

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the April 17, 2002/ Chaitra 27, 1924 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Coal and Mines; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional
Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions—91

Land taken from tribes by BALCO

†2523. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) the land taken from the Scheduled
Tribes in Korba (Madhya Pradesh) by the
Bharat Aluminium Company;

(b) whether the State Government has
taken any action to return this land to its
owners; and

(c) if so, the owners to whom the land
has been given back?

Repair of Ganga dragline machine in Jayant Project of Northern Coalfields Ltd.

†2524. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 50 crores
were spent on repairs of Ganga dragline
machine under Jayant Project of the
Northern Coalfields Limited in the year
2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that repair
work was got carried out by local people
and not from the original company resulting
in payment of fake bills;

(d) whether Government propose to
conduct an enquiry into the whole matter
after transferring officers connected with
the operation of 'Ganga dragline machine';

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Leasing rights to French company for exploration of bauxite ores

2525. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL
AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global corporate
Pechiney of France has sought leasing rights
from the Government of India for
exploration of bauxite ores; and

(b) if so, how soon their application will
be processed and leasing rights issued?

Promoting foremen to the posts of engineer in various projects of NCL

†2526. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foremen
engaged in the various projects of the
Northern Coalfields Limited, Singrauli have
been working on the same post for the last
twenty years;

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(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the vacant posts of engineers (E-2) have been filled in by the departmental personnel without conducting any examination;

(d) if so, what are the difficulties in promoting the foremen who have been working for the last twenty years on the same post to the post of engineers; and

(e) by when, Government propose to promote the above foremen to the post of engineer?

Production of zinc

2527. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average annual production of zinc in the country and what has been the annual production during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the share of Andhra Pradesh in this production; and

(c) what efforts are being made by HZL and Government to increase zinc production in the country?

Investment in Kala-Kote Coal Mines in J&K

2528. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been invested in Kala-Kote Coal Mines at Kalakat, in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what is the ratio of Central and State Government in respect of investment on this project;

(c) how many employees have been working in this coal mine permanently or casually and since when; and

(d) what is the annual income and expenditure on this coal mine and what is the status of this project in respect of loss and gain?

Cases of survey licences and mining leases from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†2529. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases received every year for search permits, survey licences and mining leases in M.P. and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

(b) the details thereof in each case; and

(c) the details of the decision taken regarding each of these cases?

Licences and permits to MNCs for prospecting of minerals in AP

2530. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether prospecting licences or reconnaissance permits have been granted by Government in favour of multinational companies for aerial prospecting of minerals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the multinationals will also tap the minerals in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Committee for the development and value addition of marble and granite

†2531. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee was constituted in October, 1998 for the

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development and value addition of marble and granite;

(b) if so, the details of the objectives and members of these committees;

(c) the main recommendations of these committees; and

(d) the details regarding the implementation of these recommendations?

Plan to disinvest Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited

2532. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest Neyveli Lignite Limited, a public sector limited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware of strong resentment over the reported move; and

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

Risk of Indo-Pak war

2533. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Risk of Indo-Pak war highest since '71: CIA'": appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 8th February, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government shares this perception of threat of a war;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to keep the country in state of defence preparedness; and

(d) whether Government will like to

defuse the situation and if so, the details of the steps to be taken in this regard?

International Defence Exhibition in New Delhi

†2534. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any international defence exhibition was recently organised for the South Asian countries in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of the countries who participated in it and what are the equipments put on display by these countries in the said expo; and

(c) the details of the talks if any, held by our Government in connections with procurement of any equipments from any such country?

Skilled/unskilled employees in Jabalpur based factories

†2535. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in Jabalpur based ordnance factories and the percentage of skilled and unskilled employees in them;

(b) whether the ratio of skilled and unskilled employees is ideal for better production and if not, the measures being taken in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons for not utilising the technical trained youth there?

Modernisation of Ordnance Depots

†2536. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under Government's consideration for

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modernisation of major Ordnance Depots of armed forces in the country;

(b) the total number of incidents of fire taken place in Ordnance Depots during the year 2001-2002 alongwith the total loss of lives and property therein; and

(c) whether Department has formulated any comprehensive scheme to check recurrence of incidents of fire in future; if so, the details thereof?

