

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: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 130

Merger of Coast Guard in other wings of Navy

1305. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coast
Guard is working as a separate entity apart
from the Naval Forces;

(b) whether there is any proposal to
merge the Coast Guard with other wings
of the Navy;

(c) whether it is a fact that better
qualified and motivated personnel can be
sent on deputation from the Navy to the
Coast Guard; and

(d) the steps proposed to effect such a
merger to improve the Coast Guard?

Firing by Sri Lankan Navy on Indian fishermen

1306. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sri Lankan

Navy is patrolling the waters around
Kachatheevu Island, indulging in firing at
our fishermen, against the Kachatheevu
agreement;

(b) the steps taken by the Indian Navy
to protect Indian fishermen; and

(c) will Government press our Navy to
patrol around Kachatheevu to safeguard the
lives and boats of our fishermen?

Civilian casualties in landmines

1307. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the
fact that according to a survey concluded
in March this year, the number of civilian
casualties caused by landmines in
Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu following
the 2002 military build-up, adds upto an
alarming 779;

(b) whether Government is also aware
of the fact that once landmines are laid
under the ground, they remain potential
killers for decades, in peace as much as in

war and locating and defusing landmines is a tedious and dangerous business; and

(c) if so, the reasons for India not becoming member of Ottawa convention that has a goal of a mine free world?

Modernisation of Ordnance factories

1308. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ordnance factories are getting damaged due to frequent fires;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to modernize Ordnance factories?

Reorganisation of Cantonment Boards

1309. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Cantonment Boards have been reorganized;

(b) if so, whether representatives from civil population have also been nominated on the Boards; and

(c) if not, the places where such nominations have yet not been done and by when these are proposed to be nominated with civilian representatives?

Establishment of Military Academy at Barrackpore

1310. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Government of West Bengal for establishment of a Military Academy at Barrackpore; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

Shifting of Hyderabad and Secunderabad Cantonments

1311. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift Hyderabad and Secunderabad Cantonments to a far away place from the city with modern amenities as a lot of encroachment has already taken place;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have received the proposal of State Government to allot fresh land for the construction of new Cantonment Boards outside the city; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Acquisition of Erieye System by Pakistan

1312. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has almost finalized a deal with Sweden to acquire Erieye Radar System to match with India's Phalcons;

(b) if so, how Erieye is effective than Phalcons; and

(c) what is India's latest position of acquiring Phalcons from Israel?

Acquisition of centrifuge for training of IAF pilots

1313. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF is going to get new High G-Ultra modern human centrifuge simulators for aggressive aircrew training to its pilots;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this proposal from IAF is pending in the Ministry for quite some time;

(c) when the proposal was submitted to the Ministry; and

(d) whether the new simulators are going to be a replacement of old ones at Delhi, Hyderabad and Bangalore?

Increase in defence budget

1314. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA - CHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made heavy defence allocations in the current year's Budget as compared to the last three years' Budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for such a massive increase?

Defence Secretary talks between India and Pakistan

1315. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan had held Defence Secretary level talks in the month of August focusing on proposals of military de-escalation on Siachen glacier;

(b) if so, whether both India and Pakistan exchanged new proposals;

(c) whether both Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan picked up where two sides had left last time in 1998;

(d) if so, what were the proposals discussed and to what extent talks were fruitful and whether any agreement was reached and signed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Leakage of question paper at Ranchi

1316. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question paper for the recruitment of naval personnel under the Matric Direct Recruitment Scheme leaked in October last at Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Defence Personnel are suspected to have been involved in the paper leakage; if so, at what level and the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

Purchase of Mirage 2000 aircrafts

1317. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken to purchase 10 Mirage 2000 aircrafts pending for long; and

(b) the reasons for undue delay in replacement?

Procurement of IL-78 flight refuelling aircraft

1318. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has recently taken delivery of 5 IL-78 refueller from Uzbekistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of refuellers that Indian Air Force are now having with the latest acquisition; and

(d) the delay in acquiring these aircrafts since the agreement was signed in March, 2002?

Appointment of Chief of Defence Staff

1319. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of appointment of the Chief of Defence Staff is still alive in the Government; and

(b) the current status of the proposal?

Condition of roads constructed by BRO

1320. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many roads constructed by the BRO are already in bad shape particularly on Indo-Bhutan Border in Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that BRO is failing to execute all projects in time; and

(c) if so, Government's initiative in this regard?

