

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Environment and Forests; Food Processing Industries; Health and Family Welfare; Railways; Steel)

Total number of questions — 155

Crop diversification project of Maharashtra

2401. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for crop diversification project for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Modified crop insurance project of Maharashtra

2402. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra has submitted modified crop insurance scheme for the State and requested for its accord;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the necessary sanction will be given?

Kisan Call Centres

2403. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kisan Call Centres have been set up in Uttaranchal to assist the farmers; and

(b) if so, the number of such KCCs opened in various districts of the hilly and backward State of Uttaranchal so far along-with the details of their functions?

Advance planning for increasing agricultural production

2404. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have directed State Governments to prepare advance planning to increase production in agriculture sector especially in growing potatoes and onions during 2006-07; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Aid to Consultative Group on
International Research**

†2405. DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual
amount of 2.5 million dollars given to the
Consultative Group on International
Agricultural Research by Government, so
far, has been increased to the amount of 10
million dollars;

(b) if not, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said institution has
benefited the Indian agriculture sector
during the last five years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the contribution of these benefits in
increasing agricultural production in the
country?

New breeds of cows

†2406. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new breeds
of cows have been developed by
undertaking research in various universities
of the country;

(b) the names of institutions that have
developed these cows during 2002 — 2005
alongwith the names of their breeds;

(c) whether Government have
formulated any national level scheme for
encouraging the commercial production
from these cows; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Rule for fixing MSP of wheat

†2407. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for fixing Minimum
Support Price of wheat;

(b) the rent per acre of land fixed for
Minimum Support Price of wheat and the
expenses supposed to be incurred on diesel,
manure, water, seeds, labour etc., for per
acre of land;

(c) the basis on which these figures have
been fixed;

(d) the steps being taken by
Government for providing actual price to
the farmers for their crops; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Decrease in use of pesticides

†2408. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the
increase in cultivation of biotech crops the
dependence on the use of pesticides has
come down;

(b) whether it has benefited the
cultivators of BT cotton a lot; and

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

Small and marginal farmers

†2409. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase or decrease
in the number of marginal farmers and small
farmers as per the census of 1990-91 and
2000-2001;

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(b) the areas of land being cultivated by them as per the latest census, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have initiated steps to enhance income of marginal and small farmers by attracting them towards the occupation of dairy, fishery and poultry farming from the cultivation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

2410. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission has offered diverse facilities for Indian fishing sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a delegation of officials is visiting the Commission to confirm and ensure that India gets share of tuna resources in the Indian Ocean;

(c) the agenda for discussion with the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission at the next meeting;

(d) whether the talks will be upgraded to the Ministerial level to decide critical issues affecting the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Private-public partnership in agriculture

2411. SHRI R.K. ANAND:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently mooted the idea of private-public partnership in agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the idea is likely to be given shape?

Funds for agriculture sector

2412. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated by Government for agriculture sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise, particularly to Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(b) the amount released and utilized by the States, so far, especially by Maharashtra and Bihar?

Apple production

2413. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding production of apples in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether apple is covered under the Market Intervention Scheme of Government; and

(d) if so, the amount paid by the Central Government under this scheme to apple growing States during 2004-05 and 2005-06?

Assistance to States for development of agriculture

†2414. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of agricultural sector have put forward some demands before

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Government for development of this sector and making provision on this basis during discussion held prior to presentation of the Budget, 2006-07;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the said demands and whether Government are contemplating to provide economic assistance to States after considering new agriculture policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the progress made on the action taken/to be taken in this regard?

Priorities for agriculture

†2415. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not mentioned agriculture in their priorities in the economic survey;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it will not have adverse effect on the development of agriculture?

Assistance to Tamil Nadu under Grameen Bhandaran Yojana

2416. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Tamil Nadu for 2005-06 and 2006-07 under Grameen Bhandaran Yojana;

(b) the number of rural godowns constructed in the State during 2005-06, location-wise; and

(c) the number of rural godowns proposed to be constructed during 2006-07?

New fishing harbours

2417. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any programme to build new fishing harbours during the next two fiscal years;

(b) if so, the proposals approved for new fishing harbours; and

(c) the location of such fishing harbours, State-wise?

Techniques developed by ICAR for minimising losses to agricultural produce

2418. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of techniques developed by ICAR to minimise the losses in agricultural produce, especially fruits and vegetables;

(b) whether the Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology is doing anything in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the assistance being given to the farmers to reduce post-harvesting losses by the National Horticulture Board?

Loss to NAFED

2419. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not holding responsible and accountable the members of the business committee in the National Agriculture Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) for taking decision causing loss

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to NAFED and is that the standard practice obtaining in other autonomous bodies;

(b) whether action has been taken against other responsible officers in NAFED found negligent in the discharge of their duties;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NAFED recovered the money from Delhi Federation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the case filed before the Central Register?

Production rate of foodgrains

†2420. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production rate of foodgrains varies in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the production rate of wheat, paddy, cotton, sugarcane, pulses and oil-seeds in the country during 2004-05, State-wise; and

(c) their production rate during 2000-2001?

Funds for crop insurance

2421. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for crop insurance during the last three years;

(b) the details of crop insurance claims disbursed during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the acres/hectares of crops covered during each of those years; and

(d) the steps taken to increase crop coverage and widen the nature of insurance cover?

BPL farmers in Maharashtra

2422. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to know the number of farmers living Below Poverty Line in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the welfare schemes that have been implemented for the farmers of the State; and

(d) the details of the financial assistance provided by the Central Government to the State during the last four years?

