

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Development of North Eastern Region; Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Law and Justice; Mines; Minority Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Ocean Development; Power; Science and Technology; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Women and Child Development)

Total number of questions — 155

Proposals for new roads and bridges in NER

3021. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals from the North-Eastern States were received by the Central Government in respect of new roads and bridges for construction out of NLCPR fund and NEC fund in the years 2004-05 and 2005-06, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been sanctioned and have been provided with funds;

(c) the names of the roads for which proposals have been received from Tripura and their present status;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of the projects sanctioned in Tripura is small in comparison to other States; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor in details?

Growth of food industry

3022. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food industry is expected to grow at 8-8.5 per cent as per a study conducted by the industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the policy packages announced by Government to give a further boost to this industry; and

(d) what is the position of Orissa in this sector and the action plan of the Centre to help the State to improve the prospects of this industry in the rural areas of the state?

Capacity of sea-food processing industry

3023. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea-food processing industry in the country is utilising only around 20 per cent of its capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government for reaching full-capacity utilisation with specific reference to availability of new material; and

(d) whether Government will consider to review its policy on sea-food industry to provide impetus to this industry?

Wastage due to lack of storage facilities

3024. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by his Ministry to reduce the wastage due to non-availability of storage facilities in the country;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Non-compliance of UGC guidelines

†3025. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the guidelines of University Grants Commission have not been complied with in connection with the

admission of students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in engineering and medical colleges in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this direction to ensure compliance of the guidelines of University Grants Commission by all States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Drop-out of girl students

3026. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the current school drop-out rates of girl students, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the plans with which Government would address this issue;

(c) whether Government are considering to incorporate vocational training courses as part of the course curriculum for reducing the school drop-out rate; and

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

Private universities in the country

†3027. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private universities in each State in the country as on the 28th February, 2006;

(b) the State-wise names of recognised universities, out of the same;

(c) the criteria for granting recognition;

(d) the names of the private universities wherein proper inspections were made to

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grant continuity to the recognition alongwith the dates of the inspections; and

(e) the names of the universities in Chhattisgarh that have complied and not complied with all the prescribed conditions?

Professional colleges for food processing courses

3028. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of professional colleges where food processing courses have been introduced as a major and important faculty in the diploma or degree level;

(b) the number of colleges belonging to the North-Eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Punjab with State-wise break-up; and

(c) whether his Ministry is giving special emphasis on this field, as India is the second highest fruit producing country in the world and the processing of perishable food does not exceed two per cent on the average?

Financial assistance for revised pay in A.P.

3029. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Union Government for 80 per cent of the financial assistance under Revised University Grants Commission Scales of Pay, 1996 for affiliated Degree and Post Graduate colleges in the State reminded in this regard *vide* dir No. 11340/Trg/A2/2002 dated 10th February, 2005;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of releasing financial assistance in this regard at the earliest; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Package for Uchcha Prathmik Schools

†3030. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special package has been prepared by Government to bring educational standard of all Uchcha Prathmik Schools across the country at par with Kendriya Vidyalayas under the programme for improvement in the quality of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement to mobilise financial resources for the expenditure to be incurred for the implementation of the scheme; and

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

Revision of School textbooks

3031. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether text books prescribed for students, particularly those prescribed for school children, are periodically revised and updated to incorporate latest research and development taking place in various fields, particularly scientific fields;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that certain obsolete and wrong information pertaining to medical science has been incorporated in certain high school text books; and

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

Madarsa Education Board

3032. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has a plan to set up a Madarsa Education Board to bring all madarsas under the control of one Board/Organization and have a common education system for all madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had a discussion with the heads of different ideologies like Deoband, Jamait-Ulema-Hind and others to have an exact framework of the Board?

Lyngdoh Committee for peaceful election of student unions

†3033. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 145 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th February, 2006 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Lyngdoh Committee constituted for formulating guidelines for conducting peaceful elections of student unions and to keep it free from money and muscle power;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken for implementation of these recommendations?

Cultural festivals in schools

3034. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are introducing cultural festivals for students in schools in the country;

(b) if so, the modalities worked out so far;

(c) the funds allocated/to be allocated to each district, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Regulation of foreign universities

3035. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign educational institutes and universities operating in the country;

(b) whether it is necessary to reserve seats for candidates from Backward Classes in these universities;

(c) by when the proposed Bill to regulate foreign universities would be introduced and what would be its salient features; and

(d) whether the proposed Bill would take into account the cultural and linguistic sensitivities of the people of India?

Quality of Government teachers

3036. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that quality of teachers at Government schools and Government-aided schools in the

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country is very poor despite being much better paid than private schools;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in consultation with State Governments to impose strict parameters for teachers both at primary and high schools level to ensure quality of education;

(c) whether any quarterly assessment of performance of teachers by parents is proposed for taking action on erring teachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Scheme to open secondary schools

†3037. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme to open new secondary schools for promoting education;

(b) if so, the number of schools of secondary level to be opened in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the details thereof?

Setting up of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

3038. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up more Kendriya Vidyalayas in different parts of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government could use Kendriya Vidyalayas for national integration;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to put in place a system where more Kendriya Vidyalayas are opened without declining educational standards in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(d) the steps proposed to expand education through Kendriya Vidyalaya system all over the country; and

(e) the number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas which would be opened in 2005-06?

Drop-out rates

3039. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study about the rate of drop-outs in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Holenarsipur and Arkalgud in Hassan District of Karnataka tops in school drop-outs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to check increasing drop-outs?