Occupation of agricultural land by Army along Indo-Pak Border

1321. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large chunk of agricultural land all along Indo-Pak Border have been occupied by Army for operational reasons during various wars;

(b) if so, the area of land under the possession of Army at present;

(c) whether there is any proposal for handing over such land to their owners; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Siphoning of fuel

1322. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the fuel supplies meant for army units in Leh are being siphoned off on the way to the destination;

(b) whether it is a fact that Bulk Petroleum Lorries (BPL) carrying fuel from the Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) main depot in Ambala have been found pilfered by the time they reach the army's depot in Leh; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Troops pull out from J & K

1323. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more troops are pulling out of Jammu and Kashmir in keeping with the Prime Minister's statement; and

(b) whether Government are confident that Pakistan aided and trained terrorist will not escalate cross border terrorism?

Shortage of officers in Indian Army

1324. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1992 there was shortage of 8,000 officers in Indian Army and presently the shortage has gone up to 13,000 although an assurance was given to Estimates Committee in 1992 that the shortage of 8,000 officers would be made up very soon;

(b) what are the reasons for increase in shortage by another 5,000 officers since 1992 and when it would be wiped out and how; and

(c) whether there is any time-frame for this?

Schemes for welfare of ex-servicemen

1325. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-servicemen as on date in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of schemes being implemented for the welfare, rehabilitation and resettlement of ex-servicemen;

(c) the number of ex-servicemen benefited thereby, State-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount for rehabilitation of ex-servicemen; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Accidents of Air Force Planes and Helicopters

1326. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force Planes/ Helicopters meet with accidents often resulting in heavy loss;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such accidents?

Import of high altitude operationable helicopters

1327. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether army is importing

helicopters designed for high altitude operations from Russia, United States and Europe;

(b) if so, whether Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. is unable to deliver similar helicopters in the near future; and

(c) when would the HAL be able to build high altitude operationable helicopters?

Setting up of a group for more private participation in defence production

1328. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up a group to suggest concrete steps to be taken for more participation by the private sector in defence production;

(b) if so, whether the said group had submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Poor Response of private investors in defence sector

1329. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI S U. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to open defence sector for private sector has got a poor response;

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

(c) the steps taken to attract the private investors in defence sector?

Expert Committee to probe frequent crashes of IAF fighters

1330. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRIM.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an expert committee has been constituted to investigate the high number of IAF aircraft crashes;
- (b) if so, the composition and terms of reference thereof;
- (c) when the said expert committee is likely to submit its report;
- (d) whether earlier also such committees were constituted;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether recommendations of these committees were implemented; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Capability of Arjuna

1331. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the shooting range and capability of "ARJUNA" has somewhat come down while its weight has increased;
- (b) if so, how far its capability has been reduced and weight increased, compared to the capability envisaged originally; and
- (c) the reasons therefor?

Review of treatment meted out to Tehelka Journalists

1332. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the manner in which the Tehelka Journalist have been treated in the past;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of MIG-29K as part of Gorshkov deal

1333. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government's purchase of 16 MIG-29K fighters from Russia as part of the Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier deal has run into rough weather; and
- (b) if so, the details about the delay of the deal finalisation?

Setting up of Department of Ex-servicemen

1334. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to set up a Department of Ex-servicemen to address their grievances better;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the proposed Department will look into various post-service requirements of ex-servicemen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Arms to fight terrorism for security forces

1335. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian security forces are

still not well equipped to fight terrorism and the Fidayeen;

(b) if so, what further steps are contemplated to fight Fidayeen terrorism effectively; and

(c) the nature and extent of arms and equipments required to effectively arm our forces and the steps taken/being taken to acquire the same?

Selling of China-made Globes depicting J & K as an independent territory

1336. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that China-made Globes depicting Jammu and Kashmir as an independent territory are being sold freely in India;

(b) whether Government have initiated any punitive action on customs officials in Chennai for allowing the consignment from China to enter India; and

(c) whether India is likely to take up the matter on diplomatic level at Beijing and Hong Kong where these faulty globes are being produced?

Monitoring of child sex ratio

1337. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Registrar General of India has asked its State officers to monitor the child sex ratio on monthly basis to check the alarming fall in the number of girls as indicated in the Census, 2001; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the birth registration, though compulsory under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, is tardy in some of the States;

(c) what measures Government are taking in connection therewith; and

(d) what steps Government are taking or propose to take to overcome the imbalance of girl-boy child ratio?

Political murders in Andhra Pradesh

1338. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that political murders in some of the States, especially in Andhra Pradesh are on the rise after the Assembly Elections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the law and order in the State of Andhra Pradesh is deteriorating from bad to worse during the last eight months, particularly in Ananthapur district;

(c) if so, whether any advice has been given by the Union Government in this regard to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Abduction for extortion

1339. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pertaining to the abduction of innocent persons for extortion reported in the Capital during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the accused involved in those cases have been arrested and if so, in how many cases and in how many cases the victims had been saved from the clutches of abductors; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the IPC to award death penalty on the persons found involved in such cases and if not, the reasons therefor?