Utilizing CWC godowns

2423. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to properly use Central Warehouse Corporation godowns in various places in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the steps being taken to review the contracts drawn up with private parties to only use their godowns for storing rice;

(c) whether such un-profitable contracts will be reviewed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for favouring such private parties?

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Agricultural institutes/universities in the country

2424. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ICAR institutes, agriculture universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and farmers organizations in the country, State-wise;

(b) the extent of expenditure incurred annually in each such organization/institutes/universities, etc.;

(c) the extent to which these institutions have helped the farmers to increase the production of foodgrains and in reducing the price of the foodgrains; and

(d) the extent to which these have been helpful to the farmers and to put an end of suicides committed by them?

National Agricultural Innovation Project

†2425. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has decided to provide 250 million dollars to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for implementing the National Agricultural Innovation Project;

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

(c) the kind of research work decided to be undertaken under this project alongwith the names of fields of these researches; and

(d) by when this project would be completed?

Skin diseases due to Bt. Cotton

2426. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seeds of Bt. Cotton have been causing allergic reactions among farmers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result, the skin diseases among the farmers have assumed an alarming situation in certain regions of the country; and

(c) if so, the action plan to address this issue?

Bollworm disease problem

2427. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that premature release of Bt. Cotton varieties led to failure of cotton crops in South India, leading the farmers of cotton crops to the brink of suicide;

(b) whether it is also a fact that entomologists have sounded a grave warning on the scourge of the American Bollworm;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the cautionary measures taken by Government in this matter?

Economic conditions of farmers

†2428. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of small farmers in the country is maximum;

(b) whether the economic condition of farmers is deteriorating as the agriculture work does not remain profitable now;

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(c) whether Government are further deteriorating their conditions by importing wheat and other agriculture items; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Employment opportunities for graduates of NDRI, Karnal

2429. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the annual plan and non-plan expenditure of NDRI, Karnal, Haryana, during the last three years, particularly towards research and development;

(b) the details of the courses offered and the number of students enrolled in the institute and passed out during the last three years, year-wise and discipline-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the students, including PG and research scholars, particularly 'Dairy Technology' students, from the institute do not find suitable employment in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to enhance the employment opportunities for the students of the institute?

Assistance to Rajasthan

2430. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Rajasthan is the largest drought prone desert/wasteland State, where famine is endemic;

(b) if so, the aid given to the State during the Tenth Five Year Plan for centrally sponsored schemes like Drought Prone Areas Programme, Desert Development Programme, Integrated Wasteland Development Programme and National Watershed Development Programme;

(c) the targets achieved through these programmes;

(d) whether any major/medium project to make availability of water for irrigation have spilled over into the Tenth Plan; and

(e) if so, whether any such spilled over project has been selected for 100 per cent Central funding in the State?

Rural infrastructure

2431. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve rural infrastructure to make our agriculture more competitive and profit oriented for our farmers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of its implementation?

Controlling wheat prices in Karnataka

2432. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that wheat production has considerably reduced in the last few years in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps, so far, taken by Government to control hike in wheat prices in the State due to short production of wheat there?

Non-payment of crop insurance claims

2433. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the crop insurance schemes in place for farmers; and

(b) the details of complaints received from farmers in regard to non-payment of crop insurance, State-wise?

MSP for wheat

2434. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to increase the Minimum Support Price for wheat to Rs. 700 per quintal; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard?

MSP for paddy

2435. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to enhance the current paddy support price;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Trade margin of non-branded drugs

2436. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present trade margin on non-branded drugs;

(b) whether Government propose to induct fixed trade margin on these drugs;

(c) if so, how much;

(d) whether his Ministry proposes to introduce a cess on all Central taxes to raise funds; and

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

Fertilizer production

2437. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of fertilizer producing units both in government and non-government sectors functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the impact of liberalization policy of Government on fertilizer industry; and

(c) the efforts being made by Government to safeguard the fertilizer industry?

Medicines at reasonable prices

2438. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ensure availability of life saving drugs at reasonable prices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any difference of opinion between the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the issue of controlling the prices of life saving drugs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Banning of Indian drugs by Pakistan

2439. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Drugs Manufacturers Association has given a representation to his Ministry that Pakistan has banned bulk drugs from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons behind the ban?

Cheaper drugs to BPL people

2440. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make drugs cheaper, as on today;

(b) if so, the details including drugs targeted for above and method adopted for the same;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal for providing free drugs to people living Below Poverty line (BPL);

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of Ministries associated with the programme and the steps taken to implement above scheme through these Ministries, as on today; and

(f) the total number of beneficiaries of the above programme State-wise and category-wise, as on today?

Utilisation of foodgrains by Bihar

†2441. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in comparison to other States the foodgrains are lifted by Bihar in less quantity against that allocated and earmarked but only 25 per cent of foodgrains actually reaches the real beneficiaries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the beneficiaries in the State are not able to get full allocated foodgrains through Public Distribution System under various schemes of the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the scheme-wise details thereof and the action Government propose to take in this direction?

Assistance to Karnataka

2442. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent any proposal seeking financial assistance for expansion of M/s Mysore Paper Mills, Sugar Mills and for setting up of co-generation and distillery unit;

(b) whether the financial assistance has been sought under the Sugar Development Fund;

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

(d) the present status of the above proposal?

