

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the May 17, 2006/Vaisakha 27, 1928 (Saka)*

**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Labour and
Employment; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions — 155

Coffee cultivation in Karnataka

3331. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA
RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coffee Board has taken any
steps to encourage coffee growers in
Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken last year to
expand the cultivation of coffee in that area;

(c) what steps have been taken to expand
the cultivation in other areas; and

(d) the details of the surveys of coffee
cultivation potential conducted in Andhra
Pradesh?

Trade deficit among BRIC countries

3332. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only India
has trade deficit among Brazil, Russia, India
and China (BRIC) countries;

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

(c) the steps being taken by
Government to overcome such deficit with
a specific time-frame?

Effect of import of cheap palm oil

†3333. SHRI MANGANI LAL
MANDAL: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cheap palm
oil imported from abroad, has broken the
back of oilseed producing farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that in the light
of WTO agreement, import duty on palm
oil could be imposed upto 300 per cent
whereas on the contrary, because of import
duty rate howering between 80 per cent
and 90 per cent here, palm oil imported
from several countries including Malaysia
and Indonesia has ruined the oilseed
production in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Steps to stop import of harmful fruit drinks

3334. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the products especially branded fruit drinks not having any fruit content other than synthetic mixture of toxic items, are being imported and sold in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to control such imports?

MoUs between India and Saudi Arabia

3335. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether six MoUs have recently been signed between the Indian and Saudi Arabian Public and Private Sector companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which such MoUs are likely to foster growth in both the countries?

Steps to entertain advertisement outsourcing calls

3336. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that countries like China, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and Australia have geared up to take away a major chunk of advertisement outsourcing business from India by offering a sound infrastructure and the single window clearance to conveniently entertain advertisement calls;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to evolve a mechanism to entertain advertisement outsourcing calls; and

(d) if so, by when?

Objection of European countries to bid by Shri Laxmi N. Mittal

†3337. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Governments of several European countries have objected to the bid for a company operating in one European country by an Indian born Shri Laxmi N. Mittal;

(b) if so, the countries which have raised the objections alongwith details thereof and facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the objections raised by those countries are against the rules and objectives of World Trade Organisation; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto alongwith the concrete steps taken by Government in this matter?

New Industrial Policy

3338. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a New Industrial Policy for the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the reasons for such a new policy; and

(d) the salient points Government propose to include in the proposed new Industrial Policy?

Funds for industrial development of tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh

3339. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the detail of the funds earmarked for industrial development of tribal dominant backward areas of Andhra Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the amount allocated/released to the State so far since the year 2002-03 for this purpose;

(c) whether the State has fully utilized the released amount;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) the details of the industrial development in the above said areas during 2002-05; and

(g) the subsidy being given/proposed to be given to the entrepreneurs for setting up industries in the backward areas of Andhra Pradesh?

Retail and corporate retail trade

3340. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of retail and corporate retail trade in our country in monetary terms;

(b) how many Indians are employed in retail trade except in corporate;

(c) what will be the effects of FDI of 51

per cent in single brand retail sale and 100 per cent FDI in whole sale trading and export trading on job opportunities to our youngsters; and

(d) whether Government proposes to safeguard livelihood of 4 crore small retail traders against the FDI trade in our country?

Import of cheap agricultural products

3341. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amounts of cheap imported agricultural products like tea, cotton and rice have been dumped in Indian markets to the detriment of Indian agriculture;

(b) if so, in respect of which items anti-dumping cases have come up during the last three years;

(c) the total amount of imports of each such product, dumped in Indian market during these years; and from which countries such imports had been made; and

(d) the safeguards provided under the WTO against the protectionist tariff regime in developed countries and products kept in the negative list as part of anti-dumping measures?

Taking out farm trade from WTO purview

3342. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to take out the farm trade out of the purview of World Trade Organization;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken in the Doha

Development round of Negotiations, to protect the subsistence farmers of India especially cotton and rice farmers from the price fall in international market due to hefty subsidies in Europe and America?

FDI in cold storage

3343. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to allow FDI in retail in phase-II;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allow FDI in cold storage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

SEZ in Mangalore by ONGC

3344. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC in collaboration with Karnataka Government, Kannara Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services has planned to set up a SEZ in Mangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a PSU is allowed to set up SEZ in terms of its Articles of Association and Memorandum of Undertaking; and

(d) if not, the reasons for giving permission to ONGC in this regard?