Absence of teachers in primary schools

3040. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent World Bank-Harvard University study reporting that in India, one in four Government primary school teachers are

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absent on any given day, and that only one in two are actually teaching;

(b) whether it is a fact that in this study of 20 States, India has the second highest average absence rate among the eight countries;

(c) if so, whether Government have planned or implemented any steps to improve teacher attendance in Government primary schools across India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Changing fundamentals of KVs

3041. SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fundamentals of Kendriya Vidyalayas appear to be changing fast;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of Central Government employees' children on school rolls are falling day by day; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the interested wards of Government servants on transferable jobs are not denied admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of children recommended for admission in KVs is on the rise from 1.37 per cent in 2001-02 to 23.97 per cent in 2004-05; if so, the reasons for increase of percentage to approximately 24 per cent in nearly five years; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the report of PAC tabled in Parliament also did not appreciate the rise and has asked for reasons therefor?

Extra-curricular activities in Government schools

3042. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to encourage Government schools to take up extra curricular activities of the students;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalayas running second shift lack infrastructure for extra curricular activities;

(c) whether it is a fact that such lack of extra curricular activities is more pronounced in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in New Delhi, specifically the Gole Market branch; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the situation and the instructions issued to the school administration in respective Kendriya Vidyalayas?

Appointment of non-academics to university bodies

3043. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Government of Karnataka has decided to nominate politicians to Syndicates and Academic Councils of the Universities;

(b) whether it is ethical or useful to send non-academics to university bodies; and

(c) whether his Ministry would intervene and advise the State Governments to reconsider their stand and nominate only educationists of eminence to university bodies?

Intake of students in IIT and other professional colleges

3044. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that annual intake of students in Indian Institute of Technology and other State-funded professional colleges is likely to be increased substantially from the academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether reservation for the students belonging to OBC is also likely to be introduced and if so, the details thereof?

Reservation for BCs and OBCs

3045. SHRI MANOHAR GAJANAN JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to bring in reservations for BCs and OBCs in IITs and IIMs;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) if not, whether Government had taken any expert view in this regard; and

(d) whether Government are planning to send it to Parliamentary Standing Committee for its view of reservation for BCs and OBCs in IITs and IIMs?

Seats in Central Universities, IITs and IIMs

3046. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of seats available in Central Universities, IITs and IIMs; and

(b) the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Central Universities, IITs and IIMs?

Shifting of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sundargarh

3047. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to shift the Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sundargarh in Orissa to its outskirts which lacks all kinds of amenities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a lot of resentment among the parents, as the new site lacks safety of their wards; and

(d) if so, the action plan of the Centre to address this issue?

Grant under Operation Black Board in M.P.

†3048. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total grant provided to Madhya Pradesh Government under the Operation Black Board Project for the year 2005-06;

(b) the percentage of the grant provided; and

(c) whether State Government has requested to provide hundred per cent grant and if so, the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government?

Districts covered by DPEP

3049. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of districts covered under the District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) in Tamil Nadu as on date; and

(b) if so, the details of programme of Government in this regard during 2005-06 and 2006-07, district-wise and place-wise?

Funding universities and colleges

3050. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a plan for funding various types of universities in the country to breathe life into universities and colleges;

(b) if so, whether the universities presently funded by IGNOU are also included under the scheme;

(c) whether any specific category of universities are identified for funding; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Training martial arts to DU girls

3051. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi University has trained its girl students to deal with eve-teasers through martial art;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to impress upon other universities to train girl students to tackle this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deemed University status

3052. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to grant Deemed University status to 10 institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reservation to OBCs in higher education

†3053. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to give reservation to OBCs in higher educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the names of such institutes which have been brought within the periphery of reservation?

Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus

3054. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to withdraw some NCERT text books from next session;

(b) if so, the names of text books and reasons for withdrawal;

(c) whether the National Minorities Commission has given its recommendation for withdrawal of these text books; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Reservation for OBCs in professional courses

3055. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to make reservation of seats in professional colleges for the students belonging to OBC;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether reservation would be implemented from the current academic year and if not, from when?

Expansion of technical education in Jharkhand

†3056. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has issued any directives with a view to assist the State Government of Jharkhand for expanding technical education and improving its quality and implementing Central scheme in Jharkhand;

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

(c) whether any funds have been earmarked for the same?

Re-employment of superannuated teachers

3057. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority suggested re-employment of superannuated teachers to address the shortfall of regular teachers in colleges and universities;

(b) if so, the number of such vacancies in various States and Universities, State-wise, University-wise, and Central University-wise for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) if so, whether the Competent Authority of University Grants Commission stated that it prefers to fill the vacancies on a regular basis; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fill the vacancies as on date?

Financial assistance for Vocational Education and Training

3058. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the Government of Maharashtra to send a detailed proposal for financial assistance on 9th June, 2005 for the scheme of Vocational Education and Training (VET);

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra has submitted their proposal to the Central Government on 2nd September, 2005; and

(c) if answers to parts (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, the response of Government thereto and by when the financial assistance is likely to be released to the State Government?

Financial assistance to State Education Boards

3059. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Education Ministers' Conference held on

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10th August, 2005 at New Delhi, the issue of providing financial assistance to the State Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards which are giving quality education was raised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Maharashtra Government had also taken up the matter with the Central Government subsequently; and

(c) if so, the response of Government thereto and by when Government are likely to issue its policy guidelines in the matter?

