

- 2314. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it has been decided by Government to develop a port at Patna on river Ganga;
- (b) the amount sanctioned by Government for this; and
- (c) by when and to which places navigation will be started from Patna?

Development of coastal shipping

- 2315. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are planning to develop and modernise coastal shipping on a large scale in the near future;
- (b) if so, the various routes earmarked for it;
- (c) the measures Government propose to take to decongest and ease the pressure off some high-density coastal routes; and
- (d) whether there is any estimate of traffic and freight to be generated from coastal shipping?

Revival scheme for CIWTC

- 2316. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a revival scheme has been formulated for Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC);
 - (b) if so, the salient features of the same;

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- (c) whether the revival scheme excludes the Rajabagan Dockyard;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to utilise the manpower of Rajabagan Dockyard as well as its assets?

Decision for acquiring crude oil vessels by SCI

- 2317. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has decided to acquire four crude oil vessels;
- (b) if so, whether Government have given clearance to buy two new Suezmas tankers;
- (c) whether the SCI has placed the orders with Daewoo Shipyard in Korea;
- (d) if so, the total orders issued for acquiring crude oil vessels; and
- (e) by when, they are likely to be acquired?

Maritime security

- 2318. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India has participated in recently held International Maritime Organisation to discuss maritime security and counter-terrorism issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the decisions taken thereon:
- (c) whether any changes were suggested in existing regulations in the safety at sea convention (Solas);
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (e) the reaction of Government thereon?

Constitutional amendment for reservation for SCs/STs in private sector

- 2319. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that under the present laws the existing system of reservation for recruitment of SC/ST candidates in PSUs will become null and void once they are privatised;
- (b) if so, whether Government have done any study on the impact of such privatisation on SC/ST candidates in securing professional opportunities;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof;
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government would consider a constitutional amendment to extend reservations for SCs/STs even in the case of recruitment in private sector?

Disability in various States

- 2320. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that some States have more percentages of disability than others:
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government have studied the categories of disability occurrence in various States during the last three years;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Schemes for welfare of mentally retarded

†2321. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented by Government for the welfare of mentally retarded persons;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount allocated for implementation of these schemes during last three years?

Composite Centre under NIMH in NER

- 2322. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any composite centre in the North East Region under the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped;
- (b) if so, how many and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total budgetary allocation and amount allocated and spent during 2001-2002?

Muslim communities in OBC list

- 2323. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWER-MENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the Muslim sub-castes and communities included in the Backward and Other Backward Classes; and
- (b) the details of benefits to which they are entitled?

Scheme for coaching of SC candidates for competitive examinations

- 2324. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government are

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implementing any Central Scheme for providing Coaching to candidates belonging to SC Category and appearing for competitive examinations of UPSC, SSC, etc., and State Service Commission in the State of Gujarat;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of candidates benefited during the last five years, showing number of candidates given coaching and number of those selected in IAS and other services from the State, year-wise?

Assistance to NGOs running old age homes

- 2325. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWER-MENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether NGOs are assisted to run the old age homes in the country; and
- (b) if so, the number of NGOs along with the details of the assistance provided by Government during the last three years, State-wise?

NGOs supported by Government in Assam

2326. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some NGOs have been supported by his Ministry in Assam for the welfare of women;
 - (b) if so, which are those NGOs;
- (c) whether the utility of this assistance is assessed properly;
- (d) whether the NGOs of Assam are helped for the empowerment of Scheduled Castes; and

(e) if so, the details of success achieved so far in this field?

Setting up of units of ALIMCO

- 2327. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have plans to set up more production centres of Artificial Limb Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) for production of artificial limbs commonly known as "Jaipur Foot";
- (b) if so, the places identified for setting up of the centres;
- (c) whether any places in Andhra Pradesh have been identified for setting up of these centres;
- (d) the total production capacity of the proposed centres;
- (e) whether artificial limbs are also being exported to other countries; and
- (f) if so, the places/countries to which these are exported and the total amount of foreign exchange earned?

Special social schemes for widows of weaker sections

- †2328. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there are no special social schemes in the country for the widows belonging to the weaker sections of the society;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government propose to formulate any special schemes for the widows of this section of the society; and
 - (d) if so, the details of the schemes?