Paddy procurement target

†2443. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for purchase of paddy in Bihar during the current kharif marketing season;

(b) the number of purchase counters set up in the State by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to achieve this target; and

(c) whether Government of Bihar has intimated the Centre about its status, if so, the details thereof?

PDS for Uttaranchal

2444. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the public distribution policy proposed and made applicable by Government in Uttaranchal;

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(b) whether Government are aware that the corruption is prevailing in various depots of Food Corporation in India in the State;

(c) the complaints received in this behalf during the last three years; and

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

Sale of wheat and rice at subsidized rates to exporters

2445. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stocks of wheat and rice were sold from Central pool by FCI to selected exporters at a highly subsidized rate to benefit them during April 2003 to May 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the exporters to whom wheat and rice were sold at highly subsidized rate indicating the rate at which sold;

(c) the countries to which wheat and rice were exported and whether they were disposed off in the local market; and

(d) whether a CBI enquiry was ordered into the matter and if so, whether CBI has given its findings and if so, the details thereof?

Foodgrains scams

†2446. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scam regarding foodgrains has taken place;

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

(c) the action taken by Government with regard to each of the scams alongwith the status of enquiry being conducted into each of them as on date?

Contract for import of wheat

2447. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI BIRABHADRA SINGH:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have contracted for import of wheat this year;

(b) if so, the total quantity of wheat being imported;

(c) whether proper international tenders were called before the contract was finalized;

(d) the details of quality specifications prescribed;

(e) the number of bidders who made the offers;

(f) the details of bidders shortlisted; and

(g) the manner in which the specifications compared with the specifications of the FCI for procurement in the country?

Sugar production

2448. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of sugar

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recorded in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the concrete steps taken by Government to promote production of sugar in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Wheat production and prices

†2449. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of wheat in rabi crop is expected to be less by 15-20 per cent in 2006;

(b) whether this may cause rise in the price of wheat; and

(c) if so, the details of measures to be taken to deal with such situation?

Price increase of PDS rice and wheat

2450. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the prices of PDS rice and wheat enhanced after the present Government assumed power and the details thereof;

(b) the foodgrains allocated to Kerala for distributing to the BPL card-holders and the requirement prescribed by Government for each card-holder per month;

(c) whether any variations brought into the notice relating to the insufficiency of foodgrains allotment and actual BPL families in Kerala and whether any reduction of scale of distribution is maintained in Kerala to cover the existing BPL families; and

(d) whether Government consider to approve the BPL families identified by the State Government and allot the foodgrains to those families also?

BPL families under TPDS

2451. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two crore BPL families are not covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of bogus BPL ration cards are in existence;

(d) if so, the number of such ration cards in Delhi and the quantum of foodgrains drawn against those ration cards; and

(e) the measures taken to cancel all such ration cards?

Revising procurement price of rice

2452. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to revise the procurement price of rice by increasing Rs. 16.50 to Rs. 17.00 per quintal taking into account the increase in the minimum support price of paddy by Rs. 10 per quintal over last year's MSP;

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

(c) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for permitting a payment of transport charges upto 8 kms. for delivery of levy rice to the Food

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Corporation of India as the same was permitted prior to September 2002;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Requirement of foodgrains for welfare schemes

†2453. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual stock of wheat and rice with Government and the quantum of foodgrains needed for the buffer stock;

(b) the estimated requirement of foodgrains for BPL related Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Sampurna Gramin Yojana, Mid-day Meal Scheme, Food for Work Programme and other schemes for the years 2006 and 2007; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for providing foodgrains for all the schemes?

Relief packages for sugar mills

†2454. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a relief package to restart the sugar mills which are lying closed all over country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of sugar mills lying closed in Madhya Pradesh and the details of the support given to the State to restart these mills; and

(d) the number of those closed mills

which have been restarted by above efforts of Government, State-wise?

Clearance to Indira Sagar Multipurpose Project

2455. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that environmental clearances for Indira Sagar Multipurpose Project was passed by Government without proper consideration;

(b) what are the procedures adopted by Government in passing projects in 5th Schedule areas;

(c) whether these procedures were followed in the case of the Indira Sagar Pullavaram Multipurpose Project;

(d) whether the details of corrected list of flora and fauna, land use and land cover, R&R investigation, etc. are being considered before giving clearance for the said project; and

(e) whether the final clearance has been given?

Protection of the flora and fauna of Delhi

2456. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the gross violations in constructions that are occurring in the NCT of Delhi which is destroying the flora and fauna of the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to protect the flora and fauna of the city?

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**Approved forestry and wildlife
projects for Andhra Pradesh**

†2457. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of approved forestry and wildlife projects for Andhra Pradesh under the Tenth Five Year Plan region-wise;

(b) the cost and target of each of the said projects; and

(c) the results of the efforts made during the last two years for expansion of the forest area in Andhra Pradesh by the Central/State Government?

Judicious use of wetlands

2458. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to conserve and facilitate judicious use of wetlands;

(b) if so, the details including number of wetlands and national sites of wetlands identified to protect under Ramsar Convention of 1971, as on today, place-wise, inland-wise, coast-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether the State Governments were consulted for identifying and protecting wetland systems;

(d) if so, the details including number of wetland systems suggested by State Governments, if any, as on today, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken, if any, to commensurate appropriate policy for identification and protection of wetlands in detail?