Review of Madarsa syllabus

3060. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed and revised the Madarsa syllabus scheme so as to bring in general development of the students besides religious teaching within the Madarsa syllabus; and

(b) if so, the decision so taken in the matter?

UGC grants to universities and colleges

3061. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion for sanctioning grants to the universities and colleges by the U.G.C.;

(b) the total number of State universities and colleges in Rajasthan;

(c) the number of universities and colleges in Rajasthan which have received U.G.C. grants during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) the number of colleges and universities which are not getting any grant from the University Grants Commission and the reasons therefor?

Intake for IGNOU B.Ed. course

3062. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although the extant rules of the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) stipulate enrolment of total 2,000 students in the Bachelor in Education (B.Ed) course in its 97 centres in the country;

(b) the details of enrolment, year-wise, since 1997-98 till the last academic session in each centre, including fees collected per enrolment;

(c) whether any review of infrastructure especially of faculty strength existing in each centre has been carried out from time to time; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

Opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas

†3063. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of new Kendriya Vidyalayas that will be opened in the year 2006-07;

(b) the reasons for delay in taking a final decision regarding opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas and by when a final decision will be taken in this regard; and

(c) the total number of such schools wherein teaching is being done with the help of computer and the Government's plan regarding rest of the schools alongwith the complete details thereof?

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NP-NSPE scheme in States

3064. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of NP-NSPE, the funds earmarked under the scheme and allocation made to the States during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that funds are not released on a regular basis to the States, thereby hampering continued implementation of the mid-day meal scheme by the State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Karnataka Government has requested for release of funds towards cooking cost; and

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

IIT status to certain engineering colleges

†3065. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to grant the status of IIT to certain engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received the reports of S.K. Joshi and Prof. Anand Krishanan Committees in this regard;

(d) the names of the colleges which have been recommended to be provided the status of IIT by both the said Committees; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by Government on the recommendations of the said Committees?

UGC academic calendars

3066. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UGC is mooting to bring out a uniform academic calendar;

(b) if so, whether the UGC has invited the views of the universities in this regard;

(c) if so, the responses received so far; and

(d) the idea behind such a move?

Technical educational institutes in Uttaranchal

3067. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of technical educational institutes functioning in Uttaranchal at present and since when;

(b) whether any grant has been received by the Universities and Colleges in Uttaranchal from the University Grants Commission during the year 2002 till date; and

(c) the details of the criteria for receiving and utilization of such grants?

Welfare schemes for weaker sections, women and children

3068. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are running the schemes for the welfare of weaker sections, women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof so far as Uttaranchal is concerned especially people residing in hilly and far-flung areas of this State; and

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(c) the amount sanctioned, disbursed and utilized under these schemes during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise and the block-wise?

Promotion of education in border areas

3069. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to promote education in the border areas of Punjab State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Failure of SSA and Mid-day Meal schemes

3070. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry's report highlighted that almost all the States failed to utilise the funds allotted to them for implementing the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day meal programmes;

(b) whether most of the States returned 1/3 of their grants unutilised for the past two years;

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has decided to ramp up its monitoring efforts for full utilisation of the funds;

(d) whether Budget allocation has also been increased; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps taken for implementation of both the schemes during the current year?

Recognition of certificates and degrees of Madarsas

†3071. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to grant recognition to certificates and degrees given by Madarsas being run in the country by Muslim institutions;

(b) the scheme of Central/State Governments for inspection, regulation and control on such Madarsas; and

(c) the scheme to ensure that the curriculum of these Madarsas is secular and not fanaticism-oriented?

University for Muslim Educational Institutions

3072. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal has been submitted by Government of Karnataka for setting up of a separate university for the development of educational institutions set up by the Muslims;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proposed Muslim University will be named after Tipu Sultan;

(c) whether Government has planned to set up the proposed University at Devanahalli, the birth place of Tipu Sultan; and

(d) by when the proposal would be approved by the University Grants Commission?

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Modernisation of Madarsas

†3073. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Central Government under Modernization of Madarsa Education and Reform Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of action taken/ proposed to be taken?

Legislation to define office of profit

3074. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to bring forward suitable legislation to define the type of office of profit and to exclude certain categories of offices from the purview of the Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Law Commission's Report

3075. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Law Commission in its report has strongly advocated the inclusion of breach of code of conduct as amounting to misbehaviour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this provision was not included in the Judges (Inquiry) Bill, 2005; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Registration of marriage

†3076. PROF ALKA BALRAM

KSHATRIYA:

SHRI MANGANI LAL

MANDAL:

SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to make the registration of marriage mandatory, the Honourable Supreme Court had directed the Centre and State Governments in January, 2006, to make appropriate amendment in the relevant Act within 3 months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this will prevent child marriages and marital disputes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the approach of Government in this regard?

Spreading literacy among the rural masses by National Legal Literacy Mission

3077. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

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

(a) the details of the States where Project-Combat will be launched by the National Legal Literacy Mission in protecting the rights of Dalits, disadvantaged women and girl child;

(b) what would be the role of the law students participating in the project to help the underprivileged; and

(c) whether budget allocation has been made by the Union Government to spread legal awareness in the remote rural areas?

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Printing of the Constitution

†3078. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when was the Constitution of India published and made available in market last time;

(b) whether many amendments have been carried out in the Constitution and still its latest edition is not available to the common man;

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take for providing latest edition of the Constitution by including all amendments carried out therein; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in this regard?