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Exclusion of Marathi Community of Northern Kerala from SC/ST list

- 2329. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Government of Kerala regarding exclusion of Marathi Community residing in the Northern Kerala from the SC/ST list;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Marathi Community living in Karnataka continue to be included in the SC/ST list;
- (d) if so, whether the community living in Kerala has made any significant improvement in their socio-economic standard compared to their counterpart in Karnataka:
 - (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action Government have taken on the State Government's recommendation?

Centrally sponsored programmes for upliftment of tribals

2330. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the centrally-sponsored programmes of his Ministry being implemented in various States for the upliftment of tribals;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated to the States under these programmes for the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the States have spent the same within the stipulated time; and
- (d) if not, the details thereof and the reasons for non-spending, State-wise?

Tribal status to Pahari in J & K

2331. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2399 given in Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 2001 regarding tribal status to Pahari in J & K and state by when the long-pending proposal would be finalized?

Development of Pahari Korva and Birhor in MP and Chhattisgarh

- †2332. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for development of tribals during the last three years;
- (b) the amount spent on the development of Pahari Korva and Birhor tribes in Chhattisgarh region out of the above amount;
- (c) the development works carried out with the said amount; and
- (d) the details of amount spent, so far, and the achievements made through the agency/authority set-up for both of these tribes?

Non-utilisation of funds under Tribal Development Schemes

- 2333. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some State Governments have not spent funds allocated under various Tribal Development Schemes;
- (b) if so, the names of those States and the quantum of funds not utilized by them; and

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(c) the action taken by Government against these States?

Status of Grain Banks Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

2334. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the present status of Central Scheme of Grain Banks in Tribal areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Filling up posts of Senior Law Officers in DDA

2335. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts of Senior Law Officers lying vacant in DDA at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that experienced Junior Law Officers in DDA are awaiting promotion to the said posts for the last many years;
- (c) whether DDA plan to fill the posts of Senior Law Officers through test from outsiders;
- (d) if so, the justification thereof, when the departmental candidates are available;
- (e) whether conducting of this test is not against the policy of Government for downsizing the strength under economic measures; and
- (f) how much money is likely to be saved by DDA if departmental candidates are appointed as Senior Law Officers?

Projects under Mega City Scheme in Bangalore

2336. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects undertaken and completed in Bangalore city under the scheme of Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities since 1994 upto this date;
- (b) whether the State Government of Karnataka has utilised the amount fully;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps Government propose to take to complete the projects on time?

Employment provided in Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

2337. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the employment provided to the urban unemployed/under-employed under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1998, till date;
- (b) the number of self-employment ventures set-up in the same period in urban sector; area-wise; and
- (c) the details of services being offered through wage employment?

Grants to Maharashtra

2338. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount given as grant by Government to Maharashtra

Government during the last two years for various projects;

- (b) whether the Maharashtra Government has timely submitted expenditure account as well as status of the projects to Government; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in housing sector

2339. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment in the housing sector/real estate;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the guidelines framed in this regard;
- (c) the number of foreign companies/institutions/individuals who have shown interest in making investment in the housing sector; and
- (d) the lock-in period for FDI, if any, fixed?

Identification of unauthorised constructions

2340. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Special Task Force of Delhi Police has identified 922 places of unauthorised constructions, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 10th February, 2002;
- (b) the places colony-wise along with the comments of the CVC with the instances given by him;

- (c) the names of the officers in each organisation responsible alongwith the punitive action taken against each one of them; and
- (d) the known movable and immovable assets of each acquired till December, 2001?

Review of policy on unauthorised colonies in Delhi

- 2341. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to review their policy on unauthorised colonies in Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are also considering regularization of unauthorised colonies set-up on public land;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
 - (e) the novel features of the new policy?

Shops allotted in M.B. Road/Asian Market

- 2342. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of shops allotted by his Ministry in M.B. Road/Asian Market in last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that shops were allotted for a particular purpose/trade;
- (c) whether Government are aware that more than 50 per cent of the shops have changed their trade since allotment and have also done illegal construction; and
- (d) if so, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Amendments in building rules

- †2343. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the rules formulated or the amendments made in the old rules with regard to construction of buildings in the cities in the aftermath of devastating earthquake in Gujarat last year;
- (b) whether after this grave tragedy Government have made full arrangements to tackle any such catastrophe in future; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

New garbage units in Delhi

- 2344. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Delhi will soon have new garbage units, as reported in The Hindu, dated the 11th February, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details along with the names of private firms with locations; and
 - (c) the total revenue likely to be earned?