Report regarding more autonomy to J & K

†1340. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report for granting more autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir has been submitted to Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of such States which are being contemplated for granting similar autonomy by the Government?

Recovery of live shells

1341. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsequent to shell blast in Ghaziabad, the agencies have recovered live shells in other parts of the country such as Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Kandla Port etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether perpetrators of terrorism are suspected to be involved in these incidents;

(d) the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Bomb blasts in North-East States

†1342. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists had carried out blasts by bombs and other explosives in Dimapur in Nagaland and in several urban areas of Assam in the first week of October; if so, the number of innocent persons killed in these blasts;

(b) the names of terrorist organizations behind these blasts; whether there are any indications of Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI's involvement in these blasts; if so, the action Government has taken in this regard; and

(c) the initiative taken by Government to control terrorists, militants activities prevailing in Eastern States and the outcomes thereof?

Violence in North East

1343. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that situation in North East is getting worse with every passing day;

(b) whether it is a fact that Nagaland is again in the grip of violence with recent several major bomb blasts at Dimapur, Dhubra and Bongaigaon resulting in the death of several innocent persons;

(c) if so, what are details of casualties in those blasts; and

(d) whether Government have evolved any strategy to restore calm in North East and if so, the details thereof?

Fencing within Zero Line at Indo-Bangladesh border

1344. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to tackle infiltration of militant groups from Bangladesh Government have decided to erect fences within 150 yards of the Zero Line along Indo-Bangladesh borders;

(b) whether as per the ground rule agreed to by Border Security Force and Bangladeshi Rifles in 1975 no defensive

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

structure can be erected within 150 yards of the Zero Line; and

(c) whether Government expect stiff Bangladeshi resistance to this move for fencing the border within 150 yards of the Zero Line?

Terrorist attacks in North East States

1345. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in Assam, Manipur, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim in 2003-04 and 2004-05 so far;

(b) the casualties of the public and also of the terrorists in insurgency and counter insurgency drives;

(c) how many jawans have laid down their lives in combating terrorism in these States;

(d) the reasons of increase in terrorism in Assam and Manipur recently; and

(e) the role of the Central Government in this context?

Bomb blasts in NER

1346. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a series of blasts took place in the several States of the North Eastern Region in quick succession in early October this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government have been able to identify the persons/ organisations responsible for these blasts and also the reasons for their occurrence and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to restore peace and normalcy in the North East Region?

Rape cases in Delhi

1347. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of rape cases reported in the capital during the last year and so far during the current year;

(b) in how many cases the conviction of the accused had taken place; and

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the punishment of this heinous crime with a view to check their abnormal increase and if so, the details thereof and if not, what other steps Government propose to check the occurrence of those cases and ensure the conviction of the accused involved in those cases?

Separate Ministries/Depts. in States for calamity management

1348. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where separate Ministries/ Departments have been created for calamity management;

(b) the details of amount provided to these Ministries/Departments during the last two years;

(c) whether any norm has been formulated to identify the works to be done under calamity management; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to assure the compliance of these norms?

Leakage of question paper for recruitment of CRPF personnel

1349. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a test for recruitment of CRPF personnel which was to be held at Hyderabad in January last was cancelled due to leakage of the question paper;

(b) if so, whether the same test was cancelled at other centres also;

(c) whether an inquiry into the leakage of the question paper has been held; and

(d) if so, the number of CRPF personnel with designations and others, separately, involved in the leakage and details of the action taken against them?

Steps to check crimes in Delhi

† 1350. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take any effective steps to check the increasing incidents of crime in the capital city, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the mechanism for its implementation?

NCW recommendations regarding agitation of women in Manipur

1351. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has visited the State of Manipur after alleged killing of Manorama Devi;

(b) whether they have made any recommendation for normalizing the situation in the face of women's continuing agitation; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to prevent atrocities by the Army against women and to look after the development interests of the State?

Pakistan nationals living in Rajasthan and Punjab

1352. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been reports in media that a large number of immigrants are living in border towns of Rajasthan and Punjab etc. who do not want to return to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government for their return/safe passage to Pakistan; and

(d) what has been the stand taken by the Pakistan Government on the same?

Violence in Assam during HM visit

1353. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-Eastern Assam was rocked with violence during the visit of Union Home Minister in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified the militant groups responsible for violence in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their violent activities; and

(e) the steps taken to bring them to mainstream of the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Establishment of separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan region

1354. SHRISANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Maharashtra has been demanding to the Union Home Affairs for the establishment of Separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan region;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and steps taken or proposed to be taken in this respect; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay?