Melting of ice of poles

2459. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that icelands of North and South Poles of earth are growing warmer these days;

(b) if so, the extent to which the ice of these poles is expected to be melted during the coming five years;

(c) the extent to which the levels of the oceans shall rise and most particularly the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea;

(d) the extent to which the coastal areas are expected to be adversely affected; and

(e) what are Government's consideration in this regard for the protection of Indian soil?

Survey of big lakes/rivers

2460. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes to survey big lakes/rivers to oversee/evaluate their pollution content level and silting and to suggest/provide ways and means and financial aid to make them pollution/silt free;

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

(c) whether Government have surveyed the polluted lakes in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any requests/proposal have been received from Rajasthan Government who are facing financial crunch to clean the polluted lakes;

(f) if so, the amounts allocated, so far; and

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(g) the other remedial steps taken and to be taken by Government in this regard?

Preparation of photo identity cards of tigers

2461. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SYEDA
ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wild Life Institute of India has decided to prepare photo identity cards of all the Tigers of the country through new scientific techniques to have a more accurate count of the tigers living in the wild;

(b) if so, whether the three techniques-computerized pugmark, camera traps and DNA tests have been tried elsewhere in the world; and

(c) if so, what is the extent of accuracy about these methods?

Rehabilitation of families displaced due to construction of Pong dam

†2462. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of families which came under submerged area of the Pong reservoir were not rehabilitated completely after the construction of the Pong dam over the Beas river in the district of Kangra;

(b) whether a 1450 feet area on the bank of Pong lake has been declared a wildlife sanctuary to displace the remaining families outside the submerged area; and

(c) if so, when its notification was issued?

Fund for development of forest villages in Madhya Pradesh

†2463. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided to different States and Madhya Pradesh for the development of forest villages by the Forest Development Authority constituted by the Central Government during current year;

(b) whether any criterion has been fixed for fund allocation;

(c) if so, what are these criterion; and

(d) whether a number of forest villages and the area of forests have been made the base for the same?

Forest land for Sardar Sarover project

†2464. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has urged for handing over 77.235 hectare additional forest land for Sardar Sarover project; and

(b) if so, by when the approval would be accorded alongwith the details thereof?

Forest Development Area project of Rajasthan

2465. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Forest Development Area (FDA) projects of Rajasthan pending with Government;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any plan on these project proposals;

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(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds released by his Ministry to FDA projects in Rajasthan during the last three years?

Contribution of forestry sector in GDP

2466. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the contribution of the forestry sector to GDP in last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that one third geographic area of the country should be brought under forest cover as per the National Forest Policy;

(c) how much area is brought back/achieved as per the approach paper to the Tenth Plan till date; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to achieve the objective of sustainable forest management?

Declaration of Saranda forests as virgin forests

2467. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would agree to declare Saranda forests under Jharkhand State as virgin Forest; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lakes of Kerala under NLCP

2468. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many lakes from Kerala are included in the Ramsar site and whether Vembanadu lake from Kerala is included in

the National Lake Conservation Programme;

(b) whether Government would consider to implement any project for the conservation of Vembanadu lake;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have granted any funds to Kerala for implementing the Pollution Abatement Scheme of River Pamba and if so, whether the Government of Kerala implemented the above project; and

(e) whether Government would consider to adopt any legislation for restricting illegal sand mining in the rivers and illegal conversion of wetlands?

Development of national parks and sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh

†2469. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding the development of national parks and sanctuaries;

(b) the number of proposals approved/ still pending; and

(c) by when these proposals would be approved?

Private-public partnership in afforestation/reforestation

2470. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering

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any proposal for Private-Public partnership in afforestation/reforestation or wasteland development;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

India's rank among bio-diversified nations

†2471. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India figures amongst seven most bio-diversified nations of the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the balance between flora and fauna is getting disturbed in the country;

(c) whether due to lack of effective action to conserve the environment so far, the various species of flora and fauna are on the verge of extinction; and

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

Permission to companies for mining in 5th Schedule areas

2472. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many permissions have been given to companies for various works including mining in 5th Schedule areas since the formation of present Government; and

(b) the details of companies and the States where such permission has been given?

Import of scrap

†2473. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports scrap from overseas;

(b) if so, the kind of this scrap and the purpose for which the same is used; and

(c) whether this scrap adversely affect the environment in India?

Shortage of refrigerated containers at ports

2474. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of refrigerated containers at ports which hamper export of seafoods;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Shipping in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Shortage of facilities for storage of seafoods

2475. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of facilities such as ice and chill rooms for storage of seafoods and also fishing jetties' infrastructure is unhygienic; and

(b) if so, the action taken to create adequate facilities?

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Loss to sea-food industry

2476. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian sea food industry is annually losing Rs. 6000 crores due to poor logistics support;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to create latest technology infrastructure for sea foods;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

Food parks in Karnataka

2477. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) by when the proposed food parks will be established across the State of Karnataka;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 2% of country's agricultural production is diverted for processing; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Karnataka is capable of Rs. 10,000 crores worth of food crops but constantly falling short of this target?

Infertility clinics in the country

2478. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many infertility clinics in the country, as on today;

(b) if so, the details including the number of such clinics under Government and private sector as on today, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) if so, whether there is any legislation/ guidelines for practice of Assisted

Reproductive Technology (ART), as on today;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of steps taken or to be taken to set up an independent body through legislation for accreditation, regulation and supervision of infertility clinics?

Bird flu deaths

2479. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the country who have so far been hit by bird flu, State-wise;

(b) the number out of them who have succumbed to the disease, State-wise; and

(c) the extent to which the Central Government have assisted the States, financially and by providing effective medicines for the disease?

