

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on*

*Wednesday, the May 15, 2002/Vaisakha 25, 1924 (Saka)*

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

### Total number of questions—143

#### **Induction of IBM Agni-II**

5103. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to induct IBM Agni-II as part of Army arsenal;

(b) whether the Army is raising a new missile regiment to operationally manage the nuclear deterrent; and

(c) the pay load of the weapon and when the next deterrent with more strike range would be developed and included in the army arsenal?

#### **Fire in HEMRL, Pune**

5104. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fire had broken out at the chemical processing unit of High Energy Materials Research Laboratory at Pasan near Pune on 25th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the loss suffered in terms of life and equipment etc.;

(c) whether an enquiry has been held in the matter; and

(d) the details of steps taken on the conclusion of enquiry?

#### **Contract with Israel for conversion of Boeing 737**

5105. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that HAL had tied up with Israel to convert Boeing 737 passenger jets into cargo aircraft;

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

(c) in what manner this contract would help the country; and

(d) the other contracts that are in the offing?

#### **Demands raised by Association of AFHQ Stenographers**

5106. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of demands/issues have been raised by the Association of AFHQ Stenographers; and

(b) if so, the details of letters received during the last two years and action taken thereon?

**Development of modified version of  
MBT Arjuna**

5107. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Tank Arjuna has not been found very much suited to the varied requirements of the Indian Army for operations in different terrains;

(b) if so, whether any modified version of this tank or alternative artillery guns namely Karna and Bheem have been or are being developed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Induction of AJT**

5108. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the frequency of MIG crashes has established the need for early induction of an Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT); and

(b) if so, what steps have been and are being taken for expediting acquisition of an AJT and at what stage the acquisition process stands at present?

**Missing MIG 21 aircraft**

5109. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Air Force MIG-21 aircraft went missing after taking off from Tejpur Air Base on 20th April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether its wreckage was not found even after 10 days;

(c) whether India has sought Bhutan's assistance in locating its wreckage in Bhutan;

(d) the number of persons at the time of flight in the aircraft; and

(e) the other details in this regard?

**The US assistance in India's military  
needs**

5110. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. is assisting in India's military needs; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed sale by the U.S. to improve the security of the country?

**Joint arms manufacturing partnership  
with South Africa**

5111. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Africa has proposed a Joint Arms Manufacturing partnership with India;

(b) if so, whether the proposal involves transfer of technology to India and export of manufactured arms to other countries; and

(c) if so, what is India response to this offer?

**Military exercises by Pakistan close to  
LoC in PoK**

5112. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan have conducted Military Exercise in the month of March, 2002 close to the Line of Control in Pak occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government of India was informed in advance about this;

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Pakistan Government in this regard; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

**Proposed strike by civilian employees of Ordnance Factories**

5113. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that civilian employees of Ordnance Factories propose to go on strike;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

**Criticism of bullet proof jackets purchased by CAG**

5114. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem 'CAG blasts bullet proof jackets purchase' appearing in the Stateman dated 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of this sub-standard defence purchase castigated by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard to identify person (s) responsible for the purchase and to initiate proceedings against them?

**Stoppage of manufacturing spares by Russia for IAF fleet**

†5115. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia have

recently discontinued the manufacture of essential spare-part of the aircrafts supplied to Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, whether this has effected adversely repair works in the maintenance units of Indian Air Force; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

**Involving private sector for manufacturing components for Defence Aircrafts**

5116. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited proposes to involve private sector for manufacturing components and equipments of Defence Aircrafts and Helicopters;

(b) if so, the plans made for technology transfer to the private industries in this regard; and

(c) the response received so far in this regard?

**Alleged corruption in DRDO**

†5117. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi on 16th April, 2002 under the caption, 'Na Sena Ki Madad, Na Desh Ko Fayada, Bhrashtachar Mein Dooba Raksha Anusandhan Vikas Sangathan';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to hold an inquiry into the case?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Development of ammunition for  
155 mm Howitzers**

5118. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Ordnance Factory Organisation failed to develop three out of seven types of ammunition of 155 mm Howitzers, which were supplied to them as far back as 1991—93;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to develop all types of ammunition of 155 mm Howitzers?

**Delay in LCA and Missile Programme**

5119. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation have come into question with a Parliamentary Committee report indicating that the Light Combat Aircraft programme as well as the induction of surface to air missile Akash and Trishul have been delayed;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for delay in LCA and Missile programme;

(c) whether Government has seriously taken up this issue;

(d) if so, what is the progress being made; and

(e) by what time both LCA and Akash and Trishul will be made available soon to the defence forces?

**Technology Experiment satellite to  
monitor troops movement of  
neighbouring country**

5120. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has put to use Technology Experiment Satellite to monitor troops movement of a neighbouring country;

(b) if so, when this was started; and

(c) the details in this regard?

**Non-Supply of SLR to BSF by COD,  
Jabalpur**

5121. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Comptroller and Auditor General report prepared in 2001 pointed out that the Central Ordnance Depot, Jabalpur did not supply self-loading rifles worth Rs. 12.71 crore to the Border Security Force despite advance payment made in September, 1993;

(b) if so, the inspection team found that 6 per cent of the SLRs were of an old brand, reconditioned and not acceptable;

(c) whether despite the team's adverse observations, the sanctioned amount was drawn in full and paid as advance to the Jabalpur COD in September, 1993; and

(d) what action has been taken by the Union Government against those held responsible?