Attacks by terrorists

1355. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of attacks by terrorists in different States of the country during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 upto October, 2004;

(b) the number of people killed and injured during the said period; and

(c) the number of raids made by the security personnel against the terrorists and the number of terrorists held up during the said period?

Increased activities of ISI and ULFA in North Eastern States

† 1356. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of ISI and ULFA are increasing constantly in the North-Eastern States and the number of incidents by these groups is constantly increasing;

(b) the action taken by the Central Government against ISI/ULFA;

(c) whether Central Government have formulated some plan to check the activities of ISI/ULFA; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, by when Government would take any action in this regard?

CBI raised on the premises of Horticulture Department of MCD

1357. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has recently raided the premises of certain high officials of Horticulture Department of Municipal Corporation of Delhi who are involved in 20 crore scam relating to purchase of tree guards;

(b) if so, what are the names of such officials and the details of allegation against each;

(c) whether any incriminatory documents/cash has been received during the raid and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when these are likely to be chargesheeted?

Delay in deciding pension cases of NDMC employees

1358. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lot of time is taken by New Delhi Municipal Council in deciding cases of pensions, Gratuity, etc. of its employees who retire or die in harness;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such cases still pending for payment of Pension, Gratuity etc. as on 30th November, 2004 for the last three months, six months and more than six months; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the steps taken to ensure that Pension cases are settled expeditiously?

Withdrawal of ITBP from Western and Northern IB

1359. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) is being withdrawn from Western and Northern international borders of the country; and

(b) whether Government propose to deploy ITBP along the Indo-Nepal border?

Strictures by courts against Delhi Police

1360. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the different courts have come down heavily on Delhi Police for filing framed-up cases;

(b) if so, the details of such instances during the last three years;

(c) the action taken by Central Government against such officers; and

(d) the steps being taken by Central Government to modernise and sensitise the Delhi Police officers about their duties towards the public?

Rehabilitation of persons from erstwhile East Pakistan

1361. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received two proposals from Government of West Bengal for physical and economic rehabilitation of displaced persons from erstwhile East Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the response of Union Government thereto?

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

†1362. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri Pandits which have been returned to their native places in Kashmir so far;

(b) the number and the places where these displaced Kashmiri Pandits are living at present;

(c) the measures being taken for their rehabilitation; and

(d) by when the said work will be completed?

Setting up of National Crimes Bureau

1363. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a National Crimes Bureau to link all police stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Talks with ULFA

1364. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA has agreed to unconditional talks with the Government of India; and

(b) if so, have they also agreed to a cease-fire during the course of such talks?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Proposal to set up National Intelligence Grid

1365. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to build a National Intelligence Grid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue thereby on an All India basis;

(c) whether recruitment of additional personnel with proficiency in intelligence work is also proposed to be made; and

(d) if so, the plan drawn out, if any, for the purpose during the current and the following two years indicating the funds proposed to be made available therefor?

Vacancies in CRPF and BSF

1366. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Force;

(b) whether any action has been taken to fill up vacant posts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pending cases of Freedom Fighters' Pension

1367. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases pertaining to pension payments to Freedom fighters are pending with Government;

(b) if so, how many such cases are

pending, State-wise and what steps are being taken to clear these cases; and

(c) whether some officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs have been caught red-handed by the CBI for accepting bribe in clearing Freedom fighters' Pension cases, and if so, the details thereof?

Police Station administered by women

†1368. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where Police station administered by women have been set up in the country alongwith the number thereof;

(b) whether due to setting up of such women Police Stations, decrease in the women-related crimes have been registered; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Working condition of paramilitary personnel

1369. SHRIM.A.M.RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been marked increase in the cases of shooting of officers by personnel of paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government have conducted any study regarding the condition under which paramilitary personnel are working;

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

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Central Government to improve the working condition of paramilitary personnel?

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Killings by CRPF Jawan

1370. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ordered any inquiry into the incident in which a CRPF Jawan went berserk in Baramullah CRPF Camp, killing 8 personnel and injuring himself fatally;

(b) whether stress and frustration due to undue pressure on duty hours forced him to take this extreme step;

(c) what steps Government had taken on the similar incident at Santacruz Airport in Mumbai where a CRPF sentry held passengers as hostages, for having been refused leave; and

(d) whether Government propose to humanise working conditions in para-military forces?