New health schemes for poor

2480. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new health schemes have been introduced for the benefit of the poorer sections of the society during the last four years particularly for Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Neo-natal mortality rate

2481. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report brought out by HAQ: Centre for Child Rights, 87 of every 100 children born have the probability of dying between birth and exactly five years of age;

(b) whether it is a fact that India's neo-natal mortality rate has remained static since 1990; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the neo-natal mortality rate?

Respiratory disease in flour mill workers

2482. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a study conducted by Socio-Economic Benevolent Action (SEBA) an organization in Orissa State, the flour mill workers have been found susceptible to respiratory and other diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such types of diseases are very much prevalent in the coastal regions of Orissa; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to help the State Government, both financially and physically, to control these diseases?

Reproductive and child health programme

2483. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approved guidelines for implementation of a national strategy for adolescent reproductive and sexual health under the second phase of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated/to be allocated to each State with a specific purpose;

(d) the funds utilized, so far;

(e) whether all the States have accepted the guidelines;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Female foeticide

2484. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings of a recent study in the U.K. that female foeticide in India runs into millions;

(b) if so, whether Government agree with the findings, at least partially; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated by Government to tackle this problem?

Population Policy

2485. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the

Population Policy has not been able to check growth of population at anticipated level;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the present rate of growth as compared to that planned in the policy; and

(d) the steps being taken to restrict growth of population?

Import of potassium iodide

†2486. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that everybody is not required to eat iodised salt and many scientists and doctors are of the view that fruits, vegetables, meat, etc., fulfil the deficiency of iodine in our food;

(b) whether it is also a fact that large quantity of potassium iodide is imported to make the salt iodised;

(c) if so, whether multinational companies are getting directly benefited as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to relax the compulsion of selling iodised salt?

Spurious drugs market in Delhi

†2487. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medicine wholesale market situated in Delhi has emerged as the biggest market of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite of all Government efforts, even the raids of C.B.I. and Department of Drugs have proved

futile to prevent the business of the said spurious drugs;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to tackle the said situation; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

AIDS control measures in Tamil Nadu

2488. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80 per cent of AIDS cases are confined to only 5 or 6 States such as Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Nagaland and Manipur and the most affected is Tamil Nadu, which accounts to 46 per cent;

(b) if so, whether it will not be prudent to localise these States and confine the major activities of control with all out efforts;

(c) what are the special efforts taken in these States particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(d) what are the allocation of funds and activities under AIDS control programme for the various States for the last three years; and

(e) whether there will be special allocation and extra concentration on Tamil Nadu for tackling the problem?

Drug testing labs

†2489. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 61 drug testing laboratories and pharmacies

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established in the country under Government sector which are provided financial assistance by the Central Government;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the total number of the above institutions in the year 2005; and

(c) the average number of drugs tested annually during the last three years in each institution?

Three year medical courses

†2490. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which run three year medical courses;

(b) whether these are recognised by the Medical Council of India; and

(c) what are the reasons for not according recognition to medical colleges with three year courses in Chhattisgarh by the Medical Council of India?

NRHM in Hoshiarpur, Punjab

2491. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of programmes started in Hoshiarpur District of Punjab under National Rural Health Mission Scheme;

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of work done during the period?

National Population Policy

2492. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Population Policy, 2000 unanimously adopted by the Parliament has clearly eschewed cohesive disincentive-based/quota oriented population policies;

(b) what steps Government are taking to implement this approach; and

(c) whether Government are aware that many State Governments are following population policies not in conformity with the above approach and the steps Government are taking in this connection?

Reasons for imbalance in the number of boys and girls

†2493. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 7 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th February, 2006 and state:

(a) whether the statistics presented by him says that the number of foeticides in the country is less than even 100;

(b) if so, the reasons for so much imbalance in the number of boys and girls taking birth; and

(c) the details of mechanism adopted to collect the number of the foeticide cases?

Supreme Court directions on two child norm

2494. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any notice from the Hon'ble

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Supreme Court regarding implementation of two child norm for containing population growth in the country;

(b) if so, what are Government's views and the reaction thereto;

(c) whether any specific time-bound programme has been identified by Government, with the help of experts, to deal with the population growth in our country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial aids under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi

2495. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that people suffering from cancer, AIDS and kidney related diseases are eligible for financial assistance under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN);

(b) the details of patients got financial assistance under RAN in the State of Andhra Pradesh since its inception, year-wise; and

(c) what is the eligibility criteria for this?

Cheap treatment to village people

†2496. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of growing influence of private sector in the system of medicine, overhauling of existing

health policy is required in order to provide cheap and effective treatment to common man at village areas in the country;

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

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outline of the proposal?

Approval of Ayurveda formulations and medicines

2497. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayurveda formulations and medicines are proposed to be covered by a system of approval by the Drug Controller General of India;

(b) if so, how many such Ayurvedic formulations have been identified for such approvals and the progress made in this direction;

(c) whether it is proposed to cover other traditional systems of medicines such as Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy; and

(d) what are the details of clinical trials and other tests proposed to be conducted in this regard?

Shortage of doctors in CGHS dispensary No. 73, Gurgaon

2498. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of doctors and para medical staff at CGHS dispensary No. 73, Gurgaon;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that doctors and para medical staff transferred/posted to the said dispensary on account of voluntary transfer/retirement or otherwise are either not joining or not being relieved or their transfer orders have been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to strictly implement the decisions taken for the purpose in order to save the beneficiaries from the difficulties being faced by them?