**Russian warships patrolling Indian  
Ocean**

5122. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russian warships have started patrolling the Indian Ocean for the first time in almost a decade;

(b) if so, whether two destroyers and a tanker from Russia's Pacific Fleet, based in Vladivostok called Mumbai in mid-February as part of a two-and-a-half months training Voyage that will also take them to the former Soviet naval base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has helped India in protecting the Indian Ocean?

**Acquisition of inflight refuelling capacity for fighter bombers**

5123. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force is set to acquire an in-flight refuelling capability for its fighter-bombers;

(b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time it is likely to be introduced?

**New nomenclature of M/s Bofors**

5124. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bofors Gun Manufacturing Company of Sweden has changed its name;

(b) if so, what is its new name;

(c) whether the company has introduced a new version of gun;

(d) whether India has placed orders for purchase of new guns; and

(e) if so, the number of guns to be purchased?

**Compatibility of MIG's with growing needs of the IAF**

5125. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament finally called for phasing out of the ageing MIG-21 fighters, the Air Force Chief reaffirmed that the Air Force remain safe, secure, strong and formidable force with its MIG fleet;

(b) if so, whether the Air Force has re-examined the safety and strike force of the MIG and propose to upgrade and make the MIG fleet a technically sound and safe fighter aircraft compatible with the growing needs; and

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

**Proposal for non-lapsable defence fund**

5126. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has sent a proposal to the Finance Ministry for a two year non-lapsing defence fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**AN-32 aircraft hit by Pak fire**

5127. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN:  
SHRI VIJAY J.DARDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Air Force AN-32 transport aircraft was hit when Pakistani forces opened fire in Kargil sector in the last week of February, 2002;

(b) whether Government have conducted an enquiry into this incident;

(c) if so, the conclusions of the enquiry;

(d) whether India has lodged any protest to Pakistani in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Shelling by Pakistani troops in Jammu and Rajouri districts**

5128. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thirty-three forward Indian posts along the International Border and Line of Control were targeted by Pakistani troops on March 27, 2002 who resorted to firing and shelling in Jammu and Rajouri districts;

(b) if so, what were the total loss and damage of properties on the Indian side;

(c) the reasons for Pakistani firing and shelling of these posts; and

(d) what action has been taken by India against shelling of Pakistani troops on these borders?

**Defence deals with Russia**

5129. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Minister visited Russia during the month of April, 2002 and had long discussions with the Russian authorities over defence deals;

(b) if so, whether the agreements on all the defence deals with Russia have been signed; and

(c) if so, to what extent Russia has agreed to assist India in defence projects?

**Indo US joint military exercises**

5130. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
PROF. M. SANKARA-  
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and United States have decided to hold joint military exercises in Alaska during the month of April-May, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the US Army whose winter warfare school is based in Alaska is keen to share with the Indian Army its special expertise in battling in icy conditions;

(c) whether any agreement in this regard was reached between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Purchase of Russian factory to make spares for MIG-21**

5131. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia has offered to sell to India a factory and all the

machinery to make spare parts of MIG-21 fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, whether experts of India and Russia have discussed this issue;

(c) whether the Union Government are taking into consideration the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee in which they had suggested to phase out the MiG-21 which were of inferior quality; and

(d) if so, to what extent this will be helpful in continuance of MiG-21?

**Infiltration of armed militants by Pakistan**

5132. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan are still involved in the infiltration of armed militants;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that there is no decline in the Infiltration especially in the Poonch Sector; and

(c) the action taken towards cracking down on terrorists?

**CAG's report on purchase of special purpose helicopter**

5133. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR  
REDDY:  
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has stated in its latest report that copters and spares

appeared to be exorbitant and the radar technology was 18 years old on the purchase of special purpose helicopter worth about Rs. 1000 crores; and

(b) if so, details of action taken/to be taken based on the above report?

**National Disaster Management Agency**

5134. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a National Disaster Management Agency to deal with biological threats like anthrax, cholera, plague etc.;

(b) whether the Agency is prepared to face such an attack and has adequate infrastructure to deal with the situation;

(c) whether Government proposes to set up a separate department to protect the country from such unconventional attacks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**PWG rampage on goods train in Andhra Pradesh**

5135. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-  
RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether naxalites belonging People's War Group went on rampage, blasting a computerized engine of a goods train, office room of Railway Station in the second week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government has made an assessment of loss incurred in the incidents, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

**Female infanticide in Dharmapuri,  
Tamil Nadu**

5136. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of female infanticide in Dharmapuri district of Tamil Nadu is under the attention of the authorities;

(b) if so, the female infants killed during the last five years; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits?

**Intelligence failure to identify  
terrorist attacks**

5137. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether intelligence failure has been identified as the basic reasons for the success of surreptitious terrorist attacks on October 1, 2001 on Jammu & Kashmir Assembly and on December 13, 2001 on Parliament, besides the full scale Kargil war preparations by Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any cooperation or collaboration with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has been struck for augmenting the Indian Intelligence and anti-terrorist outfits in India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Inquiry regarding foreign exchange  
received by Asian Health  
Environment and Allied Database**

5138. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Office of the Home Minister received a letter on 5th November, 2001 from Member of Parliament for initiating inquiry regarding foreign exchange received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Database and transfer of copy right to it

by NISCOM/CSIR;

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

(c) whether the above letter was read/criticised in meetings of employees (more than fifty) including accused, held in NISCOM after last week of December in which Director NISCOM chaired; and

(d) whether a detailed inquiry will be initiated on above meetings?