Delhi High Court's guidelines for Delhi Police

1371. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi High Court has laid down guidelines for police and has asked for their strict implementation to ensure impartial probe in cases of murder, rape etc.;

(b) if so, the details of these guidelines; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to ensure that these are strictly adhered to by all concerned to control manipulations and padding in criminal cases?

Grants for upgradation of Police administration

1372. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government supplement and release grants on the recommendations received from the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) for upgradation of police administration;

(b) if so, the details of the funds, received from EFC, supplemented by Government and released to the State Governments during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that full grants have not been released to some States; and

(d) if so, the details and the present status in this regard and the targeted date for settlement of the claims?

Foreign nationals living in India illegally

†1373. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether quite a large number of such foreign citizens have taken shelter in the country of whom either the period of their passport has expired or they have managed to get fake Ration Cards or Voter Identity Cards issued and have received certificates showing that are the original inhabitants of the country;

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

(c) whether this problem has emerged due to laxity in rules relating to visa; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to expel such foreign citizens out of the country who are living here unauthorisedly?

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Illegal Bangladeshis in Delhi

1374. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been directed by the Delhi High Court to conduct survey of illegal Bangladeshi migrants in the capital city of Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government have started the survey to identify the illegal Bangladeshi migrants?

Overhauling of police investigation procedure

1375. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch an ambitious crime intelligence and overhaul police investigation procedure across the country;

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

(c) how far this would help to control crimes, harassment to women and usher in welfare of the general public?

Need to institutionalize the meetings of Inter-State Council

1376. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several pending issues which are to be taken up in the Inter-State Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are planning to institutionalize the meetings of the council on any regular basis, if so, the details thereof?

Representation of entrepreneurs of AP in the non-conventional energy sector

1377. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that entrepreneurs of Andhra Pradesh in the non-conventional energy sector have submitted representation to Government on the need for better encouragement from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government are taking to address the concerns of the entrepreneurs of Andhra Pradesh who have invested a huge sums in plants producing energy from non-conventional sources;

(d) whether any fact finding team has been sent to Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Using rice husk as raw material in power plants

1378. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government encourages industry and entrepreneurs to venture into the non-conventional energy sector which uses rice husk as raw-material for power plants;

(b) if so, what are the incentives given for such plants;

(c) whether it is a fact that this kind of energy has given a boost to the rural economy;

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to encourage such power producers using rice husk as the basic raw material for their power plants; and

(e) the steps proposed to assist and give incentives for this purpose?

Setting up a dedicated financial institution for NES

1379. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to set up an institution which would be dedicated solely to financing and assisting people interested in producing non-conventional energy;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal to set up a dedicated financial institution to assist this sector;

(c) whether discussions have been held with the RBI and other agencies on this proposal; and

(d) the details of steps proposed to be taken to ensure that non-conventional energy sector gets adequate finance from institution for their plants?

Various types of non-conventional energy

1380. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various types of non-conventional energy;

(b) the loans disbursed by the Ministry for the last three years for the development of wind energy;

(c) the details of the allocation made by the Ministry to various organizations and details of their repayment for the last three years; and

(d) the action taken on defaulter during the same period?

Self-dependent villages with regard to power

1381. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether work is being undertaken by Government on scheme for making villages self-dependent with regard to availability of power and by when all the villages of the country will be made self-dependent with regard to power;

(b) whether power villages have been selected by Government in each district for achieving this goal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Requirement of Rs. 70,000 crore for financing projects

1382. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

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

(a) whether the renewable energy sector in India require Rs. 70,000 crore for financing various projects by 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plan Government have to mobilise such huge resources;

(d) the details of projects under the schemes; and

(e) the benefit likely to be achieved therefrom?

Protection to the Nathpa Jhakri Power Plant in flood situation

1383. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods have affected the production of power at the Nathpa Jhakri Power Plant in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof with areas denied power due to stoppage of power production in the plant;

(c) the reasons why adequate steps were not taken to protect the plant in the wake of flood situation; and

(d) the steps taken to resume power production at the optimum level?

Proposal to fund hydro-power projects of State Governments

1384. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to fund hydro-power project launched by State Governments;

(b) if so, whether Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government for specific financial help in a hydro power plant;

(c) if so, the details of this proposal;

(d) whether Government propose to give a boost to the generation of hydro-power by participating in joint ventures with various States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Roadmap for India's energy security

1385. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission's Energy Policy Committee has prepared a roadmap for India's energy security;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the policy; and

(c) what plans Government have to optimise various fuel resources in this age of dwindling energy resources?

