

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

Monday, the July 15, 2002/Asadha 24, 1924 (Saka)

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

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News-item "Disinvestment train on slow track"

1. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Disinvestment train on slow track", which appeared in the Business Standard dated 13th June, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems responsible for the slow-down of the disinvestment process as highlighted in the news-item?

Disinvestment of PSUs

2. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest National Fertilizers Limited (NFL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to disinvest PSUs like EIL, BEML, RCF, NALCO, Neyveli Lignite Corporation and STC Limited; and

(d) if so, the latest position with regard to disinvestment of these PSUs, Company-wise?

Demonstration by CGHS employees

3. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme employees held a demonstration on the 19th, June 2002 in support of their demands in New Delhi;

(b) whether the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission concerning these employees have not been implemented; and

(c) Government's response to their demands?

**CAG report on National Programme
for Control of Blindness**

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

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

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has criticized Government for poor implementation of National Programme for Control of Blindness;

(b) if so, whether according to the report placed before the Parliament, it has pointed out that more than 70 lakh prospective beneficiaries were left untargeted;

(c) if so, the main reasons for not implementing the National Programme for Blindness; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take to implement fully the project for removing blindness in the country?

National Health Policy

5. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether Government have announced the new National Health Policy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose that two years' of rural posting would be mandatory for medical graduates and would be done through the Medical Council;

(c) if so, the other main features of the policy; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

Winding up of CGHS dispensaries

6. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wind up CGHS dispensaries in congested localities as several local doctors are available for consultation and restrict dispensaries to far-flung areas only where doctors are not available, especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of plans made in this regard; and

(c) if not, how health care of people will be taken care of in far-flung rural areas?

**Supply of oxygen in Kalavati Saran
Children's Hospital**

†7. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an attempt to kill dozens of new born babies/child patients was made by stopping supply of oxygen on the 1st June, 2002 in Kalavati Saran Children's Hospital;

(b) whether Government have taken any action against the culprits after making inquiries into the incident of shutting off the oxygen plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have ensured that the parents of the hospitalized children remain free from fear and such incident does not recur in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Options to CGHS beneficiaries

8. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider giving options to CGHS beneficiaries to consult reputed doctors locally and purchase medicines direct instead of visiting CGHS dispensaries where medicines prescribed are not available and doctors generally are not in their seats;

(b) if so, the plans made in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Working of CGHS dispensaries

9. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether working of CGHS dispensaries are not to the satisfaction of the patients;

(b) if so, the details of analysis made in this regard; and

(c) any alternative proposals for CGHS beneficiaries to avail of assistance of local doctors and chemists?

Services of Gynaecologists in rural PHCs

10. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the PHCs in rural areas are manned by male doctors which deters the rural women to disclose their serious diseases in public before the physician;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide the services of female

Gynaecologists in the rural primary health centres or ensure that PHCs are visited by experienced Gynaecologists at least twice a month to attend the health problems of rural women and girls; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Medical stores dealing in fake drugs

11. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain medical stores/shops in certain parts of the country have been found dealing in fake and sub-standard drugs;

(b) if so, the details of the cases; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a drug dealer of Delhi has revealed during interrogation that he had been supplying fake and sub-standard drugs to many dealers in the country?

Campaign for hygiene, cleanliness in hospitals

12. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to initiate a campaign for ensuring hygiene, cleanliness and the one aimed at improving efficiency, cutting short of procedures with a view to helping patients, duly backed by Confederation of Indian Industry, as started by Government of Delhi in respect of their hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Condition of Dental Unit of Dr. RML Hospital

13. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that working of the Dental Unit of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi is deplorable;

(b) whether imported equipment of the unit is lying unused for want of proper maintenance;

(c) whether the task of maintenance of this unit has been entrusted to private parties and their service is not satisfactory;

(d) whether poor patients have to suffer on account of malfunctioning of the unit; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve this situation?

Report of Task Force on CGHS dispensaries in Delhi

14. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following numerous complaints with regard to the functioning of CGHS dispensaries in the Capital a five member Task Force was appointed by his Ministry to enquire into the matter;

(b) if so, whether the Task Force has since submitted its report;

(c) if answer to part (b) be in the negative, by when the report is expected by Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in the meanwhile to improve the quality of C.G.H.S. services?

News-item "Health check : CGHS arteries blocked"

15. SHRI RUMANDLA
RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI KARNENDU
BHATTACHARJEE:

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Health check: CGHS arteries blocked", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 17th June, 2002;

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

(c) the measures Government propose to take to improve the quality of service in the CGHS which seems to be on the brink of a collapse?

Mentally-challenged persons in the country

16. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have their own mental hospitals;

(b) the total number of mentally-challenged persons in the country, State-wise;

(c) the growth rate of mentally-challenged persons during the last five years; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

Proposal to set-up gas-based power plant in AIIMS

17. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set-up

a gas-based power plant in order to maintain constant power supply for AIIMS;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed power plant would also supply power to Safdarjung Hospital; and
- (d) by when the power plant is likely to be operational?