Study regarding assistance to exporters in Australia and Philippines

3345. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Foreign Trade undertook a study visit to Australia and Philippines to study assistance given to exporters in those companies;

(b) if so, whether any study report has been submitted; and

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

Jobs to be created by manufacturing sector

3346. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that manufacturing sector in our country will create around 25 million jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, *inter-alia* indicating as to how far it will improve the job potential in the backward Orissa State;

(c) the contribution of manufacturing sector in our GDP growth; and

(d) the action plan of Government to further develop this sector?

Import Authorisation Scheme

3347. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new Duty Free Import Authorization Scheme incorporating salient features of some existing export promotion schemes, will be substitute for some schemes notably the Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme that are not compatible with the WTO rules;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the new scheme is likely to boost India's export?

Construction of exhibition grounds outside Delhi

3348. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to build state-of-the art Exhibition grounds for holding trade fairs outside Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the schedule for completing the buildings for new fair ground for ITPO;

(c) to what extent Government are aware that the growing need for exports require better and bigger grounds with hotels nearby; and

(d) the steps proposed to encourage exports through better exhibition grounds and trade fair organisation?

Exports by leather industry

3349. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether the leather industry proposes to double its exports by 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this industry also proposes to adopt global manufacturing practices to improve the quality of its products; and

(d) the status of this industry in Orissa and what is the action plan of Government to help this backward State to improve this sector?

Export to Latin American countries

3350. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to boost export of Indian Goods in Latin American countries;

(b) if so, the details of problems being faced by Indian exporters to reach to distant Latin American countries; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to boost export of goods and services in Latin American countries?

Licenses to manufacture Gutka

3351. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gutka is a scheduled industry under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 and if so, the number of licenses granted to manufacture Gutka during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases of manufacture of Gutka that came to the notice of Government for violation of the provision of the aforesaid Act during the same period; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

Allowing higher export of onions

3352. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of steep fall in onion prices, Government are considering for increasing the export quantity of onions to neighbouring States; and

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

Inclusion of food processing industry in SSI

‡3353. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered to include food processing industry in small scale industry so that more employment is provided with less investment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

India-Bangladesh FTA

3354. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh signed a bilateral Free Trade Agreement during the recent visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement reached and signed;

(c) whether both the countries signed a MoU on issues of standards between designated institutions of the two countries for removal of all non-tariff barriers; and

(d) to what extent the trade between the two countries could further be improved?

Export targets

3355. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export target of \$ 92

billion set for the year 2005-06 will be achieved and is expected to rise further;

(b) if so, whether India merchandise exports continued to record double-digit growth during the current financial year touching 20 per cent;

(c) whether, during the year 2004-05, India's merchandise exports at US \$ 80 billion far exceeded the export target; and

(d) whether number of measures have been taken under the export promotion capital goods scheme to provide thrust on SSI sector and the retail sector to promote exports through modernization of machinery to facilitate further growth in overall exports?

GoM on FDI

3356. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a high level Group of Ministers to examine Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in various sectors including telecommunications and aviation;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the composition of common FDI;

(c) what are the proposals in telecommunications and aviation sector (including domestic airlines) which have yet to be finalized by the GoM on FDI;

(d) the reasons for delay in taking a decision on these sectors; and

(e) by when Government propose to take a final view on investment in above sector?

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RBI credit policy to increase interest rate ceiling in export credit

3357. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exporting community has expressed disappointment over the credit policy announced by Reserve Bank of India which proposes to increase interest rate ceiling in export credit in foreign currency;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been taken up with authorities concerned to mitigate the problems of exporters; and

(c) if so, the reaction thereto?

India as a seafood processing hub

3358. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to make India a seafood processing hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the action plan of Government to overcome the shortage of raw materials in this sector, to further boost up this trade; and

(d) the action plan of the Centre to help Orissa in this sector to improve its economy?

Export of agricultural products

3359. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether increase in export of agricultural products is not as per the targets fixed by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether there have been increase in imports of agricultural products during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the areas which need to be targeted to reduce India's agricultural imports?

Adverse effect of cheap timber imports

3360. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of small scale manufacturing units in the rural areas in Punjab based on timber have been closed down due to cheaper imports of raw materials as well as finished goods resulting in slump in consumption level of farm forestry products;

(b) whether Government have received any requests from Punjab to help the State in the establishment of wood based paper mills/pulp/board industries there and North-Western region of the country to boost farm forestry and help the poverty ridden families of the State; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

Decline in export of pepper and cashew

3361. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of value added pepper such as crushed and ground pepper to United States fell considerably in the beginning of the year and the export of cashew slipped to 7 per cent in 2005-06; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of steps taken to rectify the above?