**Telephone exchanges set on fire by  
PWG naxals**

5139. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that PWG naxals set on fire two telephone exchanges in the first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered in this fire; and

(c) action taken to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents in future?

**Pamphlet circulated by RSS in  
Jharkhand**

5140. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times of 29th April, 2002 under the caption "RSS pamphlet has Jharkhand police worried";

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem raised therein and to protect the interest of Christian Adivasis whose lives and properties have been threatened in the pamphlet issued by RSS referred to in the news-item mentioned above?



### **Setting up of Repatriation Cell**

5141. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up Repatriation Cell for those non-resident Indians who return to India after termination of their employment abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Graphic description of last days of Netaji**

5142. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a series of three articles which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 24th, 25th and 26th April, 2002 giving a graphic description of the last days spent by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Faizabad district of the Uttar Pradesh;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that Government does not want to re-open the case of Netaji's last days in the light of the facts mentioned in three articles for fear of public reaction in the country and rupture with friendly foreign countries?

### **Medical facilities in jails**

5143. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there are many prisoners in various jails of the country who are ill and

are not adequately medically treated in the jails;

(b) if so, the number of such prisoners;

(c) what facilities Government propose to make available for such prisoners; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

### **Children of women prisoners**

5144. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent study conducted by the National Institute of Criminology and Forensic Science regarding children of women prisoners lodged in jails;

(b) if so, the factual position in this regard; and

(c) the measures to be taken by the Government to provide a better life to them?

### **Agreement border security forces of India and Bangladesh**

† 5145. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bilateral agreement to reduce tension and contain terrorists activities, has been entered into between border security forces along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such agreements would enhance mutual understanding and better coordination between the forces of both the countries to have an effective check on crime and infiltration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Intelligence Agency's report on security clearance to Private Airline Company**

5146. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the intelligence agencies have submitted any report questioning the security clearance given to a Private Airline Company; and

(b) if so, the details of the report, name of the airline company and the action taken by the Ministry in this regard?

**CAG report on the purchase of defective jammer at exorbitant price**

5147. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller & Auditor General of India has castigated the Ministry of Home Affairs for purchasing a defective jammer at an exorbitant price;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what corrective action, if any, has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if answer to (c) above is in the negative the reasons therefor?

**Deaths due to consumption of illicit liquor in North-West Delhi**

5148. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently 21 persons have died in Shakurpur area of North-West Delhi on account of consumption of illicit liquor in that area and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that illicit liquor continues to be sold in the lanes and bylanes of the area; and

(c) if so, what action Government had taken against the Police Officer of the area under whose jurisdiction the illicit liquor is available in plenty?

**Theft and chain snatching in Ganga Ram Vatika area of Tilak Nagar, New Delhi**

5149. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of theft and chain snatching have been increasing in the area of Ganga Ram Vatika and other adjoining areas under the Tilak Nagar Police Station, New Delhi and if so, what is the number of such incidents during the last six months; and

(b) whether the culprits have been arrested and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Recommendations of CBI to fix responsibility on Delhi PFA officials**

5050. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI recommended to constitute a committee to fix responsibility of Delhi PFA officials and dropsy cases scandals and other issues;

(b) if so, whether such committee was constituted;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the date by when such committee would be constituted; and

(d) whether Government propose to place the CBI report in this regard on the Table of the House?

### **On-line lotteries**

5151. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Essel group company have entered into an agreement with the Government of Maharashtra to offer the State lottery on-line for ten years;

(b) if so, the details about the agreement arrived at in this regard;

(c) whether the other State Governments also intend to have such a lottery system to improve their finances;

(d) if so, the names of the other States likely to provide lottery on-line; and

(e) whether Central Government also contemplate to provide lottery on-line; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Human rights violations by Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir**

5152. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of gang-rape by security forces in Jammu and Kashmir for the last one year including latest incident on 20th April, 2002;

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken against guilty persons; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that no human rights violations are committed by security forces in the State in future?

### **Peace Negotiation with Bodo Liberation Tigers**

5153. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's Office is fully aware of the on going peace negotiation between the Home Ministry and Bodo Liberation Tigers; and

(b) if so, the role and responsibility of the PMO in this regard?

### **Border fencing**

5154. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that infiltrators from Pakistan have damaged huge portion of fencing at borders in Jammu and Kashmir and are preventing further border fencing;

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

(c) whether the work of fencing along the Jammu and Kashmir border, to check infiltration, has received a serious setback in the past few days; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to complete the fencing of border in J&K within a specific period?