Development of forest, vacant land etc. as entertainment sites

- †2345. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have directed various State Governments to develop forests, ponds, vacant lands in hilly areas as entertainment sites after revamping them;
- (b) if so, the names of the States which have followed the said direction; and
 - (c) the details thereof, State-wise?

Demolitions in Lajpat Nagar area

2346. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether adequate time was given to the residents and shopkeepers of Lajpat Nagar area before the police carried out the demolitions on the 4th February, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any persons died on the 4th February, 2002 during or just after the demolitions were carried out in the Lajpat Nagar area; and
- (d) whether there are plans to carry out further demolitions in the area?

Construction of flyovers

2347. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Flyover coming up at Srinivaspuri", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 15th February, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of places where the new flyovers are likely to come up during the next two years;
- (c) whether traffic on the Outer Ring Road near Panchsheel Club in South Delhi is very heavy and there is a need to construct flyover there; and

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(d) if so, whether Government would take a decision to construct flyover at this junction immediately, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Road cuttings and diggings by various private companies in Delhi

2348. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there have been road cuttings and diggings in various parts of Delhi to lay Optic Fibre Cables (OFC) by some private companies;
- (b) whether roads are not properly laid by these companies after laying OFCs;
- (c) whether Government and other civic agencies are to formulate a strategy on road cuttings and diggings by these private companies; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold

2349. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGARAM MANHAR:

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

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Conversion to freehold now possible as DDA lifts ban", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 16th February, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details of the new scheme announced by Government for conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold; and
- (c) the rates of land in different zones in the National Capital Territory of Delhi approved by Government and the effective date of the revised land rates in NCT?

E-learning project for urban local bodies

- 2350. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to launch E-learning project for promoting capacity building in the area of urban governance in urban local bodies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of urban local bodies selected from Orissa for the purpose; and
- (c) by when the project is likely to be implemented?

Centrally-sponsored Schemes for Urban development in J&K

- 2351. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of Centrally-sponsored Schemes for the development of urban areas/ cities in Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) the details of financial assistance given by Government for the purpose during the last three years;
- (c) the achievement made during this period;
- (d) if no achievement has been the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government propose to extend assistance to the destroyed towns of Rajouri, Poonch, Nowshera, Thanna-Mandi and Darhal in Jammu and Kashmir?

Scheme for rejuvenation of culturally and historically significant cities

2352. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cities developed/to be developed under the scheme for rejuvenation of culturally and historically significant cities;
- (b) whether Government of Karnataka has forwarded any proposal under the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

Coverage of Mayur Vihar, Vasundhra Enclave etc. under MRTS

- 2353. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the areas, namely Mayur Vihar, Vasundhra Enclave and NOIDA are proposed to be covered by the Delhi Metro Rail System;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time schedule for covering those areas?

New Rent Control Act

- 2354. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to discard the Land Ceiling Act and introduce a new Rent Control Act;
 - (b) if so, the main reasons for the same;
- (c) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and
- (d) to what extent this new Rent Control Act will be useful?

Vacation of Government accommodation by employees of Minto Road Press

- 2355. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Press employees of Minto Road Press have not vacated the Government accommodation even after the concessional period allowed for retention has expired; and
- (b) if so, the details of such persons who are holding the press pool accommodation for period exceeding one year after retirement?

Transfer of employees under DOPT guidelines

- 2356. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of LDCs, UDCs, Assistants, Section Officers/Dy. Directors working for more than 10 years in one department under his Ministry and its attached offices; and
- (b) the steps Government propose to take to transfer the above said officials as per DOPT guidelines?

Civic amenities in various colonies in Delhi

- 2357. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided basic civic

amenities like water supply, road, water drainage etc. in the colonies in Delhi;

- (b) if so, whether colonies like Nandram Park, Shisram Park, Indra Park Extension of Uttam Nagar, New Delhi have been provided with the said amenities;
- (c) if so, whether Prajapat Colony located nearby to the above-said colonies has been deprived of these basic civic amenities;
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when Government would provide these civic amenities to this colony?