Manufacturing Sukhoi 30 MK-I aircraft by HAL with Russian collaboration

2537. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has finalised plans and blue prints for manufacture of 140 Sukhoi 30 MK-I fighter aircraft, with Russian collaboration;

(b) if so, the terms of the collaboration; and

(c) the steps so far taken in pursuance thereof?

Special cooling suit designed by Defence Scientists

2538. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence scientists have designed a special cooling suit for soldiers deployed in areas that are in high temperature zones;

(b) if so, whether these suits have been supplied in all high temperature zones;

(c) whether the scientists who designed these suits have suitably been rewarded by Government; and

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

Indo-US joint action against terrorism

2539. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the US have agreed to counter mass destruction terror jointly;

(b) if so, whether the US team will work with its Indian counterpart in a Table-top military exercise to counter terrorists who have weapons of mass destruction;

(c) whether there could be a joint military training and exercise to deal with terrorism in the context of Kashmir; and

(d) if so, to what extent this will help to check the terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir?

Exacting norms for defence purchase

2540. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new norms for defence purchase are considered too rigid by the representatives of defence industry as mentioned in the news-item "Defence purchase norms exacting" appeared in the Hindu of 17th March, 2002; if so, their objections; and

(b) what steps, if any, are proposed to be taken to relax the norms?

Accidents of MIG aircrafts

2541. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that between 1997 and 2000, out of 84 accidents 69 per cent

involved the MIG series and of which 38 were MIG-21s alone;

(b) whether it is also true that Indian Air Force would need MIG-21 for another 15 years as it has overwhelming numbers of its squadrons; and

(c) if so, what precautionary steps are being taken by Government to avoid the accidents of MIG-21s?

Modernisation of Naval Shipyards

2542. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that modernisation of Naval Shipyards is essential for indigenisation of Navy and enable the country to occupy a prominent place in the world;

(b) if so, the details of the programme carried out by the Ministry for modernising the Naval Shipyards; and

(c) the details of reasons for slow pace of modernising?

Casualties of Jawans due to explosions in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

†2543. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Jawans have died and sustained injuries as a result of explosions during the last six months in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the number of Jawans who suffered casualties and injured;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the above explosions; and

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

Submarine building programme for Indian Navy

2544. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a 30 year submarine building programme to meet the needs of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether these submarines will be built indigenously or with the collaboration of some other country; and

(c) the details in this regard?

Extension of road from Khori-wali to Nandansar in J&K

2545. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 10 km. road from Darhal bus-stand to Khori-wali, important to block militants, has been constructed by the Army in Rajouri District of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to extend this road by 15 km. from Khori-wali to Nandansar thus making the area safe from militants and providing access to many meadows and lakes for the benefit of the people and tourists; and

(c) if so, the steps being proposed by Government in this regard?

Complaints regarding separation of widows of soldiers from their in-laws after taking deceased benefits

†2546. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints where widows of the soldiers killed in 'Operation Vijay' in Kargil

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and widows of the soldiers killed in other Army operations, settle, down with some other persons by separating themselves from their in-laws families after taking the benefits available to them;

(b) the State-wise number of such complaints received by Government wherein it has been stated that parents of martyrs have lost their financial support after losing their sons; and

(c) the concrete action taken by Government on such complaints?

Casualties of army personnel in accidents

2547. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 army personnel were killed in accidents between December 19, 2001 to March 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for such heavy casualties; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to avoid such accidents?

Use of private trucks by MoD for transportation of its goods

2548. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence is using private trucks for transporting goods/arms/ammunition of the Ministry from one place to another; and

(b) if so, the number of trucks the Ministry, on an average is using per year for transporting its goods?

Ordnance depots surrounded by commercial and residential buildings

†2549. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance depots which are surrounded by commercial and residential buildings in the country;

(b) whether Government are considering to remove such depots to protect the lives and properties of the residents adjoining them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Pakistan nationals remained in India due to discontinuation of Samjhauta Express

†2550. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the discontinuation of Samjhauta Express a number of Pakistani nationals have remained in India;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take steps with regard to deport them to their country; and

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

Irregularities in the money spent by MCD for maintenance of roads in Delhi

2551. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MAHNAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen newspaper report titled "Congress seeks

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CBI probe on MCD graft" appearing in the Asian Age, New Delhi on 20th November, 2001;

(b) if so, the details of money collected from different agencies by the MCD for maintenance of roads in the city;

(c) the details of the money spent by the MCD and whether there are irregularities noticed in actual utilisation of the amount; and

(d) if so, whether the matter has been referred to the CBI and if not, the reasons therefor?