### **Armed men from Pakistan occupied Kashmir crossed over to India**

5155. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed reports that groups of armed men carrying communications gadgets cross over from Pak occupied Kashmir to the Indian side;

(b) if so, whether any of these Groups have been arrested during last six months;

(c) whether their nationality has been ascertained; and

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

### **Commercial activities in residential areas in Delhi**

5156. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s PIE Education, Sarva Priya Bihar, New Delhi

is running coaching business a commercial activity in residential accommodation at B-I/5A, Main Najafgarh Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi, Unauthorisely;

(b) whether the structure of the above premises is also not as per the approved/sanctioned plan of the MCD/DDA; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against unauthorised construction as well as for using residential accommodation for commercial purpose and by when?

#### **Activities of PGA**

5157. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that People's Guerrilla Army (PGA) has virtually replaced the forest officers and the police administration in Jharkhand-Chhattisgarh border and that PWG has launched special drive to recruit boys and girls for PGA in Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, etc.; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to combat this grim situation by the State Governments and whether in view of this growing menace, Central Government has issued any special directions in this regard?

#### **Mushrooming of madarsas on Indo-Pak Border**

5158. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been mushrooming of mazars and madarsas on the Indo-Pak Borders in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government are also aware that this is the handiwork of Pak ISI (as appeared in the Hindustan Times of 23rd April, 2002) with the ill-intention to keep a watch on the movement of our armed forces on the borders; and

(c) if so, what in-built mechanism has been developed to guard against such mischievous acts of the enemy?

#### **Re-rolling Mills in Pondicherry**

5159. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Re-rolling Mills are functioning in the Union Territory of Pondicherry at present;

(b) how many Re-rolling Mills obtained licence for the last three years;

(c) whether any permission was obtained from the Government of India; and

(d) whether this industry will not cause pollution to a great extent at Pondicherry?

#### **Demand for making Tamil as official language**

5160. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been received for making Tamil as one of the official languages of the Union; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

#### **Additional posts for strengthening internal security at the border**

†5161. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for creation of 90 additional posts for the purpose of strengthening of internal security at the border;

(b) if so, the details of the above posts;

(c) the reaction of the Ministry of Finance on the above said proposal; and

(d) the burden likely to be caused to Government revenue as a result thereof?

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**Truck drivers challaned for rash driving**

5162. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Delhi Age dated 25th April, 2002 under the heading 'police-truckers nexus proves a road hazard;

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

(c) what is the number of truck drivers challaned for rash driving during the last six months?

**Land grabbing at Sonapat, Haryana**

5163. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations during August, 2001 about grabbing of Yoga Ashram Land by unscrupulous followers which was founded/maintained by Late Yogeshwar Devi Dayal Ji Maharaj at Sonapat, Haryana;

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

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter of apprehending the culprits involved; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Enquiry on complaint against Delhi PFA officials**

5164 SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for Group A officials, CVC itself conducts enquiry on complaints made to it;

(b) whether Delhi PFA officials are chargesheeted for complaining against

Group A officials to CVC and other authorities despite CBI reports against such Group A officials for scandals in dropsy cases and other issues; and

(c) if so, the action proposed by Government to place CVC and CBI reports on the table of the House and reasons for not prosecuting such officials in view of CBI reports above?

**Financial assistance for developing State Capitals**

5165. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has ever granted financial assistance to State Governments exclusively for development of the State Capital;

(b) if so, whether the same is still continuing;

(c) whether such grant has ever been made in favour of Manipur; and

(d) if answer to (c) is in negative, whether it will be done?

**Chinese Spy in India**

†5166. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item under the caption "I.B. Ne Mangi Tibbatiyon ki Soochi, Chini Jasooson Ke Ane Ki Soochana" published on page number 9 in 'Dainik Jagran' dated the 24th March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government has taken up this matter with the Chinese Government also; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Aircraft flying without security clearance**

5167. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the owner of a company operating non-scheduled flights to CIS countries with some of his employees was arrested by Delhi Police recently as reported in the Hindu dated the 20th April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the company Sam Avia was flying the aircraft between India and CIS countries on forged documents and even without any security clearance from his Ministry;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the action Government propose to take against the company?

**Circulation of "Kashmir" Magazine in Kerala**

5168. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to notice of the Government that Kashmir, monthly magazine of the Kashmir Information Centre, Islamabad which contains inflammatory articles on Kashmir being circulated in different parts of Kerala through Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Police reforms**

5169. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Police Commission set up in 1977 submitted as many as eight reports recommending that the Police Act of 1861 be replaced by a

fresh one to insulate the police from political pressure; and

(b) what is the status of reports submitted by Committees headed by Julio Rebeiro and Padmanabhaiah on police reforms?

**Putting names of corporate houses loan defaulters on the net**

5170. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Vigilance Commission has decided to put on the net the names of corporate houses which have defaulted in repayment of loans and N.G.Os that siphoned money from the Government are being investigated; and

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

**JEM plan to attack Parliament**

5171. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report "JEM planning another attack on Parliament" which appeared in the Newstime, dated the 17th April, 2002;

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

(c) what steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to foil another suicide attack on Indian Parliament by militant organisations with foreign material and financial support?

**Recommendation of NCRWC on Article 356**

5172. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution has

recommended a very sparing use of Article 356 of the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and arguments adduced by the Commission in favour thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government would like to carry out necessary amendment in the Constitution to give effect to this recommendation; and

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

**Terrorists gunned down near Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in J & K**

5173. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jawans in their fatigues are not allowed entry in Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine in Jammu and Kashmir to guard against mixing of ultras with our Jawans;

(b) how many ultras have been gunned down or nabbed in the vicinity of Mata Vaishno Devi during the last one year with names of the out-fits they belong to; and

(c) the number of pilgrims killed by the ultras visiting Mata Vaishno Devi during the last one year and the amount of compensation paid to the victims by the State and Centre separately?

