

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Monday, the December 16, 2002/Agrahayana 25, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; 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)**

**Total number of questions—155**

#### **Establishment of industries for agricultural labourers**

2514. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a sizeable population of many districts of our country are entirely dependent upon agriculture and their sufferings increase during monsoon failures;

(b) if so, whether Government will come forward to start industries to provide employment opportunities to those unemployed agricultural labourers at the time of monsoon failure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Establishment of Rice Port**

2515. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations for the establishment of a Rice Port to facilitate rice export;

(b) the details of the representations;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a great potential for exporting rice to other countries; and

(d) the measures Government propose to exploit this potential?

#### **Contract farming**

2516. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tobacco farmers are opposing the move to introduce contract farming and are in favour of retaining the present production and auction system;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal in this regard; and

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

#### **Revival of cement factories**

†2517. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sell all cement factories which are running in loss;

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(b) if so, the norms prescribed for this purpose; and

(c) if not, whether Government have considered the measures to revive and provide more funds to them, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Implementation of Labour in EPZs and SEZs**

2518. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the units in the Export Processing Zones and Special Economic Zones exempted from implementation of Labour Laws;

(b) the details of the laws which are not applicable in the EPZs and SEZs in the country; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to ensure implementation of Labour Laws and protect the workers?

#### **Import of edible oil**

†2519. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to import edible oil on a large scale;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both traders and farmers are opposing this move since this would ruin their market; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

#### **News-item "India loses WTO cases against European Union"**

2520. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:  
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India loses WTO case against European Union", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 6th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how would Government defend WTO cases in future;

(c) if so, the detailed study undertaken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Decrease in FDI**

2521. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(b) whether there is perceptible decrease in FDI;

(c) whether Government have instituted any inquiry with regard to this matter;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) the steps being contemplated to attract FDI in different sectors?

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**Imposition of curbs on FDI from certain countries**

2522. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI JANARDHANA  
POOJARY:  
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to impose curbs on FDI from certain countries on security grounds;

(b) if so, the details in this regard along with names of the countries, the regions and sectors identified for the purpose;

(c) the total FDI during the last five years from the identified countries, year-wise, sector-wise and region-wise;

(d) whether the existing ventures from the identified countries would be asked to wind-up as and when the proposal materialises; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for winding-up the operations and compensation, if any, in such an exercise?

**Export of Steel to China and other East-Asian countries**

2523. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a surge of demand of stainless steel, particularly from China in the recent past;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to augment production in the Alloy Steel Plant-Salem; and

(c) the steps being taken to export stainless steel by SAIL to China and other East-Asian countries on a long-term basis?

**Prediction regarding fall in FDI inflow**

2524. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the prediction made in the United Nations Conference of Trade and Development that there will be a 27 per cent drop in foreign direct investment inflow world-wide;

(b) Government's comments thereon; and

(c) the likely situation that may obtain in India?

**Export of Gold, Jewellery and Diamond**

2525. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total worth of gold, jewellery and diamond exported to different countries from India since 1998, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that exports have come down during the last two years;

(c) if so, the reasons for the decline; and

(d) the total gold, diamond and jewellery marketed in the country?

**Inflow of foreign investment**

2526. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been able to attract significant foreign investment during the current year;

(b) the quantum of foreign investment inflow and the sectors which secured higher investments;

(c) the sectors which have been neglected by foreign investors and the steps taken by Government to attract foreign investments in those sectors; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to help SSIs in securing foreign investments for them?

#### **Capital investment in India**

2527. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total level of venture capital investment in India during this financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that China has attracted more investment than India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to bring in more venture capital investment in the country?

#### **Impact of globalisation on tea industry**

2528. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of globalisation on future of tea industry in India;

(b) the reasons for sudden decline of tea market and action taken by Government to rescue the tea producers especially the small tea growers;

(c) the details of financial and technical assistance provided to tea growers as a relief package, fixation of minimum support price, re-schedulement of loan, interest relief etc.; and

(d) the special packages taken by Tea Board, if any, in this regard?

#### **FDI for setting-up agro-industries in various States**

†2529. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals regarding foreign capital investments received for the setting-up of the agro-based industries in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and North-Eastern States during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the number of proposals which have been accorded approval and implemented;

(c) whether any scheme is being formulated by Government to make investments in the economically backward districts of the country for their development; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

#### **Clarification from the Shell India Pvt. Ltd.**

2530. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Shell India Pvt. Ltd. has asked his Ministry if the 26 per cent disinvestment clause imposed on its wholly-owned subsidiary in 1999 still stands good;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether M/s. Shell India Pvt. Ltd. has proposed to undertake trading in Chemical and Petro Chemical products in the country; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

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### **FDI in tea industry**

†2531. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge decline has been registered in the export of Indian Tea in the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Tea Industry is likely to grow by Government allowing hundred per cent foreign direct investment;

(d) if so, the target fixed by Government for the export of tea during the current year;

(e) whether the said target is likely to be achieved; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Imbalances in decision making in WTO**

2532. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose reforms to address imbalances in global decision making in relation to trades;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to help better representation of interest at the WTO in the face of decisions being taken by influential countries?

### **Meeting of Trade Ministers of ASEAN and India**

2533. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time on 15th September, 2002, Trade Ministers of ASEAN countries and India

met in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to discuss economic co-operation and to extend the linkages and synergy between India and the ASEAN countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the potential of a combined market size of 1.5 billion people of India and ASEAN which is yet to be tapped to the optimum is limitless; and

(c) if so, the details of the initiative and plan for its development?

### **Misuse of Export Promotion Schemes by Companies**

2534. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in Delhi who have cheated Government during the last two years by misusing export promotion schemes, such as duty drawback, duty free replenishment certificate scheme and duty exemption pass book scheme;

(b) the total amount involved in these cheating cases;

(c) the number of persons arrested and the number of cases instituted against them and number of convictions in these cases; and

(d) other details in this regard?

### **Rising price of cement**

†2535. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to bring down the continuously increasing prices of cement in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the procedure adopted by Government of Chhattisgarh in this regard; and

(d) the details of success in this regard?

#### **Closing down of paper mills**

2536. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of paper mills closed down in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for the closure of these mills;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to revive some of these paper mills particularly the Orient Paper Mills, Brajraj Nagar in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the steps taken, so far, in this regard?

#### **Move to reduce export cost of agricultural Commodities**

2537. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after deregulating the exports of several agricultural commodities his Ministry is now reducing export cost of these commodities;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has planned to move away from extending indirect subsidy to farmers and provide direct assistance to them to make their product competitive;

(c) if so, to what extent this move has given a boost to the agricultural export;

(d) the other facilities being provided to reduce the cost of agricultural export; and

(e) to what extent his Ministry has been successful in this regard?

#### **Recovery signs in core sector**

2538. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the core sector is showing signs of recovery;

(b) if so, the percentage of recovery, during the year 2001-2002 in comparison to previous year, industry-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that crude petroleum sector has shown a decline, if so to what extent;

(d) the reasons for decline in this sector; and

(e) the time it would take to attain steady growth all over?

#### **Tea export to Iraq**

2539. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:  
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iraq has decided to drop tea from its list of imports in the forth coming phase XII of the food for work programme;

(b) if so, in what manner it would effect the exports of Indian tea to Iraq; and

(c) the total quantity of tea exported to Iraq during the last five years, year-wise?

**ASSOCHAM for removal of tax discrimination**

2540. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to give a fillip to project exports, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) has recommended removal of tax discrimination between product and project exporters, increased deduction on income from royalties and patents, rationalization of tax treatment for joint ventures and exemption from Customs duty for used equipment;

(b) if so, whether both the Finance and Commerce Ministry have agreed to the suggestions made; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to implement them?

**Development of Bodoland area of Assam**

2541. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that too much irregularities are being done by the State Governments and other implementing agencies in the implementation of Prime Minister's special financial package for the development of the Bodoland area of Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is delay in the process of releasing money from the Centre to the States or the other implementing agencies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Disinvestment of Indian Airlines/Air India**

2542. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the disinvestment proposal in Indian Airlines/Air India;

(b) by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the total value of disinvestment; and

(d) the reasons for finalizing purchase of new aircrafts when disinvestment is finally being considered?