Complaints received by DG (Works), CPWD

2358. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of complaints received by the Office of Director-General (Works), CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi or other authorities concerned in CPWD during 1st December, 2001 and 31st March, 2002 regarding CPWD Electrical Enquiry Office, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;
- (b) the action taken by each of the authorities on each complaint; and
- (c) the action taken against guilty officers?

Reservation for SC/ST in allotment of houses, land, Shops etc.

2359. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: SHRI SHYAM LAL:

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

- (a) whether reservation for SC/ST is applicable in allotment of residential houses/ land, shops, kiosk etc. for all authorities under State Governments also;
 - (b) if so, the details of normal percentage;
- (c) whether this reservation is also applicable for Ghaziabad Development Authority and New Okhla Industrial Development Authority under U.P. Government; and
- (d) if so, why only G.D.A. follows and Noida does not follow reservation inspite of separate requests made by All India Association for SC/ST and P.H. Peoples Upliftment(R)?

AUWSP in Andhra Pradesh

2360. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the details of status of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) and Low Cost Sanitation Scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

Failure of IDSMT scheme

- 2361. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the prestigious Centrally-sponsored scheme—the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns launched in 1979-80 to develop small and medium towns for generating employment so as to arrest

migration to big cities has proved a failure and it is proposed to abandon it;

- (b) if so, the details of the evaluation of the scheme made; and
- (c) the alternative plans drawn up to achieve the purposes of the original scheme?

Allotment of Government accommodation on medical ground

- 2362. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have a provision to allot Government accommodation on medical grounds to the Government servants whose dependent mother or father are orthopedically handicapped;
- (b) if so, the prescribed guidelines for allotment of Government accommodation on medical grounds to such Government servants;
- (c) how many Government servants have applied under the orthopedically handicapped quota for self or dependent mother or father in the last three years; and
- (d) how many Government accommodations have been allotted on medical grounds and how many applications have been rejected?

Subletting of quarters in R.K. Puram

- 2363. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the date on which surprise checkings of subletting of quarters were carried out in

- Sector-2, R.K. Puram;
- (b) the number of Government quarters found to be sublet particularly Quarter Nos. 340 to 380 since January, 2001 till date (name of allottees and quarter numbers);
- (c) the names of officers visited for checking the said area recently;
- (d) how many quarters have been surrendered and penalty charged, allotteewise:
- (e) whether some allottees are subletting accommodation with the connivance of the officials of Directorate of Estates/CPWD;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the responsible officials?

Conversion of freehold scheme by DDA

- 2364. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that orders for conversion of freehold scheme initiated by the DDA has been stopped since 31st March, 2000;
- (b) whether the orders for conversion of freehold have been revised raising the conversion charge 2.30 times of the notified rates;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of conversion cases filed before 31st March, 2000, which are still pending with the DDA and by when, these will be disposed off?

Distribution of residential plots of MNECHS Ltd., Ghaziabad

- †2365. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of the persons to whom the residential plots of Mohan Nagar Employees Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., Mohan Nagar, district Ghaziabad were allotted and the name of the authority in whose presence these plots were distributed; and
- (b) the amount charged from all the members as cost of the land and development expenses togetherwith the details of the payment made by each member?

Residential plots in Mohan Nagar Employees Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., Ghaziabad

- †2366. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of residential plots in Mohan Nagar Employees Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., Mohan Nagar, district Ghaziabad, togetherwith the area of these plots in kms.;
- (b) the amount spent by the Development Authority for development of these plots together with the cost per square

meter charged for these plots; and

(c) whether the boundary wall of Sector 5 under the Society has been completed; if not, the reasons therefor and by when the same is likely to be completed?

Facilities in Dwarka Sub-city

- 2367. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a huge sub-city has been planned to come up in South West Delhi known as Dwarka Sub-city;
- (b) if so, whether adequate provisions for hospitals, dispensaries, nursing homes, banks, post offices, fire stations, railway reservation centres, bus terminals, metro rails, Kendriya Bhandars, cinema halls, Mother Dairy and DMS milk booths have been made in the different sectors of the upcoming colony;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when these facilities are likely to be provided?

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