National Tax Tribunal

3079. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than Rs. 70,000 crores is locked up in litigation as tax arrears;

(b) whether to reduce the burden of tax cases from the High Courts and reduce the period of litigation, which routinely goes upto 15 years, Government had proposed to set up National Tax Tribunal;

(c) whether various tax professionals have been opposing the move to set up the National Tax Tribunal citing judicial and technical reasons; and

(d) whether the Bombay High Court has recently clamped a stay on setting up such a Tribunal?

National Judicial Council

3080. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of

LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a National Judicial Council for taking action against judges of Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) whether any amendment is proposed in the Constitution of India for doing away with the procedure of impeachment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Ministers

†3081. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Chief Justices of High Courts and Chief Ministers of States was organised recently in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Representation against Election Commissioner

3082. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Members of Parliament against the Election Commissioner;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Cases pending in Jharkhand High Court

†3083. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be

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pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the High Court of Jharkhand at present;

(b) the number of new cases filed in Jharkhand High Court every year and the number of cases disposed off out of them; and

(c) the percentage of increase or decrease in pending cases every year?

Appointment of retired judges

†3084. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that retired Chief Justice of India Hon'ble Shri J. S. Verma (Supreme Court), and former Attorney General Shri Soli Sorabjee have offered to provide their services as *ad-hoc* judges to ease the ever-increasing burden of cases;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) the names of other retired High Court and Supreme Court Judges who have submitted similar proposals; and

(d) the details of action being taken by Government with regard to the ever-increasing burden of cases and decreasing number of judges?

Disposal of rape cases

3085. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are actively considering to issue necessary instructions to the courts in the country to take a quick decision about rape cases as the one such case at Alwar (Rajasthan) was finalized only in 9 (nine) working days;

(b) if so, whether Union Government are considering to amend the law in this regard and if so, when; and

(c) how far such immediate decision shall avoid the rape cases in the country?

Amendments in Hindu Marriage Act

†3086. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of amendments made till date in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has given some suggestions for making amendments in the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Voting rights to NRIs

3087. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any follow up action has been taken by Government in respect of the announcement made by it regarding providing voting rights to NRIs and by what time they will be eligible to cast their votes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rise in pending cases in Gujarat

†3088. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of pending cases is increasing rapidly in the courts in Gujarat;

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(b) the impact on the judicial system due to increase in such cases and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for quick disposal of pending cases?

Filling up of backlog vacancies

3089. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under the Ministry;

(b) whether the Special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, the number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2006?

Valuation of BALCO shares

3090. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether SBI Capital Markets Limited was appointed as valuer for valuation of 49 per cent equity shares of Government in BALCO for the purpose of disinvestments;

(b) whether SBI Capital Market Limited in turn had assigned the job of valuation to M/s Dalal Mott MacDonald, Mumbai;

(c) whether there is a case of conflict of interest of this agency in valuing the share as they are also engaged in valuation job for captive power plant and smelter of BALCO; and

(d) if so, the reason for engaging this agency by SBI Caps?

Iron-ore reserves in Chhattisgarh

†3091. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of known reserves of iron-ore in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the quantum of this reserve for which mining concession is provided to PSUs of Government of India and the stock reserved for PSUs of Government of India;

(c) whether Government have been receiving applications for reserving iron-ore reserve in favour of State Government's PSU, CMDC; and

(d) if so, the dates of receiving such applications and by when the same will be disposed of?

Amending MMDR Act and MCR

†3092. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957 and the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 of the States for immediate and time-bound development of mineral resources available in the States;

(b) if so, the proposed rules and sections;

(c) whether Government propose to devolve all the power pertaining to minerals mentioned in part 'a' and 'c' of the MMDR Act; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Expansion of definition of 'minority communities'

3093. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand the definition of 'Minority Communities' to bring various linguistic and religious groups under its purview; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Utilization of solar energy

3094. SHRI LALIT SURI:

SHRIMATI SYEDA

ANWARA TAIMUR:

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

(a) whether Government are planning to put in solar water heating/solar power systems mandatory for every upcoming house/apartment and Government office;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what way Government are planning to motivate urban/rural areas to utilize solar energy; and

(d) the details thereof?

Setting up of Energy Park at Yavatmal in Maharashtra

3095. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRIMATI SYEDA

ANWARA TAIMUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, Pune had sometime back submitted to the Central Government a proposal to set up a District level Energy Park at Yavatmal, Maharashtra for approval;

(b) if so, at what stage the matter stands now; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be cleared by the Central Government?

Wind energy potential

3096. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has enormous potential for wind energy;

(b) if so, details thereof and what are the project costs and capacity of wind energy;

(c) whether Government find any difficulties in installing these projects in country's every taluka; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken for installing more wind power generation projects in the country?

Encouraging non-conventional energy sources

3097. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power generated through non-conventional energy sources in India is very low as compared to other nations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have any plans to encourage Non-Conventional Energy Sources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Cost of solar energy

3098. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of solar energy generation in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to reduce the high cost of solar energy and make it more viable?

Small hydro electric projects for development of NER

†3099. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan to set up small hydro electric projects for the development of North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of those projects which have taken special assistance from the Ministry in the last five years, State-wise; and

(d) the number of such projects completed and by when the remaining projects are likely to be completed?