Hijacker of IC-814 arrested in Pakistan

2552. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the hijackers of IC-814 has been arrested in Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts being made to bring him into India?

Organisations receiving donations from foreign countries

† 2553. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of political, social, cultural organisations and parties received financial assistance or donation from the foreign based organisations and parties during the last five years;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the donation or assistance can be obtained from the other countries and organisations or parties to run the social and cultural activities?

Norms for display of photographs in Government buildings

2554. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any norms have been laid down by Government about the display of photographs of National Leaders/Freedom Fighters in the Government buildings and in the rooms of the Ministers/Officers and other VIPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the photographs of some of the top dignitaries failed to find space in the conference hall set up in memory of freedom fighter in Delhi; and

(d) if so, whether Government have enquired into the matter as to how the photographs of some of the top personalities are not displayed?

Action against corrupt officials in MCD and NDMC

2555. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been large scale encroachment and civic neglect in various parts of Delhi, particularly in Lajpat Nagar, South Extension and Yusuf Sarai;

(b) whether the encroachment etc. is result of corrupt officials of the MCD/NDMC who have in the past encouraged builders and unauthorised construction; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken or propose to take against the corrupt civic body officials?

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Terrorist and militant groups in the country

2556. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified various terrorist and militant groups in the country whose activities are anti-national;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have ascertained the roots of these groups;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of those terrorist and militant groups which operate from foreign soil, country-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to take up the matter with concerned countries to check their activities?

Demand of Delhi Police for more security personnel

2557. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has asked for 10,000 more personnel because half of them is always engaged on security related duties and increase in the demand of security by foreign embassies and VIPs;

(b) whether the crime graph for women in the capital is on the high side too; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not agreeing to their demand in full?

Diktat issued by militant organisation

2558. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Jabbar renews burqa diktat, sets April 1 deadline" appearing in Hindustan Times on 16th March, 2002;

(b) whether such nefarious activities and Talibanistic diktats by Lakshar-e-Jabbar spreading panic have cropped up again in the Jammu and Kashmir valley left gaining; and

(c) if so, the immediate steps being taken by Government to control their activities?

Losses to MCD due to illegal parking lots

†2559. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of parking lots functioning under the jurisdiction of M.C.D. alongwith number of parking lots being run illegally;

(b) whether it is a fact that M.C.D. is suffering loss of crores of rupees on account of connivance of its corrupt officials with people running illegal parking lots; if so, by when Government would like to increase its revenue earning by stopping illegal parking lots; and

(c) the details of rules, if any, framed for regulating the functioning of parking lots?

Arrest of SIMI activists in Surat, Gujarat

†2560. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few activists of students Islamic Movement of India have been arrested in the district of Surat in Gujarat during the last six months;

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(b) if so, the number thereof and the details of incriminating documents seized from them;

(c) whether Government have taken any action against them so far; and

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

Inclusion of Dogri in the Eighth Schedule

2561. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Dogri-Sanstha met Hon'ble Prime Minister last year for including Dogri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Prime Minister was kind enough to agree for such an amendment of the Constitution without further delay; and

(c) what step Government have taken in this regard?

Action against terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Group

†2562. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists belonging to Asif Razzak Commando Group are hiding in Delhi also;

(b) if so, whether any clues have been found so far in respect of these terrorists;

(c) if so, the number of persons detected and apprehended so far;

(d) whether Government have not been able to detect all the members of this group so far;

(e) if so, by when success is expected to be achieved in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Casualties in violence in Gujarat

2563. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of casualties due to violence in Gujarat during last one and a half months;

(b) the details of the property damaged/lost; and

(c) the number of persons belonging to different religious communities staying in refugees camps; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to rehabilitate the victims?