LNG for Dabhol Power Project

1386. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering LNG as the feedstock for the Dabhol Power Project for cost effective power generation;

(b) if so, whether Government would attempt to reclaim the LNG supply contract concluded between Enron Corporation and Government of Oman for import of LNG from Oman;

(c) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd. is also scouting independently for LNG supplies from abroad for the Dabhol Power Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Allocation of funds to States under APDRP

1387. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) launched by Government to improve power situation in various States have run into trouble;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the total funds allocated to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Jammu and

Kashmir for purchase of energy meters during the last three years; and

(d) whether the funds under APDRP scheme have been fully utilized by these steps and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise?

Scheme for rural electricity infrastructure

1388. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry has prepared Rs. 16,000 crore schemes on rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification in the rural areas to fulfil the common minimum programme of the present Government;

(b) whether Government has already given its consent;

(c) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be started;

(d) whether out of this 16,000 crore fund outlay around Rs. 14,000 crore will be provided by the budgetary support; and

(e) what are the steps taken to implement this scheme?

Disinvestment in Public Sector Power Corporations

1389. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to disinvest some of the Public Sector Power Corporations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these power companies have opposed any such move; and

(d) if so, the response/reaction of the Central Government in this regard?

Eight new power projects

1390. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the eight new power projects are coming up across the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects, its lending agencies and the promoters of the projects?

Using of Information Technology in Power Sector

1391. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has requested the State Governments to use Information Technology in power sector and particularly in Transmission and Distribution system;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of State Governments who have been using IT more and more in the power sector;

(d) whether the Central Government has advanced financial assistance to the State Governments in this regard; and

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

Setting up of an Appellate Authority on Electricity

1392. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made by Government in setting up of the Appellate Authority on Electricity on the lines of

Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal;

(b) whether Government have consulted the Supreme Court to provide names for nominating as Chairman and members of the Authority; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Amount sanctioned to Kerala by PFC

1393. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the project-wise details of amount sanctioned to Kerala by the Power Finance Corporation;

(b) whether Government of Kerala utilised the amount sanctioned by the PFC and if so, the projects for which the amount has been fully or partially utilised and the projects for which the amount has not been utilised so far; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for the non-utilisations of allotted funds and the details of projects pending thereby?

Progress of PMGSY and IAY

1394. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and the Indira Awas Yojana till date; and

(b) by when all the rural areas would be covered with proper roads, housing and drinking water facilities?

More funds to Orissa under PMGSY

1395. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of the State Government of

Orissa under the rural connectivity programme (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) is excellent, and that State has been ranked second in terms of quality of the newly constructed roads, in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Centre propose to advance another amount of Rs. 350 crores during the current fiscal under the above project; and

(c) if so, whether the Centre has since advanced the above amount, and if not, the time-frame within which it would be disbursed to the State Government?

Construction of roads under PMGSY in Chhattisgarh

† 1396. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation made to the State of Chhattisgarh so far under PMGSY;

(b) the names of the roads constructed district-wise alongwith the amount spent on each road;

(c) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the contractors who have completed construction work of each of the said roads;

(d) whether technical competency of the contractors/companies was closely and physically verified;

(e) whether Government have also involved the companies banned by P.W.D. in the construction of roads; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for PMGSY released to Andhra Pradesh

1397. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during

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1998-2001 Rs. 190 crore per year were released to Andhra Pradesh for rural road construction under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) whereas the Planning Commission had originally sanctioned Rs.90 crore for each of these years for Andhra Pradesh under this head;

(b) if so, the criteria followed while increasing the original sanction for Andhra Pradesh from Rs. 90 to 190 crores; and

(c) the details of factors responsible for such a huge increase in the original sanction?

Funds demanded by Madhya Pradesh for PMGSY

†1398. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of amount Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded for the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Rural Development Fund in the meeting of Planning Commission convened of late at Jaipur; and

(b) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

Jobs to educated unemployed youth

1399. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the achievements made so far for providing job opportunities to the educated unemployed youths in the backward districts of the country; and

(b) the details of the number of the educated unemployed youths in these backward districts of the country have been benefited by getting employment during 2003-04 and 2004-05?

Improving traditional skills of village artisans

1400. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is thinking of improving the traditional skills of village artisans like carpenters, black-smiths, tailors, herbal-collectors, etc. and innovate marketing opportunities of the goods produced by them so that their time and skills could be fully utilized and they become economically viable;

(b) if so, whether any blue-print or scheme has been drawn or formulated in consultation with local bodies like panchayats, zilla parishads, etc.;

(c) whether finance at the local level through co-operative or scheduled banks would also be made available to them on easy terms; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such schemes?

Villages to be connected under PMGSY

1401. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages having population of more than one thousand which are likely to be connected with the main roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Kerala State; and

(b) the funds allocated for the purpose in the current year?