Production of cardamom

3362. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unremunerative price of cardamom in the year 2005-06 has forced down growers to scale down agricultural inputs;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to enhance the subsidies for replanting, new planting, irrigation facilities and rain water harvesting facilities;

(c) if so, whether steps will be taken to introduce subsidies for fertilizers and pesticides through Spices Board; and

(d) the steps taken to maintain the production of the crop in the light of the decline in cardamom prices?

Steps to increase rubber production

3363. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubber output is very less compared to consumption;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to increase rubber output;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tea/coffee plantation in Assam

3364. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan a series of initiatives to boost tea/coffee plantation which has been passing through rough weather due to global competition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the initiatives likely to be made available to Assam for tea plantation being the largest tea plantation State in India?

Videsh Krishi Upaj Yojana

3365. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Videsh Krishi Upaj Yojana launched by Government;

(b) the details of funds allocated so far for the export of fruits, vegetables, flowers and their value added products, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether steps have been taken to identify areas where such export potentials are high in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

New SEZ norms

3366. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated new SEZ norms to provide single window clearance of proposals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the industry and financial institutions?

Establishment of EO units

†3367. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big and medium

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industrial units that have been established as on date, State-wise;

(b) the details of the export-oriented units amongst them;

(c) whether the Government propose to establish some more export-oriented units;

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

(e) the details of the programme made for this financial year in this regard?

SEZs in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand

3368. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any measures to establish Special Economic Zone in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of projects likely to be opened by Government in most backward and Hilly areas in these States, State-wise, District-wise and Block-wise?

Aquaculture cluster scheme in Andhra Pradesh

3369. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested Government for expeditious sanction for Aquaculture cluster scheme as submitted by them for the areas from Bhimavaram to Visakhapatnam, along the coast to develop Shrimp Industry in India;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction the scheme at the earliest in view of heavy foreign export potentialities

in the Shrimp Industry of this coastal area; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation and integrated development of leather sector

3370. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme has been approved to support modernisation and integrated development of leather sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the scheme would be redesigned to assist the small scale sector more;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

World Bank report on economic development of India

3371. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has given any report on the economic development of India;

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

(c) whether the World Bank has desired to assist Indian industry to boost economic growth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the industrial centres likely to be covered under the investment, State-wise?

Bio-mass gasifier project in Myanmar

3372. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has set up a demonstration bio-mass gasifier project suitable for small and medium enterprises in Myanmar, and is also assisting Myanmar in setting up the BIMSTEC Energy Information Center;

(b) if so, how far small and medium enterprises have derived benefit from the bio-mass gasifier; and

(c) by when the energy information center is likely to be set up?

Sanitary and phyto-sanitary obstacles in marine exports

3373. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of countries, according to MPEDA, in which there are sanitary and phyto-sanitary related market access obstacles;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to these obstacles, the export of the Indian marine products are adversely affected; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet this challenge of sanitary and phyto-sanitary related challenges in the WTO and otherwise?

Cases of pending dues of missing and deceased soldiers

†3374. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of payment of dues of the missing and deceased soldiers pending with army as on the 31st January, 2006, wing-wise;

(b) since when these are pending;

(c) the reasons for pendency in each case; and

(d) the details of the action being taken for their speedy disposal?

Aerospace command

3375. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has plans to set up an aerospace command of its own;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been frequent cost and time overruns in the Indian Aero Space industry; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to overcome such overruns in future?

Anti-terrorism schools in Jharkhand

†3376. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open anti-terrorism schools in Jharkhand and other naxal affected States with the help of army;

(b) whether any such school has been opened in any State; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

Acquisition of Embraer Jets

3377. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have acquired five executive Jets from M/s Embraer of Brazil in September, 2003 at cost of Rs. 712.51 crore;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and the procedure for the acquisition of executive Jets; and

(c) the details of the tender process adopted for the said procurement including the names of the firms which submitted their rates in this regard?

Death of pilots of Surya Kiran Team

3378. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF's acrobatic team "Surya Kiran" lost its two senior pilots in a crash near Karnataka on 18th March, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been instituted to find the causes of accident of Indigenously built MK II trainer aircraft;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Encroachment of land by Nepalese citizens

3379. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large portion of lands within Indian territory in the west Champaran and the adjacent areas in eastern Uttar Pradesh, in particular, along the Indo-Nepal border have been growingly encroached upon by citizens of Nepal who are unauthorisedly occupying these lands and residing therein breaching the territorial integrity of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken contemplated, if any, for freeing our lands

from encroachers and restoration of the country's territorial integrity?

Vacant posts of officers in Army

†3380. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts of officers in the army are lying vacant;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof;

(c) the reasons of their lying vacant for last several years; and

(d) by when these vacancies will be filled by Government?