Indo-British Police Conference

†2564. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of mutual co-operation discussed in the Indo-British Police Conference which held recently in New Delhi;

(b) the main topic of this conference and whether our present judicial and political system were also highlighted in above conference;

(c) whether the causes of complex crimes and their prevention in new metropolitan culture were also discussed in this conference; and

(d) if so, the main conclusions arrived at?

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Increasing terrorist activities in the country

†2565. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sabotaging activities have increased on account of incidents of terrorism due to encouragement extended to the terrorism from across the border for the last few years;

(b) if so, the number of the incidents of terrorism and violence took place in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and the first ten months of the year 2001-2002 respectively; and

(c) the number of the citizens killed due to these incidents?

IB Report regarding threat from Islamic radicals

2566. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "IB Report warned of threat from Islamic radicals" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 11th February, 2002; and

(b) if so, the measures adopted/proposed to be adopted to address the serious problems affecting country's security raised in the report of the Intelligence Bureau as highlighted in the news-item?

Indian militants camps outside the country

2567. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME

AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Indian militants have set up camps outside the country, most of them close to the border;

(b) whether camps are located in Bangladesh and Bhutan;

(c) whether camps have been set up with the help of Pakistan's outfit ISI and its agents there; and

(d) whether steps have been taken to check infiltration of militants from these countries to India?

Pay Scales of Translators in Central Secretariat

†2568. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pay scales of senior and Junior Translators belonging to Central Secretariat official language service were exactly similar to pay scales of senior Translators and Technical assistants of Central Translation Bureau before implementation of recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, whether implementation of these recommendations have created a lot of difference between the pay scales of the said posts of Central Secretariat Official Language Service and Central Translation Bureau;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what concrete steps or action is being taken by Government to remove this anomaly immediately?

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Negotiated settlement of the Nagaland problem

2569. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Naga leaders had expressed their willingness during the Prime Minister's visit to Japan to hold further talks in New Delhi for a negotiated settlement of the Nagaland problem; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter?

Militants taking shelters in private hostels in Delhi

2570. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that militants and other outlaws are taking shelters in private hostels in Delhi and other places of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such private hostels operating in Delhi and adjoining places; and

(c) the details of machinery through which Government can check bonafide of residents of these hostels?

Molestation of a woman by a cop

2571. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report in The Hindustan Times of February 10, 2002, titled "Called for help, drunk cop molests woman";

(b) whether any action has been taken against the erring police official; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

National Identity Cards

2572. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move to link the proposed National Identity Cards with the Citizenship Act 1955;

(b) whether the move is based on the recommendations contained in the feasibility report of TATA Consultancy; and

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

Mandatory registration of marriage

2573. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make registration of all marriages mandatory to protect women of socially and economically weaker sections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not how women facing harassment from in-laws would be able to defend in the absence of legal documents?

Modernisation of CRPF

2574. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Reserve Police Force is going to be modernised in pursuance of the recommendations of the Group of Ministers constituted after Kargil war;

(b) if so, the modern weaponry that the force is going to be required;

(c) the number of battalions to be increased; and

(d) the total expenditure involved for this entire modernisation?

NHRC concern on Gujarat violence

2575. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHRC has recently expressed its serious concern on the pathetic condition of communal riot victims in Gujarat and urged the Union Government to directly intervene in the matter;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has totally failed to curb communal violence in the State;

(c) if so, whether demands have been made to investigate communal clashes in the State by a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court; and

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

New strategy on Kashmir

2576. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Centre working on new Kashmir strategy" as reported in the Times of India dated 21st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated a new strategy on Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the new strategy will bring peace in the valley and strengthen its overall developments?

National Conference for Indian Women in Police

2577. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for 33 per cent reservation for women in police in the recently held National Conference for Indian Women in Police in Delhi;

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

(c) what are the other major issues discussed in the Conference and Government's reaction thereto?

Solving Bodo problem

2578. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has got any proposal from Assam Government to solve the Bodo problem;

(b) whether this proposal is to form Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) Area on the basis of Bodo Autonomous Council (BAC) Areas; and

(c) if BTC is formed, what necessary steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard the political, socio-economic, cultural, educational, land and language interests of Non-Bodos in the BTC Areas?