**Request from IFCI**

2543. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received request from the IFCI to disqualify certain Companies/Groups from bidding;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their request; and

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

**Disinvestment process**

2544. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "India must push reforms, says IMF", which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 28th November, 2002;

(b) whether the present reform and disinvestment process are being done at the directive of IMF; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Post-closure adjustment claim**

2545. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s Zuari Maroc Pvt. Ltd. the strategic partner of Paradeep Phosphates has filed a post-closure adjustment claim of Rs. 151.55 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to entertain the claim; and

(c) the price for which the company was disinvested?

**Synthetic milk**

2546. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:  
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA  
SEKAR REDDY:

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, "No check on sale of synthetic milk in Ghaziabad areas," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 26th October, 2002;

(b) whether out of 14 cases where adulterated milk was found, no FIR has been lodged and out of 131 samples collected in the year 2000 only 82 samples have been taken, so far, in this year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to curb the malpractice of synthetic milk throughout the country?

**HIV affected women**

2547. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an

increase by 2 per cent within two months of women afflicted with HIV in Delhi, as reported in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated the 3rd September, 2002;

(b) the percentage of women with HIV in the country;

(c) the figures in the major metros; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to check the increase?

**Improvement in the working of Government Hospitals**

2548. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA  
KHUNTIA:

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, "In Delhi's Government hospitals have a baby, get abuses for free," which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 3rd November, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being proposed to be taken to improve the present situation in Government Hospitals in Delhi; and

(c) the proposals to improve the behaviour of the staff in these Hospitals?

**Legislation to control sale of spurious drugs**

2549. SHRI SUDARSHAN  
AKARAPU:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether Government propose to bring a new legislation to control unabated sale of spurious drugs all over the country;

(b) the kind of punishment proposed to be awarded to merchants in this new legislation; and

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

#### **Strike by Chemists**

2550. SHRI GANDHI AZAD:  
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

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

(a) the details regarding the strikes by the chemists who supply the local purchase allopathic medicines to the CGHS dispensaries in Delhi during the last one year as a result of which the beneficiaries had to face great difficulties;

(b) the reasons for their strike;

(c) whether since 1st November, 2002 the chemists have again gone on strike;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the strike;

(e) whether Government have taken any action to end the strike in the interest of the beneficiaries; and

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

#### **Improvement in the management of AIIMS**

2551. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) the steps taken to improve the Management of AIIMS; and

(b) the steps to be taken to provide a modern and hygienic mortuary in the AIIMS?

#### **Redevelopment Plan for AIIMS**

2552. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has announced an ambitious Rs. 1,300 crore Redevelopment Master Plan-2025;

(b) if so, the proposals of Redevelopment Plan of AIIMS;

(c) whether any action plan has been formulated;

(d) if so, to what extent this will help to cope with increasing patients workload; and

(e) by when the work on this is likely to start?

#### **Payment of commission by drug companies**

2553. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many doctors and private medical practitioners who are recommending only drugs of those companies that are paying them good commission;

(b) if so, whether Government would investigate this matter; and

(c) whether penalty would be imposed on such medical practitioners who are found guilty of such practices since they are playing with the lives of the people?

#### **TKDL project**

2554. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:  
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has also represented in the Task Force for Traditional Knowledge Digital Library;

(b) whether Government have submitted Traditional Knowledge Resource Classification of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library to World Intellectual Property Organisation during 2001;

(c) whether European and United States Patent Office commented that the classification is not useful to non-experts, whereas the Chinese data base is useful;

(d) whether persons with Commerce and Life Science degrees are appointed as Information Technology experts in the project;

(e) whether there was any delay in implementing TKDL project; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Herbal plants in NER**

2555. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Eastern Region is very rich in herbal plants;

(b) if so, whether this wealth of the region has been exploited;

(c) whether Government have prepared any plans to make use of the herbal wealth of the region;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details in this regard?

#### **Family pension to mentally challenged dependants of Government servants**

2556. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mentally challenged dependants of Government servants are eligible for family pension till they are alive;

(b) if so, whether they are also proposed to be covered for all the schemes like CGHS card and other benefits available to the pensioners and their family; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

#### **Condition of Safdarjung Hospital**

†2557. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Safdarjung Hospital—Haddi Vibhag Jameen par litaiye Jatee hain mareej," which appeared in the Hindustan, dated the 18th November, 2002;

(b) whether Government propose to take any effective steps to protect the interests of the patients; and

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

#### **Proposal pending for setting up of Integrated Primary Health Care System**

2558. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a proposal to seek World Bank assistance to the tune of Rs. 7.90 crore to set up an Integrated Primary Health Care System is pending with his Ministry; and

(b) the present stage of consideration of this proposal and by when a final decision in the matter is expected?

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**Family welfare linked health insurance plan**

2559. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a family welfare linked health insurance plan for persons below the poverty line (BPL) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced;

(d) whether Government also propose to extend this scheme to other sections of the population including senior citizens; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for CGHS dispensary in Vasant Vihar**

†2560. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plot allotted for the construction of CGHS Dispensary at CPWD Housing Complex, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has been lying unused for the past several years due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, by when the funds for the construction work is likely to be released; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

**Monitoring of diagnostic laboratories**

2561. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any standards and monitoring system for the diagnostic laboratories functioning in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that a number of such laboratories are functioning without maintaining the required standards and the patients are receiving inaccurate reports from the labs; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to monitor the system in the interest of the patients?

**Restructuring of AIIMS**

2562. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has drawn up the largest prospective plan for its restructuring and development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact the senior faculty of the AIIMS is questioning the restructuring plan; and

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

**Black marketing of cancer drugs**

2563. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medicines recently developed abroad to fight cancer, which have not yet been approved for sale, are being stocked illegally by chemists and sold at exorbitant prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Doctors in private hospitals prescribe such medicines routinely and the patients are forced to procure them from black market at a very high price; and

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(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government have taken to end blackmarketing of such life-saving drugs?

**ACP to Allopathic System of Pharmacists**

2564. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI GANDHI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2290 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the requisite clarifications have since been received from the DGHS/DOPT for grant of Assured Career Progression in case of Allopathic System of Pharmacists;

(b) if so, the details of the follow-up action taken in the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**AIDS orphan children**

2565. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS orphan children in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) how many are infected with the disease for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of budgetary and institutional support made and provided for their rehabilitation; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government/NGOs to protect the children during the last three years, State-wise?

**Policy for purchase of medicines for CGHS**

2566. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suffered loss of crores of rupees for not adopting the procedure of wholesale purchase of medicines for CGHS;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a policy for the purchase of medicines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**CAG Report on AIIMS**

†2567. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its report has stated that AIIMS has deviated from its basic aim of medical research and education;

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote medical research in AIIMS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Utilisation of WHO funding**

2568. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by the World Health Organisation for various programmes in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details of such funds utilised?

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**Deaths due to Hepatitis-B**

†2569. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to Hepatitis B in the country during 2001-2002; and

(b) the details of measures taken by his Ministry during the said period, State-wise?

**Introduction of World Bank Project to check use of fake drugs**

†2570. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a World Bank Project to stop the use of fake drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken against the sellers of these drugs, so far; and

(d) the number of cases noticed, so far?

**Representations against imposition of new fees**

2571. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small companies have made representations against the imposition of new fees for new drug applications and import registration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government?

**CII-Mckinsey study on expenditure on health**

2572. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the CII-Mckinsey study group, India's expenditure on health is likely to increase from Rs. 86,000 crores at present to Rs. 270,000 crores by the year 2012;

(b) whether, out of this, the private sector will continue to be the largest component of health care spending which is likely to double from Rs. 69,000 crore to Rs. 156,000 crores by 2012; and

(c) if so, the details of this CII-Mckinsey study and whether Government have accepted its findings?

**Lack of essential facilities in AIIMS**

2573. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal working of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi has developed large number of shortcomings as has been revealed by random checking recently;

(b) whether the life saving drugs like antibiotics and other essential medical and surgical equipments like gloves, masks and connector for giving intravenous fluids are not available; and

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an enquiry into these shortcomings and ensure that various essential facilities are made available in this premier institute?

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### **Fertility rate in HP**

2574. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special plan has been formulated to bring down total fertility rate in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have examined the causes for not achieving the target by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Malnutrition among children**

2575. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M.S. Swaminathan Foundation (MSSF) and World Food Programme (WFP) had brought out very recently an Atlas titled, "Food Insecurity Atlas of Urban India", which indicated that a large number of children in Indian Cities suffer from extreme malnutrition;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for such a situation; and

(c) the efforts being made to avoid such malnutrition among city children?