**Lifting of ban on LTTE**

5174. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lift ban on LTTE;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Cyber Crime Investigation cell in major cities**

5175. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:  
SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to have Cyber Crime Investigation Cell in all the major cities in order to round up cyber crimes;

(b) if so, what are the complete details thereof;

(c) how many cases have been registered in different parts of the country relating to cyber crimes, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring suitable legislation on cyber crime cases and if so, the details thereof?

**Imparting practical training to Police to control organised crimes**

†5176. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feels the need of imparting more practical training to the Police in view of the new type of organised crimes such as terrorism, intellectual terrorism, cyber crimes etc.;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Government for coordination between the Centre and States in this regard and to give them more assistance; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when Government would take necessary action in this direction?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Special Services Bureau in border districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan**

†5177. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Home Affairs had set up a Special Services Bureau in the border districts of Gujarat and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the year of setting up of said Bureau;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to terminate the services of the said Bureau; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Complaints to NCW**

†5178. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints and the nature thereof, received by the National Commission for Women from the different parts of the country during the period of 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, State-wise/category-wise;

(b) the number of complaints disposed of during the said period alongwith the number of cases still pending with the Commission;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the steps taken by the Commission in this regard to impart justice to women?

**Terrorists outfits banned by the US**

†5179. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such terrorist outfits and groups banned by the US during the last one year which were involved in the terrorist activities in India ;

(b) the names of such terrorist outfits and groups the Government of India had requested the US to impose a ban on them but they are, still not banned;

(c) the number of such Pakistan based terrorist groups which are operating their terrorists activities in India; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to get them banned?

**Lack of resources and equipments with Delhi Fire Services**

†5180. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fire brigade of Delhi are lacking in adequate resources and equipments to check the fire incidence as also to undertake rescue measures;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be equipped adequately;

(c) the total number of fire stations in the capital alongwith their locations; and

(d) whether Government feel the necessity of well equipped fire stations in view of increasing population and expanding area of the capital?

**Setting up of a new agency to look into cases of terrorism and organised crimes**

†5181. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up any new Central agency to look into the cases relating to the terrorism, organised crimes and smuggling of arms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) which of the States have not clarified their stand in this regard; and

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(d) by when the agency is likely to be set up?

**Upgradation of DD (OL) posts**

5182. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20 posts of DD (OL) have been upgraded as per recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons not promoting the persons against upgraded posts and by when the persons are likely to be promoted?

**Talks with Naga rebel leaders**

5183. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has met Naga rebel leaders during his visit to Japan;

(b) if so, what were the main talks held;

(c) whether they have agreed to continue to have talks in Delhi; and

(d) if so, by what time this Naga rebel leaders are coming to India for having further talks?

**Producing energy from garbage**

5184. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been conducted to produce electricity from garbage;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any amount has been allowed for such projects;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Loans provided by IREDA for setting up non-conventional energy projects in A.P.**

5185. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of citizens who were provided term loans by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) for setting up various non-conventional energy projects in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(b) the results achieved therefrom in the State during the said period?

**Hydrogen as a fuel**

5186. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that hydrogen has been accepted as a safe, clean and non-polluting fuel the world over;

(b) whether hydrogen is available in abundance in India and has been proposed to be used for transportation, cooking and conversion into electric energy;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the possibility of its use, particularly for transportation purpose to reduce the consumption of compressed

natural gas which is presently the non-polluting alternative fuel;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether scientists of BHU have held successful trial of vehicles with hydrogen as fuel; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Panipat Power Project**

5187. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no significant addition of power generation capacity as a number of projects like Panipat Power Project approved in principle are still languishing;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how many such projects are there;

(d) what are the measures taken by Government for these projects to start functioning so that these plants can start producing electricity; and

(e) by when these projects will fructify?

#### **Expiry of agreement made by M/s Duncan North Hydro Power Company**

† 5188. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1151 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the agreement has not expired automatically following the work has not started after two years have elapsed despite the commitment made by the Duncan's North Hydro Power Company on 1st April, 2000;

(b) if so, whether Government have intimated the same to the company and the statutory compensation has been asked for; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, reasons therefor?

#### **Bungling by officers of THDC**

† 5189. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to the Unstarred Question 3267 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 15 crore was paid in the wrong head of removing soil and stones from the spillway;

(b) the designations of the ten chargesheeted officers and the number out of them relieved from duty;

(c) whether after this incident Government have formulated a departmental rule to the effect that the assets of such persons or their legal heir may be seized by the State;

(d) the outcome of the CBI investigation; and

(e) whether any order has been issued to withhold the amount of the charged company equivalent to that of the amount involved in this bungling?