Facilities to personnels of retired para military forces

2579. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the facilities available to retired armed personnel to the retired personnel of para military forces;

(b) whether Government are in receipt of any such representation to that effect; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Foreign students in Madarasas

†2580. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign students are also studying in Madarasas being run in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restrict the number of such students; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects sanctioned for AP

2581. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has sanctioned any projects for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what results were achieved from these projects in the State?

Potential sites for wind power projects in AP

2582. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified some potential sites for Wind Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to tap the potential of Wind Power from these sites of the State within a time-frame?

High cost of produced energy from renewable/non-conventional sources

2583. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has a generating capacity of 310 mw power from renewable/non-conventional sources;

(b) whether these facilities established with large capital outlays pose a burden on SEB/consumes with high cost of energy produced; and

(c) whether the Centre will consider granting capital subsidy to such plants?

Use of Geographic Information Systems, Geo-positioning Systems and remote sensing

2584. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RUMANDLA
RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how the Ministry is using Geographic Information Systems, Geo-positioning Systems and remote sensing to improve the distribution networks, restoration of services as well as to harness the hydro power potential in the country to achieve "Power for all by 2012";

(b) how the Ministry is utilising the IT to help developing solution and solve the problems of power sector;

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(c) whether it is a fact that approximately \$200 million fresh investment is required for the growth of the sector; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is thinking of mobilising such huge amount?

Recovery of arrears from SEB's

2585. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Ministry has issued warning that the States which fail to pay for the power supplied by Central utilities would face recovery of arrears through a cut in Central plan assistance and other allocations;

(b) whether the Union Government is proposing a tripartite agreement between the Union Government, State Government and the Reserve Bank of India in this regard; and

(c) if so, how many States have failed to pay for the power supplied by the Central utilities?

Outstanding dues to CIL

2586. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is outstanding as dues to Coal India Limited till 31st December, 2001;

(b) out of this how much amount is due from power sector; and

(c) the steps are taken to recover the amount?

Power Purchase Agreement with DPC

†2587. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a power purchase agreement was signed between Dabhol Power Company and the Government;

(b) if so, the date on which this agreement was signed;

(c) the names of the office bearers who signed this agreement on behalf of the company and the Government; and

(d) whether the above agreement has not been beneficial for the interests of the country?

Potentiality of hydro-electricity in States

2588. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the hydro-electricity potential in different States, State-wise;

(b) how much of above have so far been utilised, State-wise;

(c) whether Government is going to formulate a Comprehensive Hydel Power Policy; and

(d) if so, the time-frame thereof?

Power generation cost in the country

†2589. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding power generation cost in the country;

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(b) if so, what has been the average power generation cost in the Thermal, Hydel and Nuclear Power Sectors during the year 2000-2001, separately; and

(c) the total percentage of power generation in the country by each of the above sectors during the said year?

Agreement with SEB's

2590. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKA-RASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to enter into agreements with State Electricity Boards throughout the country for payment guarantees for drawing power from national power distribution agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the views of SEB's on such agreements have been obtained; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Techno-economic clearance to Naphtha based liquid fuel power project at Hassan in Karnataka

2591. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Techno-Economic clearance by CEA for Naphtha-based liquid fuel power project, Hassan (Karnataka) cleared, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Hassan Power Project is expected to start?

New Power Projects sanctioned for Rajasthan

2592. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many new power projects have been sanctioned for Rajasthan;

(b) whether any power project is pending for approval;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Reducing the consumer rates of Power

†2593. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated an action-plan under the programmes of power sector reforms at national level to reduce the consumer-rates of power in the past years;

(b) if so, the outlines of this action-plan; and

(c) the places in the country where this plan has been implemented together with the results achieved?

Request by Delhi Government to NTPC to erect its own Power Station

2594. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Government has requested the NTPC to erect its own power stations in place of unserviceable Indraprastha Power Station;

(b) whether NTPC has prepared any feasibility report thereon; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when NTPC will be able to erect its own power house at the site?

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Cost of Power generation

†2595. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of average cost of power generation in the country *vis-a-vis* the US, Japan, England, Germany, France, Australia, Canada, China etc.;

(b) if so, the average cost of power generation in each of the said countries *vis-a-vis* India; and

(c) what are the reasons for the difference in the cost of power generation?