### **Liver related diseases**

†2576. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that liver related diseases are taking the shape of epidemic in the country and any national policy has not been evolved to control this disease;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main reasons for increase in the liver related diseases are lack of knowledge and awareness; and

(c) if so, the numbers of hepatitis-B patients in the country alongwith the number of liver cancer cases and to what extent Government are serious about the treatment of these patients and the action taken in this regard?

### **Development of Central Homoeopathic Research Institute, Kurichi, Kerala**

2577. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of the development plan of Central Homoeopathic Research Institute, Kurichi in Kottayam District of Kerala;

(b) whether the State Government has assigned 5 acres of land for the development of the Institute; and

(c) the reasons for the inordinate delay in the implementation of the development project?

### **Quality Assurance Agency for fast food centres**

2578. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of fast-food centres are being set up in cities and towns in the country both by the indigenous entrepreneurs and the MNCs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of them are operating without proper permits and thereby seriously compromising the quality and hygiene;

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(c) whether Government propose to create a special Quality Assurance Agency consisting of trained catering specialists to inspect and monitor the services of fast food centres sprouting all over the country in large number; and

(d) if so, by when such an Agency would be formed and nature of its composition?

**Imported food items under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act**

2579. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring imported food items within the ambit of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act;

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

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to implement the proposal?

**'Wrist Watch Incision' device for heart patients**

2580. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new innovation in the field of by pass surgery has been evolved wherein 'Wrist Watch Incision' is carried on a heart patient;

(b) whether it is a blood saving device and is very convenient for the patients undergoing by pass surgery;

(c) whether this new device has been introduced on large scale in the hospitals in the country; and

(d) if not, by when it will be done on large scale?

**AIDS among youths**

†2581. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that danger of AIDS among youths in the country, particularly students, is rising;

(b) if so, whether Government have any scheme to start AIDS Education Programme in all the public schools and semi-Governments schools in the States to make them aware of the increasing dangers of AIDS;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Council for checking registrations by private hospitals**

†2582. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for setting-up a Council for keeping a check on the arbitrary methods being adopted by hospitals, nursing homes and clinics for doing their registration and monitoring the health facilities being provided by them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Council is likely to be set-up?

**Irregularities in the Central Council of Homoeopathy**

2583. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

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been drawn to the irregularities and corruption in the Central Council of Homoeopathy; and

(b) if so, the details of investigation and the action taken against the culprits?

#### **Malaria and brain fever in HP**

2584. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing incidents of malaria and brain fever in the State of Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and measures taken by Government to eradicate such harmful diseases from the State?

#### **Coronary Artery Diseases**

2585. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coronary artery diseases are assuming epidemic proportion in the country;

(b) if so, whether the drug-coated angioplasty stents are the most effective tool to permanently remove artery blockages;

(c) if so, whether the prohibitive prices of drug-coated angioplasty stents are a hindrance against their use in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to bring down the price of drug-coated stents;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Performance of PSUs**

2586. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of the 49 PSUs under his Ministry has recorded decline of 11 per cent during the first half of 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken to improve performance of heavy industries in the remaining period of 2002-2003?

#### **PSUs running in loss**

†2587. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) the total number of PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) the total capital invested by Government upto March, 2002 in the said PSUs;

(c) the details of the PSUs which are running in loss for the last five years; and

(d) the total loss suffered, by them till March, 2002?

#### **Privatisation of PSUs**

†2588. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether Government have identified the PSUs which can be privatised;

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- (b) if so, the names of such PSUs;
- (c) the amount of capital investment in these PSUs by Government upto March, 2002; and
- (d) the amount of loss suffered by these PSUs by March, 2002?

**Setting-up of heavy industries  
in Bihar**

†2589. SHRI LALU PRASAD:  
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that after the bifurcation of Bihar in the year 2000, only four heavy industries in private and public sector, out of the 41 such industries, had remained with Bihar resulting in gross imbalance in industrial sector; and
- (b) if answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to set-up heavy industries in Bihar to maintain regional balance?

**Closure of PSUs**

2590. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of PSUs under his Ministry which were closed till 31st October, 2002; and
- (b) the steps taken to modernise the remaining PSUs?

**Production target for PSUs**

†2591. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH  
'LALAN':

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

- (a) whether Government had fixed the production target for the PSUs for the current year;
- (b) if so, the production target fixed for each PSU and value thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the said target was more than the actual production value of the corresponding period of previous year; and
- (d) the target achieved in terms of percentage by each PSU, so far?

**Partnership with industry to increase  
export**

2592. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to forge a partnership with the industry especially the manufacturing sector to ensure growth in exports;
- (b) if so, whether his Ministry feels that in a liberalised environment, the industry and Government have to work together in partnership to not only meet the demand of the domestic economy but also to play a meaningful role in the globalised market;
- (c) if so, to what extent it has given boost to the exports; and
- (d) the other steps being considered in this regard?

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**Fund for clearance of statutory dues of sick PSUs**

2593. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to float a dedicated fund to ensure clearance of statutory dues of crores of rupees payable by sick public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the sources by which the proposed funds would be generated; and

(c) to what extent the public sector undertakings, which have fallen sick in the past few years, would be benefited?

**Guidelines for FDI in newspapers and periodicals**

2594. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by her Ministry for FDI in newspapers and periodicals dealing with news and current affairs;

(b) the safeguards taken before issuance of the guidelines;

(c) the specific areas where FDI will be allowed;

(d) the major bone of contention before her Ministry in regard to the issuance of guidelines; and

(e) whether the same has been resolved?

**Display of indecent display of women**

†2595. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the films

containing the indecent display of women have been banned but such posters are still seen in the villages and towns;

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

(c) whether Government propose to ban such posters in the country?

**Scientific Programmes for children on DD Channels**

2596. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast scientific programmes for children on DD Metro and Doordarshan National Channel;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government for telecasting these programmes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Innovative programmes by AIR, Vishakhapatnam**

2597. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vishakhapatnam Station of All India Radio is introducing some innovative programmes to attract more artists to prepare programmes; and

(b) the details of new programmes to be introduced?

**Complaint from PTI employees**

2598. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether she has received a complaint

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from the Press Trust of India Employees Union, Delhi regarding alleged misappropriation of one-day salary contribution of the PTI employees to the PM's National Relief Fund during Kargil war and Gujarat earthquake; and

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

#### **Demands of PTI employees**

2599. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unrest among the employees of PTI and they are sitting on Dharna since 11th October, 2002 because of their unfulfilled demands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 700 employees of PTI have left the organisation in the last seven years;

(c) whether PTI management is biased towards one political party;

(d) the benefit to Government from PTI;

(e) the reaction of Government on the demand of the employees; and

(f) whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the affairs of PTI?

#### **Advertisements to small and medium newspapers**

2600. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has directed the advertisers to give a minimum of nine advertisements to small and medium newspapers;

(b) if so, whether the guidelines based on the Parliamentary Committee's recommendations have been circulated to

all to help the small and medium newspapers; and

(c) if so, the other decisions of the Committee considered and implemented by now?

#### **Competition for the programmes of AIR and Doordarshan**

2601. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is growing competition for the programmes of AIR and Doordarshan Network from the private channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to assist the AIR/Doordarshan to take on these challenges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Access to Channels without cable**

2602. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan channels telecasting programmes at present;

(b) the number and names of channels that are available to viewers without the help of the cable operators;

(c) whether the non-availability of these channels without the help of cable operators violates the rights of the viewers to have free access to Doordarshan programmes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make available these channels without the help of cable operators?

### **Guidelines for foreign TV channels**

2603. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise guidelines for TV news, in view of the entry of foreign-owned TV channels in the 24 hour news segment;

(b) whether Government have considered the pros and cons of the new scenario; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Decline in DD Profits**

†2604. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the decline in the profit of Doordarshan as compared to that of the last year;

(b) whether any review has been made in this regard;

(c) the steps taken to increase the revenue earning every year; and

(d) the target fixed for revenue earning during the current financial year and the ensuing years?

### **Foreign tours by the employees of DD/AIR**

†2605. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees and officers of Akashwani and Doordarshan sent on foreign tours during the last three years;

(b) the names of such officials, their credentials, posts, countries toured and

expenditure incurred on these tours along with the details with regard to the names of the events and dates of tours; and

(c) the justification for these foreign tours and the achievement thereof?