Energy potential of the country

3100. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the potential of hydel energy, bio-mass energy and wind energy in the country as on the 31st January, 2006;

(b) the projects that have been started in each of energy sources during the last three years and their capacity, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that 2700 megawatts of electricity can be produced from solid and liquid waste;

(d) if so, the actual progress in tapping this resource; and

(e) how much increase is projected in electricity during Tenth Five Year Plan and what is the outcome as on date?

Formulation of National Bio-diesel Policy

3101. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to formulate a National Bio-Diesel Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Production of non-conventional energy

3102. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of non-conventional energy in the country as on the 31st March, 2006, State-wise;

(b) the monthly consumption of this non-conventional energy, State-wise;

(c) the total requirements of this energy in the country and by when it is expected to be met; and

(d) the efforts proposed by Government to produce energy during the next 10 years and how the requirements shall be met?

Clearance to Non-Conventional Energy Sources proposals for Tamil Nadu

3103. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Non-

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Conventional Energy Sources proposals of Tamil Nadu are pending with Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government for early clearance of these proposals; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

Mini Hydel Projects in tribal areas

3104. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) is allowed to run mini hydel projects in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Popularization of Non-Conventional Energy Sources in rural areas

†3105. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to introduce bio-energy as an alternative;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have failed to develop non-conventional energy inspite of all possibilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the details of Government's efforts made to popularize non-conventional energy in remote areas, particularly in rural areas?

Major activities of the Ministry

3106. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major activities of his Ministry in the last five years; and

(b) in what way the schemes of his Ministry would be for general well-being of the nation in general, and those living near the ocean in particular?

Tsunami Warning System at Hyderabad

3107. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: SHRI C. PERUMAL: SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work with regard to setting up of Tsunami Warning System at Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is facing financial difficulties in the current financial year to release the funds inspite of allocation of Rs. 125 crores in the current fiscal;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether his Ministry has set any deadline to complete this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Demand of power

†3108. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to meet 100 per cent demand of power;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that several power generation projects are pending for the last many years;

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(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these projects are likely to be operationalized; and

(e) the details of the present status and possibilities in the areas of Nuclear and hydroelectric power alongwith the target fixed by Government?

Power projects in Uttaranchal

3109. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any investment in Power Projects in the country particularly in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of such investment in the last three years, project-wise; and

(c) the share of Uttaranchal Government alongwith the Central Government in this regard?

Investments in ultra mega power projects

3110. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked the Investment Commission to generate more interest among international power companies to invest in India's ultra mega power projects;

(b) whether a number of delegations visited US, Europe and China to attract investment for these mega projects;

(c) if so, how many foreign investors have agreed to invest in power sector in India;

(d) if so, what is the total amount they have invested so far; and

(e) the names of the States in which these power projects will be set up?

Loan and aid under APDRP

3111. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded special status to some of the backward States for grant of loan and aid under Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme, if so, the names of such States;

(b) what are the criteria of categorizing the States under the same;

(c) whether Government intend to accord special status to the State of Rajasthan in consideration of its being a Border and a famine ridden backward State to bring it at par with other such States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab

3112. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority/Central Water Commission has prepared a background paper regarding claims of Rajasthan in Hydel Projects in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Power connection expenses

†3113. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to bear the power connection expenses by Government with regard to rural families in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposal; and

(c) the assessment made with regard to total expenditure for the implementation of said proposal?

Rural electrification

†3114. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the year 2005-06, it was targeted to electrify 10,846 villages and provided electricity to 60 lakh rural families;

(b) if not, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the above said target is likely to be achieved and if so, the details thereof and the number of villages and families that have been provided with electricity between April, 2005 to December, 2005?

Proper utilization of power

†3115. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 23,000 MW power can be saved in the country by way of proper utilization of power;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that with above steps present shortage of power in the country can be removed; and

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

Generation of power in Ratnagiri Gas and Power Corporation Ltd.

†3116. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generation of power would commence in Ratnagiri Gas and Power Corporation Ltd. with effect from 1st May, 2006;

(b) if so, the percentage of total installed capacity that would be generated now;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of Gas, Neptha would be used as fuel in this project;

(d) if so, the estimated cost of power generation; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the cost of generation of power in this project is more than the average cost of generation and if so, the reasons therefor?

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**Funds for power reforms in
Jharkhand and Orissa**

3117. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand Government has sought Rs. 3000 crores for power reforms in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of Government to extend similar help to the cash strapped tribal dominated Orissa State for carrying out similar reforms in the State?

**World Bank assistance for
improvement in power supply**

†3118. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to seek aid from World Bank and any other country for bringing improvement in power supply in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed alongwith the estimated expenditure thereon?

Power policy

3119. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to follow a differential power policy approach for public and private sectors to achieve the ambitious goal of generating 60 GW power by the year 2012; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed differential policy?

Shortage of gas in power plants

3120. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether both private and public sector gas-based power plants are facing acute shortage of gas, curtailing the Plant Load Factor to 60 per cent;

(b) whether there have been no substantial increases in gas production by ONGC facilities and delays in development of gas blocks by private operators like Reliance and GSPCL; and

(c) whether this gas crunch is also affecting the financial closure of a number of gas-based power projects?

Status of power projects in Andhra Pradesh

3121. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects under construction in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the amount allocated to each project by Union Government and State Government;

(c) the time frame by which the projects are likely to be started and completed;

(d) the additional capacity that has been generated so far in the Tenth Five Year Plan against the target of 41,000 MW;

(e) if so, the reasons for the dismal performance in the capacity addition;

(f) the break up of additional capacity added in the First Year of the Tenth Five

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Year Plan, sector-wise and State-wise, particularly Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) the road-map to realize the Tenth Five Year Plan target?