#### **Bunglings in THPC unearthed by CBI**

† 5190. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bunglings have been noticed in the works pertaining to Tehri Hydel Power Project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a payment has been made in connivance with the officers for a work relating to construction of spillway which was not done in proportion actually; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this bungling was unearthed by CBI; if so, what

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is Government's reaction thereto and whether any action has been taken to blacklist the companies involved in bungling; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Raising of funds by NTPC by equity to public**

5191. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to raise funds, the National Thermal Power Corporation is going to issue fresh equity to the public;

(b) if so, the size of issue and when it is likely to open;

(c) the target of new generation capacity to be added with this new equity; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Targets for power generation capacity**

5192. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the projections of targets for generation capacity addition during 2001-2002 under (a) SEBs (b) NTPC/NHPC/Atomic Energy (c) Independent Power Producers (d) Captive Power Generation;

(b) what were the net capacity additions during 2001-2002 under the above categories;

(c) whether there was shortfall in attainment of targets, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the projections of targets under the above categories for the year 2002-2003?

**Setting up hydel power projects in Jharkhand**

5193. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some hydel power projects are being set up in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of these projects alongwith their power generation capacity;

(c) by when these projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the steps taken for completion of these projects in time?

**Maintenance and repairing of boilers, turbines, pumps, condensers of different projects of NTPC**

†5194. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work of maintenance and repairing of boilers, turbines, pumps, condensers of different projects in National Thermal Power Corporation is done by local manufacturing companies and not by original manufacturing company;

(b) the amount spent separately on repairing of boilers, turbines, pumps, condensers, etc., of different projects during 1998 to 2002; and

(c) whether Government propose to investigate the whole matter and take necessary action against the guilty officers?

**Dispute of DPC**

5195. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra met Ken Lay the erstwhile CEO of Enron Corporation in the US as reported widely in the US media over the dispute regarding the Dabhol Power Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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**Decision of financial institution to withhold loans from 23 power projects**

5196. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to Economic Research India Survey, major Indian and overseas promoters in all 23 power projects worth more than Rs. 50,000 crore have withdrawn their interest in the projects;

(b) if so, whether this contraction in power sector investments is due to inability of SEBs to arrange for proper payment cover and the decision of financial institutions to withhold loans; and

(c) what is the status of power reforms?

**Boost to cash flow situation of CPSUs due to one time deal of SEBs**

5197. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Press news-item captioned "One time deal of SEB dues spur CPSUs cash flow" as reported in the Statesman dated 22nd April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether one time settlement of SEB outstanding is expected to boost the cash flow situation of CPSUs;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) whether his Ministry has also decided to waive off major recommendations of Ahluwalia Committee to expedite the process of securitisation process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Power reforms by States**

†5198. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have so far implemented the directions issued by the Central Government for reforms in power sector alongwith the States which have not done so;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to implement power reforms; and

(c) the achievements made so far by the States which have implemented power reforms?

**Rehabilitation of displaced persons from the THP at Wadradab in district Haridwar**

†5199. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the persons displaced due to the Tehri Hydroelectric Project have been rehabilitated near Wadradab in Haridwar district;

(b) the details of persons rehabilitated there togetherwith the names of the villages of Tehri to which these persons belong and also the position obtaining there with regard to irrigation, hydroelectricity, health, security, education etc.; and

(c) the amount spent by Government on these so far togetherwith the details of the annual expenditure?

**Providing facilities to displaced people of THP**

†5200. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people displaced due to Tehri Hydroelectric Project have been rehabilitated in Bhaniawala area of Dehradun district and what is the number of villages whose residents have been rehabilitated therein;

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(b) the details of the arrangements with regard to the irrigation of agriculture land, potable water, health and education alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon so far; and

(c) whether the people are satisfied with the facilities like irrigation, potable water if not, the action taken and the amount provided by the administration of Dam during this financial year?

**Proposal for setting up power plants in U.P.**

5201. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up power plants in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the year 2002-2003; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regards?

**Power generating units in Bihar**

†5202. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total numbers of power generating units in Bihar at present;

(b) whether Government are considering to establish a new power generating centre to help Bihar in its current power crisis;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total number of proposal of power projects submitted by the Government of Bihar to the Central Government so far;

(e) the number of proposals sanctioned so far; and

(f) the details of amount provided for sanctioned projects?

**Ahluwalia Committee on NTPC**

†5203. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) when the report of Ahluwalia Committee on NTPC was received by Government and the details of recommendations made by it;

(b) the States who have accepted this report, so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the concerned States regarding the payment of arrears of NTPC?

**Surplus power of eastern States transmitted to deficient States**

5204. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installed capacity of power in the Eastern region is more than their requirement;

(b) if so, the surplus power available in the Eastern region and how the same is being utilised;

(c) whether the surplus power is being transmitted to the deficient States and if so, the rates at which the power is supplied to these States; and

(d) whether the amount of arrears due to the States to whom the power has been supplied from the Eastern region?

**Enquiries into the fraud played by M/s Enron**

5205. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have caused any enquiries into the fraud played by

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M/s Enron in regard to their stop market deals and in respect of their deals with Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, at what level indicating details of the steps taken in this regard especially those for protecting the interest of the common investors; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

#### **Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme**

5206. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed "Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP)";

(b) the allocation made for the programme during 2002-2003; and

(c) how the progress would be monitored?

#### **Conversion of toxic organic compounds into electricity by micro organisms**

5207. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some micro organisms convert toxic organic compounds such as Toluene into electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has carried out any study/research on this; and

(d) if so, the details of such study/research?