### **Lok Adalats**

2606. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the amendment effected in the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 this year, permanent Lok Adalats are proposed to be set-up all over the country to adjudicate cases relating to public utilities services upto the value of ten lakh;

(b) if so, the names of the public utility services proposed to be covered by Lok Adalats;

(c) the names of States where Permanent Lok Adalats have been set-up; and

(d) the number of cases relating to public utility services transferred, so far, from courts to permanent Lok Adalats in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

### **Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill**

2607. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Law Commission has drafted Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill;

(b) if so, the main features of the Bill;

(c) whether this Bill has been cleared by his Ministry; and

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(d) by when this would be introduced in Parliament?

**Cases of Government staff pending in various High Courts**

2608. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of cases related to service matter of Central and State Government staff are pending in various High Courts for years;

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

(c) whether the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has recommended that these cases be taken away from High Courts and resolved in the permanent Lok Adalats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

**Expenditure on legal reforms**

†2609. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments are worried over their poor financial position and wish that all the expenses to be incurred for legal reforms and providing speedy justice to common man should be borne by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would take any positive step in this direction; and

(e) if so, the estimated expenses to be incurred thereon?

**Removal of Judges on the ground of misbehaviour and incapacity**

2610. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider suitable amendment to the Constitution for the removal of Judges of the higher judiciary on grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity in view of the failure of the existing provisions of the Constitution for this purpose; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider including in these amendments a provision for placing under suspension the Judge against whom *prima facie* case has been made out, pending final decision?

**Failure of FTCs due to shortage of Judges**

†2611. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Fast Track Courts were constituted and aims thereof;

(b) the number of cases pending in such courts, at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of Judges, these courts have failed in their objectives;

(d) if so, the extent of shortage of Judges and by when this shortage is going to be removed; and

(e) the amount sanctioned for these courts and the names of the States which have shown interest in this direction State-wise?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Contesting elections on fake caste certificates**

†2612. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have fought Lok Sabha and State Legislature elections in the country on the basis of fake and controversial caste certificates during the last five years;

(b) the number of cases investigated, out of them, and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether National Commission on SCs/STs has also investigated the controversial caste certificate of the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details of the outcome thereof?

**Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999**

2613. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government of Karnataka for the Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala**

2614. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala as national inland navigation waterways; and

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

**Revival programme for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation**

2615. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revival programme has been worked out for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC), Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme is proposed to be implemented effectively and if so, by when; and

(d) whether Government have reasonable expectation from CIWTC showing signs of turnaround as a result of the revival programme?

**Financial assistance for development of waterways navigation**

2616. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance to develop waterways for navigation, shore-to-shore ferry services for transportation in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government proposes to undertake construction of jetties and terminals and other similar structures;

(c) the amount of financial assistance sought therefor; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

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#### **Survey of sea ferry terminals**

2617. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea ferry is increasingly becoming popular among the tourists in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey of the sea ferry terminals in the Country having immense tourism potential;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such a survey and if so, the time schedule thereof?

#### **Survey on sea terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka**

2618. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea travel is becoming increasingly popular in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have identified any potential cruise terminals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to establish cruise terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka between Mangalore and Karwar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds for modernisation of Jetties in Gujarat**

2619. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided 50 per cent of funds for the modernisation of Jetties in Gujarat;

(b) the quantum of funds released, so far, in this regard to various States particularly Gujarat during the last three years; State-wise; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **R&R Plan of Hadua (Dalak) Irrigation Project in Orissa**

2620. SHRIMATI SUSHREE DEVI: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether State Government of Orissa has submitted the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan of Hadua (Dalak) Irrigation Project in Cuttack District, for clearance of Government;

(b) whether the above project has been cleared by the 76th TAC of Ministry of Water Resources on 29th March, 2001 at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.48 crores; and

(c) if so, the present status of the case?

#### **Implementation of OASIS Committee Report**

2621. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the implementation of the report on the Old Age Social and Income Security Committee (OASIS)?

**Inequality in income among States**

†2622. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:  
SHRI LALU PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Article 38(2) of the Constitution of India, it is expected from Government to take measures to balance (minimise) the inequality in income of States;

(b) if so, whether Government are formulating any scheme to eliminate inequality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**News-item, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage"**

2623. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: 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, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 28th August, 2002;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a Brahmin Priest was forced out of his job and home in Khazane village in Goa for performing marriage of a Dalit couple in his temple;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to ascertain the facts; and

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

**Rehabilitation programme for beggars**

2624. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan to check begging, particularly begging by children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any rehabilitation programme is there for the beggars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for welfare schemes in Bihar**

†2625. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Bihar for implementation of welfare schemes during the last two years;

(b) the funds out of this actually utilised by the State of Bihar; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government for proper utilisation of these funds?

**Maulana Azad Education Fund**

2626. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total income of the Maulana Azad Education Fund during the financial years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the amount sanctioned during the said period;

(c) the number of institutions assisted during the said period; and

(d) the details of the institutions sanctioned during the said period?

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**Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students**

2627. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms prescribed by Government for distribution of scholarship to the SC/ST and OBC students in the country;
- (b) the assistance extended by Government to each State for the purpose during the last three years; and
- (c) the rate at which the scholarship is granted to them?

**Central Wakf Board**

2628. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tenure of the Central Wakf Board has expired;
- (b) if so, on which date;
- (c) whether the new Board has been reconstituted;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when it would be reconstituted?

**Clearance of Upper Lanth Irrigation Project in Orissa**

2629. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRIMATI SUSHREE DEVI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the Upper Lanth Irrigation Project in Bolangir district of Orissa is pending with Government for clearance;
- (b) whether Government are also aware that the project on completion would

irrigate vast areas of land especially in the drought prone blocks of KBK districts; and

- (c) if so, the present status of the case?

**Autonomous District Councils for welfare of STs**

2630. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of population of Scheduled Tribes in the country;
- (b) the number of Autonomous District Councils for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) whether the tribal people in the States, other than those in the North-Eastern region, have been demanding Autonomous District Councils in their respective States;
- (d) if so, the steps taken; and
- (e) if not, whether Government have any such plan?

**Survey on death of tribal children in Thane district**

2631. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the recent survey published by the Pune-based Tribal Training and Research Institute confirming that deaths of 69 per cent of the 26 tribal children in Thane district during April-August were due to malnutrition, respiratory disorders, convulsions, etc.;
- (b) if so, whether such deaths are restricted to Tribal children only or this is the general state of affairs in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps being taken that tribal children especially in Maharashtra and also all over the country are taken care to avoid recurrence of such a tragedy?

**Post-matric scholarships to ST/SC students**

2632. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of post-matric scholarships and stipends granted by Government to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of students belonging to the SC community who were granted scholarships and stipends during last three years, State-wise and sex-wise?

**Central schemes in Arunachal Pradesh**

2633. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored schemes formulated and being implemented in the State of Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial assistance sanctioned, released and utilised under the schemes in the State during this period; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the entire funds for the same?

**Proposals for development of STs in Karnataka**

2634. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals regarding (i) creation of infrastructure and irrigation facilities for the land development and for educational programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka; (ii) release of funds under Central

schemes for development of primitive tribal groups in Karnataka; (iii) release of funds for construction of Ashram schools and hostels for pre-matriculation boys and girls; (iv) establishment of book banks; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of these proposals and by when the approval and release of funds by Government can be expected?

**Data regarding poverty ratio**

2635. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government do not have any data about the poverty ratio in minor States and the numbers given out are mere extrapolation of poverty ratio in the adjacent major States;

(b) whether there has been any survey about poverty in North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific measures that are undertaken to prevent starvation deaths and reduce poverty?

**DDA's Penalty Relief Scheme-2001**

2636. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the response of the DDA Penalty Relief Scheme-2001 has been very poor, so far;

(b) if so, the number of defaulting allottees who have availed of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the penalty to nominal rate of interest or waive it completely for allottees who have

already paid their total instalments and to give incentive to the defaulters to clear their pending instalments?

**Ambedkar-Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana**

2637. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the year 2001-2002 being observed as the year of implementation of the Ambedkar-Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana, which has been announced by the Prime Minister on the Independence Day last year (August 15, 2001) remained largely only on paper and failed to take off the ground during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, indicating the cost and targets fixed for the year and the steps taken and progress made in implementation thereof during the year and the reasons for the failure?