Electricity Generation

3122. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether electricity is generated by State Electricity Boards in addition to the electricity generated through the undertakings of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details of the percentage of electricity generated by the Central Government undertakings out of the total electricity generated in the country; and

(c) the percentage of electricity generated through the projects of State Electricity Boards during the last three years, State-wise, particularly Andhra Pradesh?

Programme to provide power in rural areas

3123. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn out a comprehensive programme for providing quality power at affordable costs to rural consumers;

(b) if so, the objectives and targets contemplated under the programme in terms of power generation and minimising transmission losses; and

(c) the number of villages and habitations and percentage of households in different State devoid of power in the beginning of the Tenth Five Year Plan and as per latest estimates?

Project for rural electrification with World Bank assistance

†3124. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement a pilot project for electrification of rural areas of some States of the country with the help of World Bank;

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

(c) whether after implementation of this project, Government are considering to start new power project for increasing power generation for uninterrupted power supply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Power requirement for agricultural sector

3125. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of annual power requirement for agricultural purposes;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the arrival of MNCs has added to power shortage directly affecting agriculture; and

(d) the steps taken to meet power requirement for agriculture?

Assessment of Hydro electric potential

3126. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the hydro-electricity potential (in mega watts) assessed in Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and North-Eastern States;

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(b) if no assessment has yet been done, the steps contemplated in pursuance thereof;

(c) whether any concerted effort is planned for generation of hydro-electricity in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Tehri Dam Project

3127. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mega 2400 MW Tehri Dam Project has been hanging fire for several years due to non-rehabilitation of displaced persons and other issues; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Northern State of Uttaranchal has displaced an estimated 100,000 persons and plunging 125 villages under a vast artificial lake?

Modernization of existing power plants

3128. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to renovate/modernise the existing power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the power projects/plants proposed to be modernised during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(c) the extent to which power generation capacity of each project/plant is likely to be increased after modernisation alongwith the expenditure involved?

Setting up of Ultra Mega Power Projects

3129. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has planned to invite global tenders to develop four Ultra Mega Power Projects to produce 5,000 MW electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States and places selected for such Ultra Mega Power projects; and

(d) whether the Assam has been selected for these projects because of its high potential to produce power?

Use of coal for power generation in Assam

3130. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is abundant quantity of coal in Upper Assam, estimated to be around 320 million tonnes which may last more than 100 years with generating capacity of 500 MW of power;

(b) whether Assam coal is of low ash content approximately 4 to 15 per cent and high sulphur content (2 to 5 per cent) is used for other industries, but the same has not yet been utilized for generation of electricity;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures to use this type of coal for generation of electricity with the help of sophisticated technology; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana

3131. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana, along with the budgetary allocation;

(b) the number of rural areas electrified so far under the scheme, State-wise alongwith the assistance released;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested for assistance for implementation of the scheme in 9 more districts; and

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

Identification of hydro power potential

†3132. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that installed capacity of nearly 50,000 megawatt hydro-electricity has been identified in the 16 States of the country in which initial feasibility reports of 162 hydro-electric projects have been prepared; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise and the time limit fixed to achieve this target?

National Tariff Policy

3133. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come out with the National Tariff Policy to accelerate power sector reforms; and

(b) in what manner the new National Tariff Policy addresses the contentious issues of calculating cross subsidy surcharge for open access in distribution?

Restructuring of APDRP

3134. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to give a further push to promote States to encourage reduction in Aggregate Transmission and Commercial (AT&C) losses, Government propose to restructure the ongoing Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP);

(b) if so, whether Government have admitted that the 36 per cent of AT&C losses and losses of Rs. 24,000 crore incurred by State Electricity Board are the matter of serious concern;

(c) if so, whether some of the States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh have been benefited by APDRP; and

(d) if so, by what time other States are likely to be benefited by this reform?

Rural electrification in Madhya Pradesh

†3135. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal to Government for electrification of 185 villages situated in remote and forest areas;

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- (b) by when Government would approve the amount for the same; and
(c) the details thereof?

**Strengthening of T&D system in
Jhabua, M.P.**

†3136. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent a demand letter to NTPC to strengthen the transmission and distribution system of power in district Jhabua;
(b) if so, by when the funds would be sanctioned; and
(c) if not, the details thereof?

**Electrification of villages in
Tamil Nadu**

3137. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages electrified in Tamil Nadu under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana so far, district-wise;
(b) whether any target has been fixed for electrification of villages during 2006-07 in the State;
(c) if so, the details thereof including the amount earmarked for the purpose;
(d) if not, the reasons therefor;
(e) whether any Central Public Sector Undertaking is involved in electrification of villages in the State; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made by them so far?

**Overdrawing of power from Northern
Grid**

3138. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Northern Grid which supplies power to Northern States is on the brink of collapse;
(b) if so, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether it is a fact that some States are overdrawing power from this grid even when the grid's frequency is low;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the action taken by the Union Government to see that the Northern India's power network is not snapped?

**Complaints of private power
companies**

3139. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private power companies have, through CII, alleged that the Ministry has failed to differentiate its role as owner of public sector companies and a policy maker for the entire country in the matter of payment guarantee cover;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) the final view taken by Government in this regard?