Encouraging power sector reforms

†2596. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the allocation for power sector in order to encourage reforms in the power sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that many power projects and payment of arrears are pending in many of the states of the country due to financial crunch; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

Gram Bank Scheme

2597. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the basic objectives of "Gram Bank" scheme;

(b) what is the total number of villages, State-wise covered under this scheme;

(c) what is the total investment; and

(d) the State's share in it?

Review of anti-poverty programmes in Rajasthan

2598. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of all the anti-poverty programmes in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the achievement made in terms of physical and financial targets;

(c) what shortcomings in each programme were noticed; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

Present status of DPAP in Andhra Pradesh

2599. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof, district wise; and

(c) the results achieved under DPAP in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

Request for allocation of rice under Food for Work programme to A.P.

2600. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHAND-
RAIAH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government and MPs from that State have

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requested for release of additional five lakh metric tonnes of rice under the 'Food for Work' programme; and

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

Request for extension of Food for Work Programme

2601. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government to extend the Food for Work Programme upto 15th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether Government are inclined to accede to this request from the Andhra Pradesh Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Primary objectives of SIRDS

2602. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the primary objectives of the State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDS);

(b) the details of SIRDS in operation in Jharkhand State, location-wise;

(c) the fund allocated by Government to each of these SIRDS; and

(d) the achievements made by these SIRDS during the last three years?

Recommendations of Central team to study implementation of Food for Work programme in A.P.

2603. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team visited

Andhra Pradesh to study the implementation of the Food for Work programme;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Team; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

Funds sanctioned by E.U. Commission to Agha Khan Foundation for rural development

2604. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that European Union Commission sanctioned some amount to Agha Khan Foundation in India to support the community based rural development;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the total amount sanctioned and the terms and conditions of such a support; and

(c) whether Government have right to monitor such a scheme?

Pending proposal for village tanks in Amreli district, Gujarat under Watershed Development Project

2605. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of village tanks of Amreli district, under Watershed Development Project for the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat are pending with the Ministry;

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

(c) the time by which they would be cleared?

Food for Work Programme in Tamil Nadu

2606. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities undertaken under Food for Work Scheme in Tamil Nadu for 2001-2002;

(b) the number of persons benefited during the same period;

(c) the details of the foodgrains allocated under this scheme to take care of the drought-affected districts of the State for the last three years; and

(d) the benefits accrued to such districts of Tamil Nadu?

Introducing the insurance scheme for women handloom weavers in Gujarat

2607. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any insurance scheme has been introduced in Gujarat and elsewhere for women handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of women weavers presently covered under the scheme in Gujarat, district-wise?

Concessions demanded by Garment Exporters Association

2608. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Garments Exporters Association has demanded that Government should reduce corporate tax, remove anomalies in excise and customs and allow

duty free import of capital goods and raw materials to meet international competition; and

(b) if so, Government's response to these demands?

Establishment of Technology Mission on Wool

2609. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish Technology Mission on Wool for development of the Woollen Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to develop woollen sector into a main source for earning foreign exchange and at the same time for generating employment opportunities?

Exploitation of workers by Jute Mills

2610. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jute workers were intended to be benefited when Government enacted J.P.M.A. in 1987;

(b) if so, whether the workers have been paid all their dues such as P.F., E.S.I., etc., since 1987 to date;

(c) if not, the action taken against the defaulting Jute Mills owners to stop exploitation by them;

(d) whether it is a fact that strike has been called by Trade Unions from January, 2002 to stop this exploitation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Providing latest equipments to the
Weavers Service Centres**

2611. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have proposal to equip the Weavers Service
Centres with the latest equipment in the
country; and

(b) if so, the details of the equipment
that Government have proposed to provide
to the Weavers Service Centres in the
country?

**Organisation of Tex-Styles India 2002
by ITPO**

2612. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) the success of Tex-Styles India 2002
organised by Indian Trade Promotion
Organisation;

(b) the details of the prospects of Indian
Textiles in overseas market; and

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

Import duty on cotton

2613. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government have since
decided to double the basic import duty on
cotton;

(b) whether this decision would result
in increase of domestic price of cotton; and

(c) if so, to what extent it has been
beneficial for the domestic producers?

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