#### **Need for technical improvement in power sector**

†5208. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scope of vast improvement in the technical field of power in the country;

(b) whether Government have identified the fields like distribution, transmission and production for the technical improvement; and

(c) if so, the assessment of the increase in availability of power in the above said fields after the technical improvement?

#### **Rural Electrification in H.P. and U.P.**

5209. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many villages of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been electrified during last three years;

(b) by when the remaining villages will be electrified in these States;

(c) whether all the villages of District Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh have also been electrified;

(d) whether it is a fact that villages Miyanchak, Ghughuri and Sultanpur of Khutahan Block (District Jaunpur) of Uttar Pradesh have not been electrified so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these villages would be fully electrified?

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**Maintenance of Ibrishing Panchapalli road in Jagatsinghpur, Orissa under PMGSY**

5210. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ibrishing Panchapalli road (10 Kms.) in Erasama block of Jagatsinghpur district in Orissa is lying in a dilapidated condition after super cyclone;

(b) whether Government propose to maintain the above mentioned road under PMGSY; and

(c) if so, by when the said village approach road would be made motorable?

**Watershed development project submitted by Gujarat State District Management Authority**

5211. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State District Management Authority, Gandhinagar has submitted a Watershed Development Project to cover about 30,000 hectares of earthquake affected area of Gujarat for development to the Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Gujarat Government in this regard;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving the projects; and

(d) the time by when the project is likely to be approved?

**Deadlines for States to collect pending funds**

5212. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the effect of the deadline of February 28, set by the Rural Development Minister for States to collect their pending funds and spend them within 20 days or forget about getting the next instalment in April; and

(b) how many States adhered to this "deadline" and their names and which are the States who did not adhere to this "deadline" and what action Government proposes to take in this vital rural development sector?

**Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Mission plan for development of wastelands**

5213. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new three-tier plan entitled "Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Mission" has been formulated to develop vast geographical areas of wastelands or degraded lands in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time frame drawn up for various projects identified, financial allocation made and role assigned to the Non-Government organisations and others; and

(c) the specifics of State-wise sub-plans drawn up for increasing the productivity of land, especially in the desert State of Rajasthan?

**BPL people qualified for National old age pension**

5214. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of below poverty line people who qualify for national old age pension;

(b) what is the gap between those who are receiving pension under the scheme and those who are not receiving it although they qualify; and

(c) what steps are being taken to cover all of them under the scheme?

**Scheme of water storage to deal with potable water crisis**

†5215. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that serious crisis of potable water may arise in the country after few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering formulation of any scheme for storage of water in order to deal with the problem of potable water crisis;

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

(e) the amount proposed to be spent for the implementation of said schemes?

**Involvement of NGO's in Food for Work scheme**

5216. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NGOs are being involved in the food for Work scheme in rural areas; and

(b) if so, details thereof?

**Using services of NGO's for social mobilization in SGSY schemes**

5217. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is provision in the SGSY scheme for using services of good NGOs for social mobilization;

(b) the NGO's who are engaged in the work in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, district-wise details thereof; and

(c) how many self help Groups and in which districts of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh are being formed by the NGO under SGSY?

**Implementation of TDET scheme regarding barren land in Andhra Pradesh**

5218. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing the Technology Development Extension and Training (TDET) scheme in Andhra Pradesh in respect of barren land of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results achieved under TDET in the State during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

**Empanelment of TV/Radio producers for production of software for creating awareness about rural development programmes**

5219. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently issued advertisement for

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empanelment of TV/Radio producers for undertaking production of audio visual software to create awareness about the various programmes in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had prescribed stringent eligibility criteria for empanelling the producers to select only the elite producers;

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

(d) whether he had received any representation from Members of Parliament in this regard and if so, the action taken thereon?

#### **Generating employment opportunities in U.P.**

5220. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to generate more employment opportunities in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan;

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

(c) the details of target fixed indicating the total amount allocated for the purpose during this period?

#### **Construction and protection of ponds and lakes in rural areas**

†5221. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to check the decreasing level of water in rural areas, Government have made any plans for the protection and construction of ponds and lakes in such areas;

(b) if so, the amount spent on this scheme so far; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme**

5222. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched a 'Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme' in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features/details of the programme;

(c) the number of schemes sanctioned and implemented under the programme State-wise, as on 31st March, 2002;

(d) whether the programme envisages peoples participation in implementation of schemes; and

(e) if so, the number of community latrines constructed under the scheme?

#### **Computerisation of Land Records**

5223. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country, State-wise in which the scheme for Computerisation of Land Records (CLR) is being implemented as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) whether Government have fixed any time-frame for extending the scheme to all districts of country;

(c) if so, time limit by when all land records in the country would be computerised; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

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**Installation of handpumps in villages**

†5224. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of handpumps installed in country under the National Drinking Water Scheme during last three years and the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the total amount incurred by Government for installing one handpump;
- (c) the target fixed for installation of Deep Well handpumps in rural areas during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the provision made for expenditure for this purpose?

**Mandays generated under JGSY in AP**

5225. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the mandays generated in Andhra Pradesh for providing employment to rural people under Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and
- (b) whether the generation was as desired?