**Increase in load shedding after
privatization in Delhi**

3140. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that after

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privatization of electricity in Delhi load shedding has been increased;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is fact that metres installed by the private companies are generally very fast; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check these faults and the exact number of cases of faulty/fast metres were found during the last one year?

National Science and Research Foundation

3141. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to form a world class “National Science and Research Foundation”;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed Foundation would be monitored by the scientific community on the lines of National Science Fund of the United States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Transgenic crops in the country

3142. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India has now become a major player in the field of transgenic crops by achieving coverage area of 50,000 hectares;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India had hiked its Bt. Cotton area coverage by 400 per cent between 2002-04;

(c) if so, the percentage of increase in Andhra Pradesh since introduction of Bt. Cotton in the country; and

(d) the manner in which India is planning to galvanise the global biotech crop market in the next three years?

Dilution in level of excellence in R&D institutions

3143. SHRI DARA SINGH:

SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have stated that no policy should be taken which will dilute the levels of excellence in our research and development(R&D) and educational institutions;

(b) how many projects under his Ministry in IITs and IIMs are being supported by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of Science and Technology and Department of Bio-Technology where he does not favour reservation policy; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that nothing should be done that will dampen India's efforts to compete in World Markets?

Early warning system for Tsunami

†3144. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had made an announcement to indigenously build the early warning system for Tsunami;

(b) if so, the amount of money earmarked for this plan; and

(c) the progress made so far in developing this system?

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C.S.I.R. laboratories

3145. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of CSIR laboratories;

(b) the details of recurring and capital expenditure incurred and income earned by each laboratory during the last five years;

(c) the sponsorship fees earned from the projects sponsored by Government agencies and private agencies;

(d) the income generated by each laboratory by giving technical services to Government and private agencies; and

(e) the expenditure incurred by tax payers on each laboratory, during last five years to sustain the establishment?

Formation of a new department of Earth Sciences

3146. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to form a new Department of Earth Sciences by merging Indian Meteorological Department and Department of Oceanography;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether this will be an improvement over the existing system of different departments?

Findings of Rice Genome Research

3147. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the findings of Rice Genome Research by Indian scientists have been

applied in rice research for increasing rice yield;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of genome research underway in respect of other agricultural products?

Setting up of a Rural Technology Centre in Jhalawar District of Rajasthan

3148. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal on the 24th March, 2004 to Department of Bio-Technology for setting up a Rural Technology centre in Jhalawar District in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the whether Government have, till date, sanctioned any amount for the proposed project to enable the implementing agency to initiate the necessary action in this regard;

(c) whether any detailed feasibility report of the project has been received/ submitted to Government by the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee; and

(d) if so, when?

Package to boost biotech sector

3149. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the strategies proposed to boost India's biotech sector;

(b) whether there is a proposal for a Rs. 1,000 crore package aiming at creating 50 centres of excellence across the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a crunch of skilled scientists to take up research and development activities; and

(d) whether there are any special schemes to retain biotech scientists in the country and encourage Indian scientists working overseas to return?

CII's suggestions on reservation in private sector

‡3150. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Industries (C.I.I.) have stated that the suggestion to make legal provision for reservation in private sector is undesirable;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the private sector has also stated that if the reservation is imposed, the multinational companies will move towards other countries;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that the C.I.I. has suggested that it is ready to take steps to impart education and training to the backward and the deprived people and to make improvement in their skills; and

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

Schemes for welfare of disabled persons

3151. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced any new schemes this year for the welfare of disabled persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Backward Classes Finance Corporation

3152. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the National Backward Classes Finance Corporation was set up to provide concessional finance to the different backward classes;

(b) how many persons were financed by this scheme in the last five years in different States and the amount financed under the scheme; and

(c) the rate of interest charged by the corporation under this scheme?

Determination of creamy layer among OBCs

3153. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the fields/areas in which benefit is available to the OBCs in terms of the orders/instructions of Central Government;

(b) whether such benefits are not available to those falling in the "creamy layer";

(c) the criteria/guidelines for determining the "creamy layer";

(d) whether the basis of "creamy layer" vary in the States; if so, whether Government have information about how the States have determined the "creamy layer"; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hostels for SC and OBC girls

3154. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of hostels constructed

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with Central assistance for girls belonging to the Scheduled Castes and OBCs to enable them to pursue higher education, during the last five years ending the 31st March, 2006; and

(b) the places where such hostels were constructed and the investment made for the purpose during the period with the number of students who can be accommodated there?

Reservation of jobs in private sector

3155. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for job reservation in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to implement above proposal;

(c) whether Confederation of Indian Industries has proposed a task force to empower disadvantaged sections of society other than mandatory quota in job reservation in private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the proposed year, if any, for implementation of job reservation in private sector?

National Policy for Senior Citizens

3156. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the National Policy for Senior Citizens;

(b) the details of various Schemes implemented so far for the welfare of Senior Citizens under the National Policy on Senior Citizens by the Ministry, State-wise;

(c) the details of various concessions provided to Senior Citizens of our country by the Union Government and the States;

(d) the details of measures taken so far in running institutions most effectively and efficiently like "Home for the Aged" funded by the Union Government and States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Report of safai Karmachari Andolan on scavengers

3157. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report was submitted quite recently in the Supreme Court by Safai Karmachari Andolan that the human scavengers strength has increased to 8 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details of the Supreme Court's orders;

(c) the details of action taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether a law was enacted in 1993, banning human scavenging throughout the country;

(e) if so, the number of employers prosecuted, fined and convicted, State-wise as on date for engaging human scavengers in violation of the law banning human scavenging; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Inclusion of Thachar Community in SC List

3158. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1914 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any comments from the Registrar General of India regarding inclusion of 'Thachar' community in the Scheduled Caste List;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the latest position of the matter?