Blood banks in Metros

2499. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many blood banks are functioning in four metropolitan cities namely Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai, which come to the rescue of needy patients of thalassemia and haemophilia, etc.;

(b) whether the blood available there are adequate to meet the rising demands; and

(c) in what manner Government would ensure that infected blood is not collected and issued to the patients?

Insanity deaths in Andhra Pradesh

2500. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths due to mosquitoes in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, district-wise;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised for this programme, year-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by

Government to prevent such deaths in future?

Facility of telemedicine through satellites

2501. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide facility of telemedicine to urban and rural areas through satellites;

(b) if so, the details of such locations and areas identified, so far, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(d) whether Government are involving public and private partnership for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Sickle Cell Research Centre in Nagpur

2502. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to establish Sickle Cell Research Centre in Nagpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Parallel market of spurious drugs

†2503. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a parallel

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system is in place for manufacturing and marketing of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Department of Drugs and many State Governments have raided illegal drug manufacturing factories and supply networks over the years and exposed the racket and have taken legal action against the firms and people involved in it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof for the period from 2000 to 2005 alongwith the action taken in this regard, State-wise?

Breakthrough in TB treatment

2504. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi's National Institute of Immunology has identified five key genes that represent a breakthrough in treatment of TB;

(b) whether this would help to evolve better drugs for cure of TB; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to develop such effective drugs and the progress made in this regard?

Recruitment age of nurses

2505. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age limit for recruitment of nurses/sisters/male nurses in all the Central Government hospitals in the country is 35 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi recently brought out an advertisement for recruitment of above mentioned staff and the age limit prescribed was 30 years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Smack addicts in India

2506. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smack, a retail business out of opium, addicts are growing leaps and bounds in Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and 3/4th of opium in India is available in some parts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) how many smack mandis are officially recognised; and

(c) what are the efforts taken to tackle this menace?

Healthcare system in Kalahandi region of Orissa

2507. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that Kalahandi region of Orissa is the most poverty-stricken area of the country and this region is yet to see any development in the healthcare system;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the cash-strapped Orissa State does not have sufficient wherewithal to address this problem; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to help the State to develop its healthcare facilities, especially for women and children to control Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) in this region?

Free treatment to poor people by private hospitals

2508. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:
SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP
SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon'ble Delhi Court has directed that it is mandatory for private hospitals to provide free treatment to poor patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to issue directives to all private hospitals in other parts of the country to follow suit; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Homoeopathic dispensaries in Delhi

2509. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Homoeopathic hospitals and dispensaries functioning under CGHS in Delhi;

(b) the number of posts of doctors in various grades, grade-wise, sanctioned as on 1st April, 2005 and those actually employed, grade-wise at present;

(c) the reasons for shortage of Homoeopathic doctors, if any; and

(d) by when all the vacancies are likely to be filled?

CAG report on standards of ayurvedic medicines

2510. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) the salient points made by the CAG

in its latest report on ayurveda and Indian Systems of Medicine;

(b) whether it is a fact that only 707 units, out of 7849 have qualified by getting a certificate from Drug Control Administration, under Drugs and Cosmetics Act of 1945;

(c) whether it is also a fact that standards are not set even today in case of ayurveda and other medicines; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that experts and laboratories entrusted to set standards have done nothing in last three years and the grants earmarked for the purpose have lapsed?

Clinical trial of Exubera

2511. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pfizer has applied for conducting clinical trial of Exubera, inhaler insulin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Pfizer has shown any interest to produce Exubera in India; and

(d) if so, by when the drugs will be available in India?

Free medicines to TB patients

2512. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would issue advertisements to inform the public that Government do not provide medicines free of cost to TB patients who are below the poverty line;

(b) whether it is a fact that hospitals catering to TB patients like the L.R. Hospital in Delhi do not supply free TB medicines to poor patients;

(c) if so, what steps would be undertaken by Government to ensure that

only accurate and correct policies and programmes are publicized through advertisements; and

(d) the steps proposed to review all advertisements being issued by Government, which contains inaccuracies?

Ban on gutkha and pan masala

2513. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States that have represented Government to put a ban on the manufacture, sale and export of gutkha and pan masala in the country during the last three years;

(b) the decision taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether the existing legislation 'The Cigarette and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade, Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003' has been found ineffective to curb the sale of gutkha and pan masala in the country?

Female foeticide in India

2514. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by Government to check the menace of female foeticide in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that British Asians are coming to India for sex determination and abortion of female fetuses; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to adopt British Laws and not allow parents to know the sex of the foetus?

Funds to Andhra Pradesh for family welfare programmes

2515. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds released under the National Family Welfare Programmes to the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last one and half year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds released to the State has fallen short of actual expenditure incurred by the State Government;

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

(d) whether the State Government has submitted a proposal for increase of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereto?

Health cess

2516. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to levy health cess to provide health services to the poor;

(b) if not, the other alternatives under consideration of Government;

(c) whether Delhi High Court has also given its ruling to provide free treatment in the hospitals/Government dispensaries to all those persons whose income is less than Rs. 2000/- per month;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

Examination for recruitment of sportsmen

‡2517. SHRI RAM
JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that examinations for the selection of sportsmen for the session 2004-05 were conducted in the Agra division of North Central Railway on the 23rd February, 2005 and 11th March, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the number of boys who took these examinations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the results of the above examinations have not yet been declared;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether examinations in addition to the above examinations were conducted for the selection of sportsmen for the said session and if so, the date of the same and if not, the reasons therefor?