Funds for providing employment

1402. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to

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spend Rs. 1,20,500 crores over the next four years to implement its promise of providing at least 100 days of employment every year to at least one person from every poor and lower middle class in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether amount earmarked on the programme for 2004-05 has been Rs. 16,700 crores;

(c) the total amount earmarked each year upto 2008-09;

(d) the States which have been covered during 2004-05;

(e) what is the amount earmarked for 2005-06 to Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) in how many areas this scheme has been started in Andhra Pradesh?

Criteria for demarcating poverty line

1403. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the criteria for declaring poor in Indian official poverty line is lowest after China in the world;

(b) if so, what is the criteria for earmarking poverty line; and

(c) the action proposed to take care of basic needs of India's poor as is being done by China?

New guidelines for monitoring rural employment scheme

1404. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are new guidelines for monitoring rural employment scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the details of district and national level committees; and

(c) the total employment generated, amount sanctioned and spent on the above scheme, State-wise, for the last three years, year-wise and category-wise?

Sanitation facilities in rural areas

1405. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural population who have been provided sanitation facilities in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the steps taken by Government to improve sanitation facilities in rural areas, State-wise;

(c) the amount given as assistance to NGOs during the last three years till date; and

(d) whether the NGOs have functioned well in this area?

Grant for continuation of service of Central Staff in Karnataka

1406. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka, among other things, has requested for approval and grant for continuation of the service of the Central staff hired for implementation of various projects under the SJSRY scheme, for another 3 years or until the completion of the projects; and

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

**Effect of bifurcation of Ministry of
Rural Development and
Panchayati Raj**

† 1407. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various schemes have been badly affected as a result of bifurcation of the Ministries of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj;

(b) the steps Government are taking to protect the State Government facing problems as a result of said bifurcation;

(c) the reasons for said bifurcation;

(d) whether Government have made any study with regard to the impact on the implementation of schemes as a result of said bifurcation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Revenue from handicrafts exports

1408. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that revenue from handicrafts exports in the next five years is likely to be around Rs. 20,000 crore;

(b) the details of exports during last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to remove constraints related to infrastructures?

NTC mills

† 1409. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mills of National Textile Corporation that are opening in the country;

(b) the number of mills making profits; and

(c) the number of sick mills and the measures taken or being taken to make them profitable?

**Expert Committee on Technical
Textiles**

1410. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert Committee on technical textiles has submitted its report to Central Government on 30th August, 2004;

(b) whether this Committee was set up by Government 1-1/2 years ago;

(c) what are other recommendations made by the expert Committee;

(d) to what extent suggestion made have been agreed and implemented; and

(e) whether at present market for technical textiles is about Rs. 20,000 crores and by 2010 this is expected to go up to Rs. 44,000 crores?

**Requirement of natural and synthetic
yarn**

1411. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual requirement of natural and synthetic yarn and the status of indigenous productions and import from foreign countries for meeting the demand of handloom, powerloom and textile mills in the country during the last three years;

(b) the latest policy regarding promotion of handloom and powerloom and the provisions of grants to it;

(c) whether export of cotton yarn is constantly decreasing; and

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(d) if so, whether Government proposes to take steps to increase the export of cotton yarn?

Decline in production of cloth in handloom sector

1412. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is decline in production of cloth in handloom sector from 1998-99 as compared to the targets set for each year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the production of cloth?

Effect of increase in the minimum support price for cotton

1413. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent increase in the minimum support price for cotton has triggered an increase in cotton prices in domestic markets;

(b) with a bumper global cotton crop and resultant glut in global cotton market, whether the price of cotton in global market is likely to come down; and

(c) whether despite a good domestic harvest this year, the import of cotton would turn out to be cheaper?

Victory in European Patent Office over Hessian

1414. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have won the first major battle before

European Patent Office over Hessian (a variety of jute cloth used for packing and as land cover) which will prove to be a much needed reprieve for the jute sector;

(b) if so, whether it will have any impact on reduction of dumping duty on import of jute bags from India; and

(c) to what extent?

Proposal for increasing the wages of NTC workers

1415. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wages of Indian textile workers are the second lowest in the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's annual export of textiles is \$12.9 billion and the textile worker is being paid an average wage of \$ 0.38 an hour; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to increase the wages of Indian textile workers?

Plight of Weaving Sector

1416. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn on the pathetic plight of the Weaving Sector and to the series of suicides by weavers due to their hardship and penury;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of total number of weavers suicide cases reported; and

(c) what are the measures taken to safeguard the Weaving Sector?