News-item, "Doctors in a fix over pre-natal test rules"

18. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item, "Doctors in a fix over pre-natal test rules," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 4th June, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problem raised in the news-item?

Prevalence of Diarrhoea

19. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) how many people have suffered due to Diarrhoea in the country during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 and the number of deaths in each year; and
- (b) the current figure in Metropolitan cities during January-April, 2002?

Discrimination in reimbursement of medical expenses

20. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the reimbursement of medical expenses incurred in private, hospitals recognized by the CGHS authorities in terms of his Ministry's OM dated the 7th September, 2001 is limited to the 50 per cent of the actual expenses incurred by a pensioner as against the 100 per cent reimbursement made to a serving officer;
- (b) if so, the reasons for this discrimination; and
- (c) whether there is a move to remove the discrimination and if not, the reasons therefor?

Tackling Thalassemia

21. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) how the dreaded diseases like Thalassemia are being tackled by Government;
- (b) whether his Ministry has any plan to advocate compulsory blood testing to detect the carriers before marriage; and
- (c) whether Government have initiated any awareness programme in this regard?

Losses in Medical Stores Depot

22. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government Medical Stores Depot has been running in loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that establishment cost has increased almost double during the five years period from 1994-95 to 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the justification thereof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that most of the medicines purchased was through local suppliers?

Research projects at AIIMS

23. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of research projects at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi are held up for want of animals to conduct experiments;

(b) if so, since when these projects are at a standstill;

(c) whether any talks with those opposing animal experimentation have been held to break the impasse; and

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

Interference of Animal Rights Activists in Bio-Medical Research Work

24. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

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

(a) whether over-enthusiasm of Animal Rights Activists is interfering in Bio-Medical Research Work;

(b) whether it is a fact that National Institute of Virology, Pune was closed on that account;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons of its closure; and

(d) the action taken to ensure that all Bio-Medical Research Work to save mankind is not hampered due to such frivolous grounds?

Dental X-ray machine in Kasturba Nagar CGHS Dispensary

25. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dental X-ray machine was procured for use in Kasturba Nagar/Sewa Nagar, CGHS dispensary in 1998 at a substantial cost;

(b) if so, whether the machine is lying idle since then for want of necessary equipment/facilities, etc.;

(c) if so, the persons responsible for this sorry state of affairs and action contemplated against them for misuse of public money;

(d) the reasons for not arranging necessary equipment/facilities etc. before procurement of the machine; and

(e) by when the X-ray machine will be operational and action initiated in this regard?

Non-honouring of prescriptions by CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries

26. SHRI ANIL SHARMA:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

(a) whether the prescriptions by the doctors of Medical Centre, Parliament House Annexe and Safdarjung Hospital are not honoured by the CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries in Delhi;

(b) whether doctors of those dispensaries force the spouses/attendants of the patients to bring the patients again to the dispensaries causing thereby a great deal of difficulties/hardships to the patients;

(c) whether Government have issued any guidelines/instructions to CGHS Dispensaries for not honouring the prescriptions of the Medical Centre, PHA/ Safdarjung Hospital; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government against the doctors of such dispensaries?

World Bank aided Health Projects in Andhra Pradesh

27. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank aided State Health Systems Development Projects (SHSDPs) are under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status with results achieved, so far, under SHSDPs in Andhra Pradesh?

Heart patients in the country

28. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by the year 2020 India would have the highest number of heart patients in the world according to the World Health Organization; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken by Government, in anticipation, to meet such an eventuality?

Extension of health services in AIIMS

† 29. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) for how many months the proposal of extension of health services in AIIMS has been lying pending for consideration alongwith the reasons and the persons responsible therefor; and

(b) by when, Government propose to convene a meeting of the Committee on Health Services Extension and what action propose to initiate against the officials responsible for not convening the meetings of the Committee?

Non-functioning of ultra-sonic canipone machine in Dr. RML Hospital

30. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a four-decade old ultra-sonic canipone machine installed in the Dental Wing of Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi continues to be non-functional; and

(b) the action taken to replace the machine?

Profit/losses in public enterprises

31. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the turnover and profit/loss of public enterprises in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that public sector enterprises in the country are running in heavy loss due to poor project management,

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lack of technological upgradation, inadequate attention to R & D and low priority to human resource development;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to meet these requirements;

(d) whether disinvestment is only way of improving the profitability of public sector enterprises;

(e) whether Government have any other innovative method; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Government's control over prices of Maruti Cars

32. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in a position to exercise any influence/control over price of the cars after disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL); and

(b) if not, what protection is available to consumers buying cars etc. from the company?

Demand for appointment of Judicial Officer to examine writings on Gujarat violence

33. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Editor's Guild of India has demanded the appointment of Judicial Officer to examine the writings of those sections of the media which the Guild alleged incited violence and spread hatred in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether they have recommended action against them; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Reduction in licence fee for the FM Radio private operators

34. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether acting on Comptroller and Auditor General of India report, Government are examining the reasons for reduction in the licence fee for the Frequency Modulation Radio private operators, resulting in revenue loss worth Rs. 17.79 crores to Government;

(b) if so, whether after the scrutiny, the Ministry has handed over the case to the CBI to punish the guilty officials allegedly involved in the case;

(c) whether all the highlighted cases by the CAG in this regard have been fully considered by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken against those held responsible?