CFC based refrigerants for air conditioning the coaches

2518. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have been using CFC based refrigerants for airconditioning of their coaches;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per Montreal Protocol on Environment to which India is a signatory has directed phasing out all CFC based substances from the world by 2010 as the CFC proved to be ozone depleting agents; and

(c) if so, what action plan Government have chalked out to phase out CFC based coaches in India and how far it has been implemented?

ATMs in trains

2519. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has any proposal to set up ATMs in trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

More ticket counters at Bangalore

2520. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a need to open more ticket counters and also platform ticket kiosks and ticket vending machines at Cantonment Railway Station, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

New trains from Baripada to Puri and Howrah

2521. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to run new trains from Baripada to Puri and Howrah;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to complete the remaining broad gauge conversion of Baripada-

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Bangiriposi, indicating the time frame within the above portion would be completed and commissioned to traffic?

Forcible stoppage of passenger trains in Andhra Pradesh

2522. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his ministry is aware that there are forcible stoppage of passenger trains by the vendors and general public in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to stop such incidents?

Reservations of berths for women in railway coaches

2523. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some berths are reserved exclusively for women in most of the trains in the first cabin of a particular coach;

(b) whether most of the theft and harassment cases are being reported from women as their berths are reserved in ladies quota in the first cabin just adjacent to door, which enables the pick pocketers to snatch their gold ornaments and other valuables easily; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken measures to provide the ladies quota in the mid of a coach to ensure their safety and smooth journey?

Kulhar and Khadi in Railways

†2524. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of Kulhar and Khadi has been made compulsory in the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, from when;

(c) the railway zones where this order has been enforced; and

(d) the details of relaxation given in it, zone-wise?

Removal of encroachment from railway lands

2525. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have taken any action during 2005 to remove encroachments from their land, particularly around big stations;

(b) if so, the extent of the land retrieved around big stations; and

(c) if reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Examinations/interviews conducted by RRB

2526. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of examinations/interviews conducted by Railway Recruitment Board for appointments in North-Frontier Railway during the last two years;

(b) whether selections have been made against each category for which examinations were conducted;

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(c) how many people have been selected from Assam, more particularly from Barak Valley, category-wise; and

(d) how many vacancies still exist in the NF Railway and when they are likely to be filled up?

Recruitment from North Eastern Region in Railways

2527. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving priority for development of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, whether the priority would be given for candidates coming from North Eastern Region for various recruitment for the North Eastern Zone by N.F. Railway; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and if not the reasons therefor?

Reduction in rail fares

2528. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the rail fare of AC-I and AC-II class only;

(b) if so, the reasons for not reducing the rail fare of IInd class and the reservation of berth/seat for the common passenger's facilities;

(c) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to reduce the fare and reservation charges of IInd class; and

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

Garib Rath trains

2529. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to run Garib Rath trains between a few destinations in the country;

(b) if so, the features of the train, fair structure and the destinations between which the trains are proposed to be run;

(c) the reasons for lowering A/C Class fair structure, in the Budget of 2006-07; and

(d) the reasons for not lowering II sleeper/II class fair structure in the Budget of 2006-07?

Rail-roko agitation

2530. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local people of Talcher are on rail-roko agitation since 9th February, 2006 for an indefinite period;

(b) whether Railways are incurring revenue loss of Rs. 2 crores daily due to agitation;

(c) the monthly revenue earning from Talcher Station in each month during the preceding two years prior to the ongoing agitation;

(d) the details of previous rail-roko agitation in 2000, alongwith the period of agitation, revenue loss incurred, local demands and fulfilment of such demands;

(e) the present demands of the local people; and

(f) whether Government would accept the demand in public interest and if so, by when?

Backlog of track renewals

2531. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI PRASANTA
CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of backlog of track renewals during the last five years;
- (b) the estimated time to clear the backlogs; and
- (c) how these works would be funded?

Railway projects in Uttaranchal

2532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of railway projects in the State of Uttaranchal sanctioned and undertaken during the last two years;
- (b) the total funds allocated and spent on these projects;
- (c) the details of new railway projects formulated and to be taken up for the development in this behalf in this State; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government in this behalf?

Germ-free drinking water at New Delhi station

2533. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passengers at New Delhi railway station are not getting germ-free drinking water;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) by when the clean water would be made available to passengers at New Delhi railway station; and

(d) what measures are being taken by Government to take the cleanliness drive inside the trains and provide germ-free drinking water to the passengers in the compartments?

Rationalization of project allocation among States

2534. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal with Government to rationalize project allocation among various States particularly Punjab State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Accidents due to over utilisation of tracks

2535. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the over utilization of Railway tracks are instrumental for Railway accidents;
- (b) whether it is a fact that rejected wagon/coaches are reused more and more in the jurisdiction of Southern Railway;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more accidents happen in Southern Railway; and
- (d) whether the causes have been analysed and corrective measures have been taken?

Budget provision for new railway lines in Maharashtra

2536. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative figures of budget provision *vis-a-vis* amount spent on new railway lines, widening and doubling of existing rail lines in the State of Maharashtra during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the steps taken by his Ministry to make adequate budgetary provision on these rail lines during the financial year 2006-07; and

(c) what steps have been taken to utilize full provision during the coming financial year?