**Revival of National Jute
Manufacturers Corporation**

1417. SHRIMATIN.P.DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated loss of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation since 2000;

(b) the reasons analysed for the loss; and

(c) the reasons why VRS is not being implemented/given to several willing workers and the steps taken for revival?

Earning from Export of Textiles

1418. SHRIMATIN.P.DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite an increase in the total textiles forex earnings by 6 per cent, the net export earnings from textiles shrunk by 3.2 per cent in 2003-04;

(b) the main reasons for such a dip, apart from input costs and import of new technology from abroad;

(c) how this trend is going to affect India's textiles sector when the Multi-fibre Agreement comes into effect in 2005?

Decline in Textile Export

1419. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India's textile exports are declining in recent years;

(b) if so, details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to improve the exports?

**Fund to help distressed former sports
greats**

†1420. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to institute a fund to help the sports persons who brought fame to India at regional, State, country and/or international levels and who are now suffering from incurable diseases or facing financial problems; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof?

Foreign coaches for archery

1421. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hire foreign coaches to train Indian youth in archery for the next Olympics;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to offer exclusive scholarships for Indian students interested in archery; and

(d) if so, the details of such plan for the next four years?

**Promotion of adventure sports in
Uttaranchal**

1422. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up any academy or institute to promote adventure sports in some States during this Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any assessment has been made by Government regarding the possibilities to promote adventure sports in Uttaranchal; and

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(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken to promote adventure sports there?

**Sports Technology Development
Mission Programmes**

1423. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to constitute Sports Technology Development Mission Programmes to boost sports by filling in technological gaps;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the mission will be functional?

**Engaging Long term Policy for
foreign coaches**

1424. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of foreign coaches are engaged for training in various sports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details with their tenure of contract and remuneration;

(c) what is the criterion for their selection and how their performance is monitored; and

(d) whether Government intend to have a long term policy in this regard?

**Schemes for providing basic sports
facilities**

†1425. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme formulated by

Government for providing basic facilities for the development of sports in the country;

(b) the State-wise details of funds provided to various States under the said scheme;

(c) the funds allocated to Madhya Pradesh for construction of stadium during last three years and the number of pending proposals, the details thereof; and

(d) the reasons for delay in sanctioning the proposals sent by Madhya Pradesh for organising activities for youths?

**District Advisory Committees of Nehru
Yuva Committees**

1426. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether district Advisory Committees on Youth Programmes have been set up by Nehru Yuvak Kendras of Nehru Yuvak Sangathan, Government of India;

(b) how many such committees have been set up and what are their duties earmarked;

(c) how long these committees will work; and

(d) the names of persons associated with such committees in Srikakulam, Nehru Yuvak Kendra?

**International standard training facility
for athlete**

1427. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide an international standard training facility to athletes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) whether Government propose to set up a centre with such facilities in Tamil Nadu?

Doping cases

1428. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of the growing tendency of doping among Indian athletes; and

(b) how many cases have come to light yet and what action has been taken?

Financial assistance for sports projects in Himachal Pradesh

†1429. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Himachal Pradesh have sent proposals to lay athletic tracks, erect indoor stadia and set up sports academics in the districts of Kangra, Bilaspur, Hamirpur and Una for approval and requested to grant financial assistance;

(b) if so, the dates of doing so; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far on the proposals of the Government of Himachal Pradesh?

Training of 100 students from every State in sports

1430. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to select and train a minimum of 100 students from every State;

(b) if so, whether talent scouts have

been asked to submit details of youth potential for continuous training and sponsorship by Government;

(c) the details of steps proposed by Government to select more youth for sports training with a view on the next two Olympics; and

(d) the other steps proposed to plan for the next two Olympics?

Expansion of youth activities at university and school level

1431. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not formulated any imaginative schemes for youth in the country;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to expand youth activities at the university and school level;

(c) whether any effort will be made to involve the private sector in development of sports infrastructure and games for the youth of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Subsidising sports equipments for schools and colleges

1432. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that high cost of equipments and sports tools is acting as an impediment to sports development in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to subsidise sports equipments like archery and shooting equipments and gymnastics for schools and colleges and to provide sports equipments and tools of games to schools and colleges at cheaper rates;

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(c) the details of plan of Government to make sports and games more accessible to talented youth in the country; and

(d) the status of such efforts by SAI and other agencies dealing with sports?

Observation of National Sports Day

1433. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific programmes and sports events were organized by Union Government to observe the National Sports Day; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

Anti doping steps

†1434. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to ensure that no Indian sports person is found guilty of doping in international sports and put the country to shame; and

(b) whether there is a proposal to form an enquiry committee in the country also that can firmly present the case of innocent sports person at international level?

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