**Land acquired by DDA in Delhi**

†2638. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquired in Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years, on which there were illegal encroachments, has been taken back in Government occupation;

(b) if so, the total area of such land; and

(c) in what manner this land has, so far, been utilized by the Authority?

**Cost incurred on Delhi Metro Project**

2639. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-  
KARASU:  
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI  
VIRUMBI:

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

(a) the total cost incurred, so far, on Delhi Metro Project; and

(b) whether any contribution has been made by any other agency other than the Ministry of Railways?

**Regularization of unauthorised colonies**

2640. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-  
CHARYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to regularise all unauthorised colonies in Delhi which came up in Delhi before this year;

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

(c) whether the move would involve major amendments in Delhi's Master Plan in relation to sewerage, electricity and building norms and if so, the details thereof?

**Displacement of persons due to construction of Delhi Metro Rail**

2641. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:  
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number

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of persons has been displaced and shops have been demolished for construction of Delhi Metro Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise and section-wise, particularly at Chawri Bazar of Old Delhi area;

(c) the criteria fixed for the payment of compensation to the affected persons and the amount paid, so far;

(d) whether alternative land has been provided to those displaced persons and shopowners; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ACP to JEs and AEs in CPWD**

2642. SHRI R. S. GAVAI:  
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH  
MALIK:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers, who have completed 24 years of service are not getting next promotion with scale of Rs.10000-15200 under ACP scheme;

(b) the number of Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers who are eligible for next scale of Rs.10000-15200 at present; and

(c) the reasons for not giving the next upgradation to Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers in CPWD?

#### **Appointment of LDCs in DDA**

2643. SHRI BHAGAT RAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI PALDEN TSERING  
GYAMTSO:

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

(a) whether Delhi High Court in its order CW 1627/99, dated 27th May, 2002 has

directed for appointment of successful persons in departmental test held in 1989 within a period of two months;

(b) if so, the action taken pursuant to the order alongwith the names and date of appointment;

(c) the number of LDC posts lying vacant as on date in DDA;

(d) the number of vacancies filled against 15 per cent quota and how many are lying unfilled, as on date; and

(e) the action taken by Government against responsible officers with their names who have arbitrarily not appointed such successful candidates, so far?

#### **Construction of fly-overs in Delhi**

2644. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) the various fly-overs proposed to be taken up for construction in Delhi for smooth flow of traffic;

(b) the financial implications involved in such constructions and whether this would be totally borne by the State Government or shared with the Centre; and

(c) the agencies to whom these individual projects would be entrusted for construction and by when these fly-overs are expected to be ready for public traffic?

#### **Recommendation of Nitin Gadkari Committee**

2645. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have accepted the recommendation of the Nitin Gadkari Committee that the construction which was traditionally done by the CPWD for all Government Departments be gradually privatised and outsourced; and

(b) if so, the details of this recommendation and its implications?

**Revised FDI guidelines for urban development**

2646. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to revise guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment norms in regard to urban development;

(b) if so, whether Government are also urging State Governments for repealing the Urban Land Ceiling Act;

(c) whether Government and States have also resolved to bring down stamp duties and registration fees from 15 per cent to 5 per cent in an effort to introduce reforms in the sector; and

(d) if so, to what extent the revising of norms have helped to attract more FDI in Urban Development?

**Scales in the cadre of Executive Engineer, CPWD**

2647. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:  
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD only two scales exist in the cadre of Executive Engineer;

(b) if so, the number of posts earmarked in the pay scale of Rs. 12000-16500 in the grade of Executive Engineer, CPWD, (Civil and Electrical Wing), separately;

(c) the number of Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) working in the pay scale of Rs. 12000-16500 in CPWD;

(d) the reason for not filling all the posts earmarked in the scale of Rs. 12000-16500/-; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to fill up all the posts of Executive Engineer in the grade of Rs. 12000-16500?

**Approved plan of green belt in Anand Vihar**

2648. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1349 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of approved plan of the DDA for developing green belt near DDA flats, Anand Vihar, around the nullah;

(b) whether any provision for permanent sewage disposal (other than pumping of sewage) and potable water pipeline is a part of the plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, in what manner this serious problem of sewage disposal and drinking water is proposed to be tackled by Government?

**Non-attendance of complaints by CPWD Service Centres**

2649. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints lodged in some CPWD Service Centres

including the one at Rajya Sabha Awas, INA Colony are not being attended timely due to non-availability of material and skilled staff;

(b) whether the JE/AE posted in such Service Centres ever see the complaints register and monitor the complaints; and

(c) the complaints received and attended during the last three months?

#### **Environmental improvement of slums in the country**

2650. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for implementation of environmental improvements of slums during the last five years in the country particularly in metropolitan cities; and

(b) the details of funds incurred on the development of slums and poverty alleviation in the country during this period?

#### **State land ceiling policy**

2651. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to his notice that the land ceiling policy of the States come in the way of speedy urbanisation and industrialisation;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to overcome these difficulties;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring this subject in the Union List?

#### **Implementation of SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh**

2652. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Central Government and State Government of Andhra Pradesh to improve the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in the State:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results achieved under SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Residential and commercial plots earmarked to PNCHBS Ltd.**

2653. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential/institutional/commercial plots earmarked on the basis of layout plan in Preet Nagar Cooperative House Building Society Ltd.;

(b) originally in whose favour lease deeds were issued for each plot with the names of the lessee and plot numbers and the amount recovered from each lessee in lieu thereof with date of execution of lease deed;

(c) whether any of the commercial/institutional site was sold by auction; and

(d) if so, the price recovered by Preet Nagar Cooperative House Building Society Ltd.?

**Monitoring the development of  
Dwarka Sub-city**

2654. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed that a Coordination Committee be appointed to monitor the progress of various projects for the development of Dwarka sub-city, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since been constituted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when the Committee is likely to be put in place?

**Promotion of Executive Engineers in  
CPWD**

2655. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Works, CPWD *vide* his Office Order No. 216/2001, dated the 28th September, 2001 has given deemed date of promotion to the regular Executive Engineers of CPWD;

(b) if so, whether the seniority list of Executive Engineers, CPWD has been revised by incorporating the names of Executive Engineers who have been given deemed date of promotion;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government propose to revise the seniority list of the Executive Engineers, CPWD?

**General Pool accommodation in Delhi**

2656. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accommodation added to the General Pool of accommodation in the country especially in Delhi/New Delhi during the last five years, type-wise and, year-wise;

(b) to what extent these additions have reduced the waiting period for allottees, type-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for acquiring/construction of additional residential units in the General Pool of Accommodation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in terms of physical/ financial parameters and time schedule?

**Funds to Maharashtra under Valmiki-  
Ambedkar Housing scheme**

2657. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed by Government to Maharashtra under the Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing scheme;

(b) whether Government would provide the implementation report of this scheme for Mumbai Sub-urban district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Property tax on houses in  
unauthorized colonies in Delhi**

2658. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided

to impose property tax on the houses in unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether civic amenities like electricity, roads, sewage etc. have been provided in these colonies; and

(d) if so, the number of such colonies and the reasons for levying the property tax in these colonies?

**Dilapidated condition of Government quarters in Kali Bari Marg**

†2659. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government quarters situated at K, H and J Blocks in Kali Bari Marg are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) whether the balconies and roofs of the quarters are heavily damaged and the outside plasters have also been eroded;

(c) if so, the reasons for not repairing these quarters; and

(d) by when Government propose to get these quarters repaired?

**Construction of houses under VAMBAY in Karnataka**

2660. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses under construction under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana in Karnataka;

(b) how many houses have been given to the beneficiaries, so far;

(c) the amount spent by Government in Karnataka, so far, under the said Yojana; and

(d) the number of houses proposed to be completed and handed over to the beneficiaries by the end of March, 2003 in Karnataka?

**Actual strength of Executive Engineers in CPWD**

2661. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present actual strength of regular Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) and ad-hoc Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) in CPWD;

(b) the number of Assistant Engineers working as a Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) on current Charge basis in CPWD;

(c) the number of SC/ST category regular Executive Engineers in CPWD; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to regularise all *ad-hoc* Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical)?

**Guidelines for release of VAMBAY fund**

2662. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines followed for releasing Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) Fund to States for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(b) the reasons for not releasing funds to 19 States during the year 2001-2002 and 23 States during the year 2002-2003?