Luggage trolleys at major stations

2537. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to provide luggage trolleys at all major railway stations for the convenience of passengers, in a phased manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what steps Government have taken for the convenience of rail passengers at railway stations, since they are being looted by licensed/unlicensed porters?

Budgetary support for funding railway projects

2538. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of railway projects have been taken in hand since 1996 throughout the country without requisite survey;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railways have a throw forwards of projects of Rs. 47,354 crores as on April, 2005; and

(c) what initiatives have been taken to generate additional resources for funding these projects apart from budgetary support?

Accident of Rajdhani Express

†2539. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by a senior police officer with reference to a terrorist that the accident of the Rajdhani Express took place in the year 2002 was a result of sabotage;

(b) whether any report has been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the information available with Government in this regard?

Commission vendors in Railways

2540. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) with reference to letter No. 2004/TG-III/639/2 dated 1st December, 2005 of Executive Director, T&C, Railway Board, whether it is mandatory on the part of commission vendors to opt for absorption;

(b) what retirement benefits would be given to commission vendors; and

(c) how the pending cases of transfer of

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vendorship of the deceased commission vendors to their sons/relations will be disposed of?

Easy booking and cancellation of tickets

2541. SHRI S. M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have not yet developed system whereby tickets can be bought and cancelled easily;

(b) what are the reasons for the Railways insisting on the decades old system of forcing people to go to distant railway stations and then buy tickets, etc.;

(c) what steps can be taken to ensure that wide-spread ticket kiosks come up to make it easy for the public; and

(d) the reasons for Railways not taking needed steps to make it easier for the public to use railways?

New Railway time table

2542. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the railway time table is now being rewritten across the 16 railway zones which ultimately helps to reduce the running time of Indian Rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have proposed to increase in the average length of long-haul trains from 14 to 24 coaches, which is expected to boost Railways earnings from passenger traffic;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have taken measures to reduce speed restrictions

between several destinations, in the wake of sophisticated technology; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Deadlock between RCF management and employees

2543. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government have been drawn to the Deadlock between RCF management and employees, which still continues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry about substandard material being used for the manufacturing of different type of coaches including high technology coaches like LHB coaches of different types; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rail Link with Burma

2544. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken any proposal to set up a rail link with Burma, crossing through the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) by when it would be completed;

(d) whether Government have studied border security situation between north-east and Burma; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Forest cover along railway lines

2545. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vast tracts of land along the railway lines have been notified as protected forests; but are lying neglected;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy to maximize forest-tree-cover over this area;

(c) whether the State Government of Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have requested that the State Forest Departments may be allowed to plant trees in these open areas along the railway lines and to manage the plantations in these areas without payment of revenues, in the interest of FTC and ecology; and

(d) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

Rape cases in running trains

2546. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the rape cases on the running trains;

(b) if so, the comparative figures thereof during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government/Railway Police Personnel have failed to provide security to the passengers and were the last to reach the spot where the crime has happened; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

New Railway projects in Maharashtra

2547. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new railway projects in Maharashtra and the surveys conducted in that regard alongwith the progress made in these projects;

(b) the funds allocated for these projects, so far, and the amount spent;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for a special package from the Central Government to complete these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Thefts in trains

2548. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt of theft in trains;

(b) if so, the details of the thefts occurred during the last two years, zone-wise; and

(c) the present status of each case reported, zone-wise?

Shifting the mining activities of KIOCL

2549. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the KIOCL management has decided to shift its mining activities to Bellary; and

(b) if so, by when it would commence?

Requirement of iron ore for KIOCL

2550. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether against the daily requirement of 11,000 MT of iron ore, KIOCL is now supplied only 3350 MT per day through NMDC from Bellary region;

(b) if so, whether with a view to meet this shortfall, Government propose to transport the entire 11,000 MT of iron ore per day, sourced indigenously or overseas, through sea route as this mode of transportation is comparatively cheaper and eliminates pollution and traffic congestion caused by frequent movement of heavy trucks and overcomes limitation of single railway lines in the area;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Mining operations of Kudermukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.

2551. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India mining operations in Kudermukh, Karnataka by Kudermukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) have been stopped since 1st January 2006;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appeal the Court to review its orders considering that KIOCL has addressed all concerns from environmental point of view and enormous investment in and huge forex

return from KIOCL, as also the fate of thousands of families connected with it directly and indirectly;

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

(d) if not, the alternate plans made for KIOCL and its employees?

Ship-breaking

2552. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the French Ship, "Clemenceau" with more than 500 tonnes of contaminated asbestos, bound for the ship breaking yard at Alang in Gujarat which left the French port on December 31, 2005 has reached the Indian ship breaking yard; if so, when;

(b) whether the contaminated asbestos has been disposed off, if so, how; and

(c) the number of discarded ships received for ship-breaking purposes during 2003-04 and 2005 and the amount and the nature of contaminated material that arrived the ship breaking posts of India and the manner in which same was disposed off?

SAIL as a mega PSU

2553. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Government to make a SAIL a mega PSU is receiving objection from smaller PSUs under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the PSUs which have opposed this merger and the reasons for their opposition; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to go ahead with the proposal?

Expansion of Steel plants

2554. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the expansion of some steel plants in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the forthcoming Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked therefor?

Steel Development Fund

†2555. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the steel producing units had collected the amount of Steel Development Fund from the general consumers during past years;

(b) if so, the total amount collected in this regard; and

(c) the amount out of the above disbursed as loans to the steel producers and the names of these steel producers and the reasons for disbursing loans to these steel producers?

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