Sub-classification of SCs

3159. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce a sub-classification among the SCs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the criteria adopted for this purpose?

Inclusion of castes as OBCs/SCs

3160. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States have included certain castes in the Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details of States which have included certain castes in the OBC list;

(c) whether the Central Government have received requests from State Governments to include certain communities in the Scheduled Castes and OBC list;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

Welfare schemes for SC, ST, OBC and minority students

3161. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various welfare schemes for students belonging to the SC, ST, OBCs and Minorities *e.g.*, providing free stationery in schools, grant scholarships at school and graduation levels and also for vocational studies in ITI, etc., are being implemented in the States and UTs;

(b) the details of schemes showing estimated number of beneficiaries of each *vis-a-vis* actuals, State-wise for the last three years;

(c) the details of funds earmarked for each schemes and Centre's share therein *vis-a-vis* fund actually spent during the period, State-wise; and

(d) the findings of inquiry conducted, if any, into the reasons for lower utilization whenever and wherever detected?

Identification of the forest-dependent communities

3162. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study to identify the forest-dependent communities who have total dependency on the forests;

(b) whether Government will grant any rights to such communities living in tribal villages and also grant them new rights under the proposed legislations; and

(c) the details of steps proposed to give forest rights to forest-dependent people?

Tribals and big companies in mineral sector

3163. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been growing fight between the tribals and big companies in mineral sector in mineral rich States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact of such incidence on the development scenario and in particular the FDI inflow to the country;

(d) whether any comprehensive plan has been formulated to address the problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/proposed to be taken to wean the tribals away from naxalites' influence?

Stipend to SC/ST students in Orissa

†3164. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes of upto class 10 who were provided stipend and the number of those who were not provided any stipend in the country, particularly in the State of Orissa during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that many students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have dropped out for not getting stipend in the State of Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 60 crores has been returned by the State of Orissa; and

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

Applications for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribe

†3165. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of certain castes have made applications through State Governments for their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

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

(c) the details of action taken in this regard as on 28th February, 2006; and

(d) the details of castes included in the schedule of Scheduled Tribes during the last three years, State-wise?

Inclusion of villages in Schedule V Area

3166. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have approached to notify the villages with predominantly tribal population for inclusion in Schedule V Area;

(b) whether any such request from Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending with Government;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon; and

(d) what is the status of other States in this respect?

Role of TRIFED

3167. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be

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pleased to state:

(a) whether the role of TRIFED has changed from procurement of minor forest produce to promotional and development activities;

(b) if so, whether TRIFED is expected to meet its establishment cost from profit or from grant; and

(c) if TRIFED is not a profit making organization now, whether Government are committed to support it through grant?

Assistance for tribal areas in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh

3168. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation to assist the tribal areas in West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have made any effort to sanction special package for this area which will suffer from serious future displacement;

(c) the details of any proposals submitted by Andhra Government for West Godavari district specific assistance;

(d) what has been done with such proposals; and

(e) the steps proposed to fulfil these requirements?

Rehabilitation for tribals

3169. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have specific rules for relief, rehabilitation of tribals who will be moved out due to irrigation and other river projects;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not protecting tribals by not ensuring that they get land and houses only in Scheduled areas;

(c) what steps will be taken to write to all State Governments to ensure that all displaced tribals will get housing and land only in recognized Scheduled areas; and

(d) the steps proposed to enforce such a rule immediately in the interest of tribals?

Scheduled Tribes in Tamil Nadu

3170. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Tribes in the State of Tamil Nadu, tribe-wise along with their dwelling areas;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any specific plan for the development of tribes in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made/proposed to be made thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mahila Swadhar Yojana in Tamil Nadu

3171. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction of shelter Homes under Mahila Swadhar Yojana in the Tamil Nadu State;

(b) the details of amount spent under this project; and

(c) by when the construction work of these homes is likely to be completed?

**Balika Samridhi Yojana in
Karnataka**

3172. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of
WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal
for release of funds under Balika Samridhi
Yojana (BSY) to Karnataka is lying pending
with Government; and

(b) if so, the amount likely to be
released?

**Funds for Swayamsidha scheme in
Karnataka**

3173. SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of
WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from
Karnataka Government for sanction of
funds under Swayamsidha scheme pending
with Central Government; and

(b) if so, the status of the proposal and
the proposed action of the Central
Government thereon?

Malnutrition in children

3174. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the
Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is
growing percentage of malnutrition
problems among children in the country,
particularly in the Maharashtra State for
the last two years;

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

(c) the details of steps taken so far by
Government for tackling this issue in the
country?

Child-care in the Tenth Plan

†3175. SHRI MANGANI LAL
MANDAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN
AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special
emphasis has been given in the Tenth Five
Year Plan for implementing the idea and
objectives of child welfare, child
development and child safety;

(b) whether it is also a fact that National
Child Charter and National Child Action
Plan have been implemented in February,
2004 and August, 2005 respectively; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith
assessment and details of status of
achievement and outcome, State-wise in
view of target fixed for the same?

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