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**Unauthorized construction in Raja Bazar, New Delhi**

2663. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2775 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the unauthorized/illegal construction is still going on with the connivance of CPWD and they are being sublet;

(b) the reasons of dealing softly with allottees involved in unauthorized/illegal construction;

(c) the action taken against the officers of CPWD promoting unauthorized/illegal construction;

(d) whether the said reasons will be looked into;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacation of Press Pool quarters of Minto Road Press**

2664. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Director (Ptg.) to get the Press Pool quarters belonging to Minto Road Press vacated immediately;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the quarters are likely to be vacated?

**Misappropriation by Delhi-based CGHSs**

2665. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Committees of some of Delhi-based Co-operative Group Housing Societies are found involved in bungling, misappropriation and embezzlement;

(b) if so, the number of such societies and the amount involved;

(c) the action taken against the officials of the Managing Committees; and

(d) whether Government propose to make stringent laws to cover the loopholes?

**Financial assistance from HUDCO for various projects in Kerala**

2666. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala prepared any projects and sought the financial assistance of HUDCO under IT, Tourism, Health and Education Sector;

(b) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance for any such project;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government have identified any project of low cost sanitation and water supply scheme of Kerala to extend financial assistance?

**Single pay scale for AEs  
of CPWD**

2667. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration in regard to single pay scale of Rs.7500-12000 to all Assistant Engineers of CPWD;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Assistant Engineers of All India Radio (now renamed as Prasar Bharati), Central Ground Water Board, P and T (now renamed as BSNL) are getting pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 *w.e.f.*, 1st January, 1996?

**Confirmation of JEs in CPWD**

2668. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of confirmation of Junior Engineers who joined CPWD as Junior Engineers during the period 1982;

(b) the reasons for not issuing order of confirmation even after successfully completing the probation period and passing the Departmental Accounts Examination;

(c) the action Government propose to take for confirmation of the above said Junior Engineers; and

(d) the names and date of birth of JEs who joined the CPWD in 1982 but not confirmed so far?

NEW DELHI;  
The 10th December, 2002  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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**Fund for clearance of statutory dues of sick PSUs**

2593. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to float a dedicated fund to ensure clearance of statutory dues of crores of rupees payable by sick public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the sources by which the proposed funds would be generated; and

(c) to what extent the public sector undertakings, which have fallen sick in the past few years, would be benefited?

**Guidelines for FDI in newspapers and periodicals**

2594. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued by her Ministry for FDI in newspapers and periodicals dealing with news and current affairs;

(b) the safeguards taken before issuance of the guidelines;

(c) the specific areas where FDI will be allowed;

(d) the major bone of contention before her Ministry in regard to the issuance of guidelines; and

(e) whether the same has been resolved?

**Display of indecent display of women**

†2595. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the films

containing the indecent display of women have been banned but such posters are still seen in the villages and towns;

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

(c) whether Government propose to ban such posters in the country?

**Scientific Programmes for children on DD Channels**

2596. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast scientific programmes for children on DD Metro and Doordarshan National Channel;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government for telecasting these programmes; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Innovative programmes by AIR, Vishakhapatnam**

2597. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vishakhapatnam Station of All India Radio is introducing some innovative programmes to attract more artists to prepare programmes; and

(b) the details of new programmes to be introduced?

**Complaint from PTI employees**

2598. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether she has received a complaint

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from the Press Trust of India Employees Union, Delhi regarding alleged misappropriation of one-day salary contribution of the PTI employees to the PM's National Relief Fund during Kargil war and Gujarat earthquake; and

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

#### **Demands of PTI employees**

2599. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is unrest among the employees of PTI and they are sitting on Dharna since 11th October, 2002 because of their unfulfilled demands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 700 employees of PTI have left the organisation in the last seven years;

(c) whether PTI management is biased towards one political party;

(d) the benefit to Government from PTI;

(e) the reaction of Government on the demand of the employees; and

(f) whether Government propose to institute an inquiry into the affairs of PTI?

#### **Advertisements to small and medium newspapers**

2600. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has directed the advertisers to give a minimum of nine advertisements to small and medium newspapers;

(b) if so, whether the guidelines based on the Parliamentary Committee's recommendations have been circulated to

all to help the small and medium newspapers; and

(c) if so, the other decisions of the Committee considered and implemented by now?

#### **Competition for the programmes of AIR and Doordarshan**

2601. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is growing competition for the programmes of AIR and Doordarshan Network from the private channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to assist the AIR/Doordarshan to take on these challenges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Access to Channels without cable**

2602. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan channels telecasting programmes at present;

(b) the number and names of channels that are available to viewers without the help of the cable operators;

(c) whether the non-availability of these channels without the help of cable operators violates the rights of the viewers to have free access to Doordarshan programmes; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to make available these channels without the help of cable operators?

### **Guidelines for foreign TV channels**

2603. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise guidelines for TV news, in view of the entry of foreign-owned TV channels in the 24 hour news segment;

(b) whether Government have considered the pros and cons of the new scenario; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Decline in DD Profits**

†2604. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the decline in the profit of Doordarshan as compared to that of the last year;

(b) whether any review has been made in this regard;

(c) the steps taken to increase the revenue earning every year; and

(d) the target fixed for revenue earning during the current financial year and the ensuing years?

### **Foreign tours by the employees of DD/AIR**

†2605. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the employees and officers of Akashwani and Doordarshan sent on foreign tours during the last three years;

(b) the names of such officials, their credentials, posts, countries toured and

expenditure incurred on these tours along with the details with regard to the names of the events and dates of tours; and

(c) the justification for these foreign tours and the achievement thereof?

### **Lok Adalats**

2606. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the amendment effected in the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 this year, permanent Lok Adalats are proposed to be set-up all over the country to adjudicate cases relating to public utilities services upto the value of ten lakh;

(b) if so, the names of the public utility services proposed to be covered by Lok Adalats;

(c) the names of States where Permanent Lok Adalats have been set-up; and

(d) the number of cases relating to public utility services transferred, so far, from courts to permanent Lok Adalats in various States, particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

### **Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill**

2607. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether Law Commission has drafted Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill;

(b) if so, the main features of the Bill;

(c) whether this Bill has been cleared by his Ministry; and

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(d) by when this would be introduced in Parliament?

**Cases of Government staff pending in various High Courts**

2608. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of cases related to service matter of Central and State Government staff are pending in various High Courts for years;

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

(c) whether the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India has recommended that these cases be taken away from High Courts and resolved in the permanent Lok Adalats;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

**Expenditure on legal reforms**

†2609. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Governments are worried over their poor financial position and wish that all the expenses to be incurred for legal reforms and providing speedy justice to common man should be borne by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would take any positive step in this direction; and

(e) if so, the estimated expenses to be incurred thereon?

**Removal of Judges on the ground of misbehaviour and incapacity**

2610. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider suitable amendment to the Constitution for the removal of Judges of the higher judiciary on grounds of proved misbehaviour or incapacity in view of the failure of the existing provisions of the Constitution for this purpose; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider including in these amendments a provision for placing under suspension the Judge against whom *prima facie* case has been made out, pending final decision?

**Failure of FTCs due to shortage of Judges**

†2611. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Fast Track Courts were constituted and aims thereof;

(b) the number of cases pending in such courts, at present;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to shortage of Judges, these courts have failed in their objectives;

(d) if so, the extent of shortage of Judges and by when this shortage is going to be removed; and

(e) the amount sanctioned for these courts and the names of the States which have shown interest in this direction State-wise?

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**Contesting elections on fake caste certificates**

‡2612. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have fought Lok Sabha and State Legislature elections in the country on the basis of fake and controversial caste certificates during the last five years;

(b) the number of cases investigated, out of them, and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether National Commission on SCs/STs has also investigated the controversial caste certificate of the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details of the outcome thereof?

**Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999**

2613. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government of Karnataka for the Karnataka Taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the current status of the proposal and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala**

2614. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare the waterways from Kovalam to Manjeshwar in Kerala as national inland navigation waterways; and

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

**Revival programme for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation**

2615. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a revival programme has been worked out for the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC), Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the programme is proposed to be implemented effectively and if so, by when; and

(d) whether Government have reasonable expectation from CIWTC showing signs of turnaround as a result of the revival programme?