**Financial assistance by Germany for Rural Water Supply schemes**

†5226. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Germany has provided financial assistance to India for Rural Water Supply schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount utilised by Rajasthan, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh out of the financial assistance received from Germany?

**Construction of rural roads under NABARD**

†5227. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States in the country where most of works with regard to construction of rural roads are being carried out under the NABARD;
- (b) the details of these roads; and
- (c) whether Government propose to hand over the construction of rural roads to the NABARD?

**Release of DRDA funds to Himachal Pradesh**

5228. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central Share Funds under various DRDA schemes including JGSY, SGSY, EAS etc. allocated/released by Government for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and
- (b) the reasons for not releasing the Central Share Fund under DRDA to the State at Himachal Pradesh?

**Construction of roads in Uttaranchal under PMGSY**

5229. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the PMGSY provides to connected all habitations with population of over 500 persons by the year 2007;
- (b) if so, whether Government are aware that the inhabitants of villages Allasu,

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Bhatboti, Kunkuli, Kismola, Modoshen, Thanul, Kwata, Chondil, Silwar and Jakhnoli in Pauri Garhwal, Uttaranchal, Patti-Maniyarshun have no roads at all while the population of these villages are over 600;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to connect these villages through PMGSY;

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Release of Funds for Apparel Park in AP**

5230. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released Central funds to Andhra Pradesh for creating Apparel Parks for production and exports of garments in and from the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the results achieved therefrom;

(d) whether any Apparel Training and Design Centre is functioning in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistant for revamping of sick textile Mills in Tamil Nadu**

5231. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate financial assistance for revamping of sick textile Mills in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Appointment of consultants to value and sell surplus land of NTC**

5232. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTC has appointed property consultants to value and sell surplus land in its possession;

(b) if so, the details of the consultants appointed and under what terms and conditions;

(c) whether the consultants have been asked to submit their reports within some specific period;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the plans of Government to invest the money likely to get from the sale of surplus lands?

#### **Promotion and development of handicraft in Rajasthan**

5233. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of handicraft units presently functioning in different parts of Rajasthan and number of workers engaged therein; and

(b) the schemes/incentive being given by Government for the promotion and development of handicrafts in Rajasthan?

#### **Review of TUFs to boost investment in Textile Sector**

5234. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVU-KKARASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme to boost investment in Textile Industry;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the scheme has lost its momentum in implementation;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps proposed to boost TUFs funding in textile sector?

**Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Plan in Chhattisgarh**

†5235. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any schemes/proposals from the Government of Chhattisgarh regarding Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Plan, Design input and Health package for weavers in Durg, Rajnandgaon and Kavardh district;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the proposals are likely to be implemented?

**Proposal for the welfare of textile worker**

5236. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to formulate a policy for the welfare of the textile workers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur**

†5237. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the contribution of your Ministry in the proposed Readymade Garments Complex at Jabalpur; and

- (b) the details thereof?

**Crisis in textile industry in Gujarat**

5238. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the closure of number of textile mills have created a serious crisis in the textile industry, particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the number of mills closed and the ones on the verge of closure;

(c) whether the crises has been further accentuated as a result of the recent disturbances in Ahmedabad; and

(d) if so, what concrete steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to revive the textile industry?

**Proposal for setting up a textile park by Government of Andhra Pradesh**

5239. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to approve setting up a textile park by the Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

**Financial assistance to NTC for maintenance and operation of Textile Mills**

†5240. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided financial help for the

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maintenance and operation of textile mills of National Textile Corporation from the various sources for the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of financial help given to the textile mills by the Government during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, year-wise; and

(c) the percentage of textile mills of National Textile Corporation where the production was going on during these years?

**Import of cotton, cotton cloth and readymade garments**

†5241. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton, cotton cloth and readymade garments are imported in the country;

(b) if so, the value of the above mentioned items imported in the country during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the names of the countries from which this import was made together with the value of items imported from each country?

**Increasing the cost of cotton**

†5242. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an increase in the price of cotton in the country during the last six months;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in cost;

(c) the reasons for the increase in costs; and

(d) the effect of the increase in cost of cotton on the production units of powerloom and handloom industry?

**Export of cotton yarn, cotton cloth and Garments**

†5243. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton yarn, cotton cloth and garments are exported from the country;

(b) if so, value of above said items exported during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 from the country; and

(c) the value of items exported along with the names of the countries to which export of said items was made?

**Headquarter office of NTC for proper operation of textile mills**

†5244. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a headquarter office is working for administrative and technical set up for proper operation of textile mills of National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the place where this head-

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quarter office is set up alongwith the number of officers of administrative and technical fields and the number of general clerks and peons working there as on March 2002; and

(c) the average annual expenditure on this headquarter office for the last three year?

**Revival of Khatau Macnanze Mills**

†5245. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for revival of Khatau Macnanze Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously considering about the acquisition of said mill;

(d) if so, by when the acquisition is expected;

(e) how Government are going to save the interests of labourers from its abovesaid step; and

(f) whether it is also a fact that in view of the Court's direction, the Central Government are taking stern steps against Mill's management for the payment of arrears to the labourers and is there any Plan for the auction of Mill's land?

NEW DELHI;  
The 9th May, 2002  

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Vaisakha 19, 1924 (Saka)

R.C. TRIPATHI,  
Secretary-General.

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