Loss suffered by AIR

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

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

(a) whether the All-India Radio has suffered a loss of Rs. 22 crore from the last year's revenue of Rs. 637 crore;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) to what extent steps have been taken to improve the profit by AIR?

Empowering SHOs against cable operators

36. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to empower local Station House Officer or Sub-Inspector of Police to take action against cable operators including seizure of assets in case the operator does not telecast D.D., D.D. National, D.D. Metro and D.D. Bharati on Prime Band;

(b) whether Government have found that compliance of Government orders regarding telecasting of DD Channels is very low; and

(c) whether empowerment of such low ranking Police Officials would be effective?

Introduction of news and current affairs channel on Radio

37. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to introduce a twenty-four hour news and current affairs channel on radio, either AM/FM or both; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Revamping of criminal justice system

38. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed by Government to examine whether there is a need for revamping the criminal justice system has given its report;

(b) if so, whether the committee has made specific recommendations on simplifying judicial procedures and practices and make the delivery of justice to the common man faster, uncomplicated and inexpensive;

(c) if so, the suggestions made by the committee; and

(d) by what time Government are likely to implement them?

Increase in number of judges

39. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to increase the number of judges for speedy disposal of cases; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to increase the number of judges?

Family Courts

40. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked all States and Union Territories to send proposals for establishment of family courts in each district;

(b) if so, the response received by Government from State Governments in this regard;

(c) the number of family courts functioning at present in the country and the number of cases disposed off by them in the last three years; and

(d) the extent to which the setting up of new family courts will reduce burden on subordinate courts?

Fast track courts in Andhra Pradesh

41. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not set up the earmarked number of fast track courts in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons put fourth by the State in this regard; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to ensure that the State sets up the earmarked number of fast track courts in the State within a time-frame?

Purchase of information technology products

42. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Audit has objected to ad-hoc purchase of information technology products and flouting rules of purchase by his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those responsible for purchase favouring a single party despite inflated prices quoted by it which was much higher than DGS&D rates and market prices?

Lifting of crude oil by SCI

43. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India has signed an agreement with

HPCL and BPCL to lift crude oil from foreign shores;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the Shipping Corporation of India will be able to lift the crude oil from foreign shores?

VRS by SCI

44. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation of India has introduced a Voluntary Retirement Scheme for its employees;

(b) if so, the number of employees who have opted for VRS; and

(c) the amount to be paid by the Shipping Corporation of India as retirement benefits to retiring employees under VRS?

Sale of surplus land to private bidders

45. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to sell the huge tracts of surplus land lying in the vicinity of some of the major ports in the country to private bidders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether before arriving at the decision, it has been ensured that the proposed step does not affect adversely the future expansion plans of these port trusts; and

(d) the estimated return from the proposed sale?

Menace of beggars in Delhi

46. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Beggars, thieves crowd city subway", which appeared in the Asian Age, New Delhi dated 18th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether begging in Delhi has become a nuisance and is thriving round for miscreants and beggars using subways, inter-sections and other prominent spots for the purpose of begging; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have planned to curb this nuisance permanently by imposing heavy penalties on beggars?

Utilisation of funds for tribal development in Andhra Pradesh

47. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by his Ministry to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years for implementation of various schemes for welfare and development of tribals in the State; year-wise and scheme-wise;

(b) whether the released funds were utilised by the State for the purpose intended and the benefits reached the target groups;

(c) whether misuse of funds has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

New Urban Development Schemes in Andhra Pradesh

48. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new project for urban development will be implemented in the Andhra Pradesh with the financial help of Italian Government;

(b) if so, whether the State Government was developing the urban area including drainage and roads by borrowing crores of rupees from foreign countries under the DFID programme;

(c) if so, the amount the Italian Government has agreed to provide to the State Government for schemes of urban development; and

(d) by when, they are likely to be implemented?

Urban mapping

49. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the urban mapping of nearly 25 cities in the country has been completed;

(b) if so, whether, apart from this, aerial mapping of 18 more towns has been completed and it is in progress in 10 towns;

(c) if so, the details of the States where aerial mapping has been done; and

(d) the purpose for the same?

Development of Gwalior as a counter magnet city

50. SHRI R. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Capital Region Planning Board has sanctioned funds for development of Gwalior city as a counter magnet city of National Capital Region Plan; and

(b) if so, by when the development of the city is expected to be completed alongwith details in this regard?

Corruption in DDA

†51. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN

DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bhrashtachar Ka Sirmour DDA", which appeared in the special supplement of Rashtriya Sahara, dated the 7th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government for overall development of Delhi and to make DDA free from corruption; and

(d) the manner in which Government would ensure that they would not come under pressure while acting against corruption?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,

Secretary-General.

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