**Financial assistance for development of waterways navigation**

2616. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance to develop waterways for navigation, shore-to-shore ferry services for transportation in rural areas;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government proposes to undertake construction of jetties and terminals and other similar structures;

(c) the amount of financial assistance sought therefor; and

(d) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

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#### **Survey of sea ferry terminals**

2617. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea ferry is increasingly becoming popular among the tourists in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey of the sea ferry terminals in the Country having immense tourism potential;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to conduct such a survey and if so, the time schedule thereof?

#### **Survey on sea terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka**

2618. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sea travel is becoming increasingly popular in the country;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have identified any potential cruise terminals in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to establish cruise terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka between Mangalore and Karwar; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Funds for modernisation of Jetties in Gujarat**

2619. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided 50 per cent of funds for the modernisation of Jetties in Gujarat;

(b) the quantum of funds released, so far, in this regard to various States particularly Gujarat during the last three years; State-wise; and

(c) the details thereof?

#### **R&R Plan of Hadua (Dalak) Irrigation Project in Orissa**

2620. SHRIMATI SUSHREE DEVI: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether State Government of Orissa has submitted the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan of Hadua (Dalak) Irrigation Project in Cuttack District, for clearance of Government;

(b) whether the above project has been cleared by the 76th TAC of Ministry of Water Resources on 29th March, 2001 at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.48 crores; and

(c) if so, the present status of the case?

#### **Implementation of OASIS Committee Report**

2621. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the implementation of the report on the Old Age Social and Income Security Committee (OASIS)?

### **Inequality in income among States**

†2622. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:  
SHRI LALU PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Article 38(2) of the Constitution of India, it is expected from Government to take measures to balance (minimise) the inequality in income of States;

(b) if so, whether Government are formulating any scheme to eliminate inequality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **News-item, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage"**

2623. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: 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, "Priest fire over Dalit marriage", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 28th August, 2002;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a Brahmin Priest was forced out of his job and home in Khazane village in Goa for performing marriage of a Dalit couple in his temple;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted to ascertain the facts; and

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

### **Rehabilitation programme for beggars**

2624. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan to check begging, particularly begging by children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any rehabilitation programme is there for the beggars; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Funds for welfare schemes in Bihar**

†2625. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Bihar for implementation of welfare schemes during the last two years;

(b) the funds out of this actually utilised by the State of Bihar; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government for proper utilisation of these funds?

### **Maulana Azad Education Fund**

2626. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total income of the Maulana Azad Education Fund during the financial years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(b) the amount sanctioned during the said period;

(c) the number of institutions assisted during the said period; and

(d) the details of the institutions sanctioned during the said period?

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**Scholarships to SC, ST and OBC students**

2627. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms prescribed by Government for distribution of scholarship to the SC/ST and OBC students in the country;
- (b) the assistance extended by Government to each State for the purpose during the last three years; and
- (c) the rate at which the scholarship is granted to them?

**Central Wakf Board**

2628. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tenure of the Central Wakf Board has expired;
- (b) if so, on which date;
- (c) whether the new Board has been reconstituted;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) by when it would be reconstituted?

**Clearance of Upper Lanth Irrigation Project in Orissa**

2629. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRIMATI SUSHREE DEVI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the Upper Lanth Irrigation Project in Bolangir district of Orissa is pending with Government for clearance;
- (b) whether Government are also aware that the project on completion would

irrigate vast areas of land especially in the drought prone blocks of KBK districts; and

- (c) if so, the present status of the case?

**Autonomous District Councils for welfare of STs**

2630. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of population of Scheduled Tribes in the country;
- (b) the number of Autonomous District Councils for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) whether the tribal people in the States, other than those in the North-Eastern region, have been demanding Autonomous District Councils in their respective States;
- (d) if so, the steps taken; and
- (e) if not, whether Government have any such plan?

**Survey on death of tribal children in Thane district**

2631. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the recent survey published by the Pune-based Tribal Training and Research Institute confirming that deaths of 69 per cent of the 26 tribal children in Thane district during April-August were due to malnutrition, respiratory disorders, convulsions, etc.;
- (b) if so, whether such deaths are restricted to Tribal children only or this is the general state of affairs in Maharashtra; and
- (c) the steps being taken that tribal children especially in Maharashtra and also all over the country are taken care to avoid recurrence of such a tragedy?

**Post-matric scholarships to ST/SC students**

2632. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of post-matric scholarships and stipends granted by Government to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes for the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the number of students belonging to the SC community who were granted scholarships and stipends during last three years, State-wise and sex-wise?

**Central schemes in Arunachal Pradesh**

2633. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally-sponsored schemes formulated and being implemented in the State of Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial assistance sanctioned, released and utilised under the schemes in the State during this period; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the entire funds for the same?

**Proposals for development of STs in Karnataka**

2634. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals regarding (i) creation of infrastructure and irrigation facilities for the land development and for educational programmes for development of Scheduled Tribes in Karnataka; (ii) release of funds under Central

schemes for development of primitive tribal groups in Karnataka; (iii) release of funds for construction of Ashram schools and hostels for pre-matriculation boys and girls; (iv) establishment of book banks; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of these proposals and by when the approval and release of funds by Government can be expected?

**Data regarding poverty ratio**

2635. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government do not have any data about the poverty ratio in minor States and the numbers given out are mere extrapolation of poverty ratio in the adjacent major States;

(b) whether there has been any survey about poverty in North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific measures that are undertaken to prevent starvation deaths and reduce poverty?

**DDA's Penalty Relief Scheme-2001**

2636. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the response of the DDA Penalty Relief Scheme-2001 has been very poor, so far;

(b) if so, the number of defaulting allottees who have availed of the scheme; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the penalty to nominal rate of interest or waive it completely for allottees who have

already paid their total instalments and to give incentive to the defaulters to clear their pending instalments?

**Ambedkar-Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana**

2637. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the year 2001-2002 being observed as the year of implementation of the Ambedkar-Valmiki Malin Basti Awas Yojana, which has been announced by the Prime Minister on the Independence Day last year (August 15, 2001) remained largely only on paper and failed to take off the ground during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme, indicating the cost and targets fixed for the year and the steps taken and progress made in implementation thereof during the year and the reasons for the failure?

**Land acquired by DDA in Delhi**

†2638. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the land acquired in Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority during the last three years, on which there were illegal encroachments, has been taken back in Government occupation;

(b) if so, the total area of such land; and

(c) in what manner this land has, so far, been utilized by the Authority?

**Cost incurred on Delhi Metro Project**

2639. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUK-  
KARASU:  
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI  
VIRUMBI:

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

(a) the total cost incurred, so far, on Delhi Metro Project; and

(b) whether any contribution has been made by any other agency other than the Ministry of Railways?

**Regularization of unauthorised colonies**

2640. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-  
CHARYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to regularise all unauthorised colonies in Delhi which came up in Delhi before this year;

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

(c) whether the move would involve major amendments in Delhi's Master Plan in relation to sewerage, electricity and building norms and if so, the details thereof?

**Displacement of persons due to construction of Delhi Metro Rail**

2641. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:  
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number

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of persons has been displaced and shops have been demolished for construction of Delhi Metro Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof, area-wise and section-wise, particularly at Chawri Bazar of Old Delhi area;

(c) the criteria fixed for the payment of compensation to the affected persons and the amount paid, so far;

(d) whether alternative land has been provided to those displaced persons and shopowners; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ACP to JEs and AEs in CPWD**

2642. SHRI R. S. GAVAI:  
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH  
MALIK:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers, who have completed 24 years of service are not getting next promotion with scale of Rs.10000-15200 under ACP scheme;

(b) the number of Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers who are eligible for next scale of Rs.10000-15200 at present; and

(c) the reasons for not giving the next upgradation to Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers in CPWD?

#### **Appointment of LDCs in DDA**

2643. SHRI BHAGAT RAM  
MANHAR:  
SHRI PALDEN TSERING  
GYAMTSO:

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

(a) whether Delhi High Court in its order CW 1627/99, dated 27th May, 2002 has

directed for appointment of successful persons in departmental test held in 1989 within a period of two months;

(b) if so, the action taken pursuant to the order alongwith the names and date of appointment;

(c) the number of LDC posts lying vacant as on date in DDA;

(d) the number of vacancies filled against 15 per cent quota and how many are lying unfilled, as on date; and

(e) the action taken by Government against responsible officers with their names who have arbitrarily not appointed such successful candidates, so far?

#### **Construction of fly-overs in Delhi**

2644. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) the various fly-overs proposed to be taken up for construction in Delhi for smooth flow of traffic;

(b) the financial implications involved in such constructions and whether this would be totally borne by the State Government or shared with the Centre; and

(c) the agencies to whom these individual projects would be entrusted for construction and by when these fly-overs are expected to be ready for public traffic?

#### **Recommendation of Nitin Gadkari Committee**

2645. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:  
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

have accepted the recommendation of the Nitin Gadkari Committee that the construction which was traditionally done by the CPWD for all Government Departments be gradually privatised and outsourced; and

(b) if so, the details of this recommendation and its implications?

**Revised FDI guidelines for urban development**

2646. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to revise guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment norms in regard to urban development;

(b) if so, whether Government are also urging State Governments for repealing the Urban Land Ceiling Act;

(c) whether Government and States have also resolved to bring down stamp duties and registration fees from 15 per cent to 5 per cent in an effort to introduce reforms in the sector; and

(d) if so, to what extent the revising of norms have helped to attract more FDI in Urban Development?

**Scales in the cadre of Executive Engineer, CPWD**

2647. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:  
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in CPWD only two scales exist in the cadre of Executive Engineer;

(b) if so, the number of posts earmarked in the pay scale of Rs. 12000-16500 in the grade of Executive Engineer, CPWD, (Civil and Electrical Wing), separately;

(c) the number of Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) working in the pay scale of Rs. 12000-16500 in CPWD;

(d) the reason for not filling all the posts earmarked in the scale of Rs. 12000-16500/-; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to fill up all the posts of Executive Engineer in the grade of Rs. 12000-16500?

**Approved plan of green belt in Anand Vihar**

2648. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1349 given in Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 2002 and state:

(a) the details of approved plan of the DDA for developing green belt near DDA flats, Anand Vihar, around the nullah;

(b) whether any provision for permanent sewage disposal (other than pumping of sewage) and potable water pipeline is a part of the plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, in what manner this serious problem of sewage disposal and drinking water is proposed to be tackled by Government?

**Non-attendance of complaints by CPWD Service Centres**

2649. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints lodged in some CPWD Service Centres

including the one at Rajya Sabha Awas, INA Colony are not being attended timely due to non-availability of material and skilled staff;

(b) whether the JE/AE posted in such Service Centres ever see the complaints register and monitor the complaints; and

(c) the complaints received and attended during the last three months?

#### **Environmental improvement of slums in the country**

2650. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated for implementation of environmental improvements of slums during the last five years in the country particularly in metropolitan cities; and

(b) the details of funds incurred on the development of slums and poverty alleviation in the country during this period?

#### **State land ceiling policy**

2651. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to his notice that the land ceiling policy of the States come in the way of speedy urbanisation and industrialisation;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to overcome these difficulties;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring this subject in the Union List?

#### **Implementation of SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh**

2652. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Central Government and State Government of Andhra Pradesh to improve the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in the State:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results achieved under SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Residential and commercial plots earmarked to PNCHBS Ltd.**

2653. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential/institutional/commercial plots earmarked on the basis of layout plan in Preet Nagar Cooperative House Building Society Ltd.;

(b) originally in whose favour lease deeds were issued for each plot with the names of the lessee and plot numbers and the amount recovered from each lessee in lieu thereof with date of execution of lease deed;

(c) whether any of the commercial/institutional site was sold by auction; and

(d) if so, the price recovered by Preet Nagar Cooperative House Building Society Ltd.?

**Monitoring the development of  
Dwarka Sub-city**

2654. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court has directed that a Coordination Committee be appointed to monitor the progress of various projects for the development of Dwarka sub-city, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since been constituted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when the Committee is likely to be put in place?

**Promotion of Executive Engineers in  
CPWD**

2655. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Directorate General of Works, CPWD *vide* his Office Order No. 216/2001, dated the 28th September, 2001 has given deemed date of promotion to the regular Executive Engineers of CPWD;

(b) if so, whether the seniority list of Executive Engineers, CPWD has been revised by incorporating the names of Executive Engineers who have been given deemed date of promotion;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action Government propose to revise the seniority list of the Executive Engineers, CPWD?

**General Pool accommodation in Delhi**

2656. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accommodation added to the General Pool of accommodation in the country especially in Delhi/New Delhi during the last five years, type-wise and, year-wise;

(b) to what extent these additions have reduced the waiting period for allottees, type-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal for acquiring/construction of additional residential units in the General Pool of Accommodation in the country; and

(d) if so, the details in terms of physical/ financial parameters and time schedule?

**Funds to Maharashtra under Valmiki-  
Ambedkar Housing scheme**

2657. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount disbursed by Government to Maharashtra under the Valmiki-Ambedkar Housing scheme;

(b) whether Government would provide the implementation report of this scheme for Mumbai Sub-urban district; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Property tax on houses in  
unauthorized colonies in Delhi**

2658. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided

to impose property tax on the houses in unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether civic amenities like electricity, roads, sewage etc. have been provided in these colonies; and

(d) if so, the number of such colonies and the reasons for levying the property tax in these colonies?

**Dilapidated condition of Government quarters in Kali Bari Marg**

†2659. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government quarters situated at K, H and J Blocks in Kali Bari Marg are in a dilapidated condition;

(b) whether the balconies and roofs of the quarters are heavily damaged and the outside plasters have also been eroded;

(c) if so, the reasons for not repairing these quarters; and

(d) by when Government propose to get these quarters repaired?

**Construction of houses under VAMBAY in Karnataka**

2660. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses under construction under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana in Karnataka;

(b) how many houses have been given to the beneficiaries, so far;

(c) the amount spent by Government in Karnataka, so far, under the said Yojana; and

(d) the number of houses proposed to be completed and handed over to the beneficiaries by the end of March, 2003 in Karnataka?

**Actual strength of Executive Engineers in CPWD**

2661. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present actual strength of regular Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) and ad-hoc Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) in CPWD;

(b) the number of Assistant Engineers working as a Executive Engineer (Civil and Electrical) on current Charge basis in CPWD;

(c) the number of SC/ST category regular Executive Engineers in CPWD; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to regularise all *ad-hoc* Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical)?

**Guidelines for release of VAMBAY fund**

2662. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines followed for releasing Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) Fund to States for the years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(b) the reasons for not releasing funds to 19 States during the year 2001-2002 and 23 States during the year 2002-2003?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Unauthorized construction in Raja  
Bazar, New Delhi**

2663. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2775 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the unauthorized/illegal construction is still going on with the connivance of CPWD and they are being sublet;

(b) the reasons of dealing softly with allottees involved in unauthorized/illegal construction;

(c) the action taken against the officers of CPWD promoting unauthorized/illegal construction;

(d) whether the said reasons will be looked into;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Vacation of Press Pool quarters of  
Minto Road Press**

2664. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Director (Ptg.) to get the Press Pool quarters belonging to Minto Road Press vacated immediately;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when all the quarters are likely to be vacated?

**Misappropriation by Delhi-based  
CGHSs**

2665. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Managing Committees of some of Delhi-based Co-operative Group Housing Societies are found involved in bungling, misappropriation and embezzlement;

(b) if so, the number of such societies and the amount involved;

(c) the action taken against the officials of the Managing Committees; and

(d) whether Government propose to make stringent laws to cover the loopholes?

**Financial assistance from HUDCO for  
various projects in Kerala**

2666. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala prepared any projects and sought the financial assistance of HUDCO under IT, Tourism, Health and Education Sector;

(b) whether Government propose to extend financial assistance for any such project;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government have identified any project of low cost sanitation and water supply scheme of Kerala to extend financial assistance?

**Single pay scale for AEs  
of CPWD**

2667. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration in regard to single pay scale of Rs.7500-12000 to all Assistant Engineers of CPWD;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Assistant Engineers of All India Radio (now renamed as Prasar Bharati), Central Ground Water Board, P and T (now renamed as BSNL) are getting pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 *w.e.f.*, 1st January, 1996?

**Confirmation of JEs in CPWD**

2668. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending cases of confirmation of Junior Engineers who joined CPWD as Junior Engineers during the period 1982;

(b) the reasons for not issuing order of confirmation even after successfully completing the probation period and passing the Departmental Accounts Examination;

(c) the action Government propose to take for confirmation of the above said Junior Engineers; and

(d) the names and date of birth of JEs who joined the CPWD in 1982 but not confirmed so far?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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