Vacancies in MoD

3381. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog vacancies as on the 31st March, 2004 in his Ministry and its various Departments;

(b) whether special drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

Reclamation of land given to Sea Bird Project

3382. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for reclamation

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

of 17 acres of port land by Sea Bird Project is pending with Ministry of Defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in handing over the same?

Development of LCA radar

3383. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the much vaunted radar of the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) that has been long under development by the DRDO could require foreign help as the radar is now "marooned in uncertainty";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Multi-Mode Radar (MMR), considered the very brain of the LCA is being developed for the past nine years and a sizable portion of the Rs. 3,214 crore sanctioned for the project has gone into making it; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to expedite the development pace?

Preparation of airmen to face challenges

3384. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing the airmen to face the challenges in the present trend; and

(b) if so, the measures adopted and training given to airmen to face the challenges?

Review of rules for commercial employment of ex-servicemen

†3385. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review the rules for allowing the ex-military officers for commercial employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ex-military officers alongwith ranks thereof who are allowed by the Ministry for commercial employments at present;

(d) the details of ex-servicement out of above engaged in foreign commercial firms;

(e) whether Government are formulating any action plan to prevent the leakage of classified information of the forces; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Grounding of Dhruv helicopters

†3386. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Dhruv' helicopters have been grounded by the Army;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are carrying out any research to further develop the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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Peace keeping operations by Indian Army

†3387. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of peace keeping operations carried out by Indian Army in various countries, till date;

(b) the total number of troops involved in these operations;

(c) the number of troops killed in these operations; and

(d) whether U.N. has to make any payments to the Indian Army for these operations?

Ex-servicemen employed in transportation of coal by cool India

†3388. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ex-servicemen, company-wise, employed in transportation of coal produced by Coal India;

(b) the number of Ex-servicemen, company-wise, verified by Ministry of Defence and separately the number of persons found to be real Ex-servicemen, and fakes amongst them;

(c) total volume of coal transported by them; and

(d) the details of the volume transported by fake Ex-servicemen, and the action taken against them?

IAF aircraft crash in Gujarat

3389. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force aircraft

crashed in a field in Gujarat on the 18th March, 2006 killing both the pilots;

(b) if so, the findings of the statutory inquiry conducted into the mishap and the action taken thereon;

(c) the extent of damage caused to the crops as a result of the mishap;

(d) whether compensation has been paid to the owner of the field where the aircraft fell, if so, what; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

MIG-21 air crashes

†3390. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY:
SHRI AJAY MAROO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of MIG-21 aircrafts crashed during the last three years and the number of people including pilots killed during the aforesaid period;

(b) the cost of a MIG-21 aircraft and the reasons found out by Government behind the spate of crashes of MIG-21 aircrafts and the steps taken by Government to prevent the recurrence of accidents; and

(c) the details thereof?

Opening of Seabird Project airport for civilian flights

3391. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka has requested opening the airport at Seabird Project,

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Karwar, for civilian flights by extending the existing runway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Centre is asking the State Government to bear the cost on acquisition of the required 75 hectares of land, construction of the extended runway and its maintenance, etc;

(d) if so, considering that the land for Seabird Project was granted by Karnataka and that civilian service will promote tourism, agri-trade and exports, would the Centre bear the cost on land acquisition and runway extension to facilitate civilian operation; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Representation given by Nepal
Saadhbhawana Party(A)**

3392. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the Nepal Saadhbhawana Party(A) pertaining to discrimination and oppression faced by the Madheshis people living in plains and Tarai of Nepal, who are called as people of Indian origin and denied recruitment in Royal Nepal Army, for recruitment in Indian Army and creation of Madhesish Regiment in the Indian Army; and

(b) the action Government have taken in the matter?

**Use of IAF aircrafts by former PM and
Ministers**

†3393. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether former Cabinet Ministers including former Prime Ministers have

undertaken air-trips by IAF aircrafts during the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st March, 2004 and till date;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the trips undertaken by each of them separately;

(c) whether some of the air trips so made have also been undertaken unofficially by them;

(d) if so, the details of year-wise dues of such unofficial trips on each of them separately; and

(e) the action taken so far by Central Government to recover the fares of unofficial trips from such persons?

**Unmanned ship taken into custody at
Nicobar Coast**

†3394. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in January, 2006 an unmanned ship was found at the Nicobar Coast which was taken into custody by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date of landing the said ship alongwith the date on which this has come into the knowledge of the Coast Guard; and

(d) the details of the articles found in the ship and the purpose of the arrival of the ship there?

Retiring MIG 21s and MIG 25s

3395. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to retire the last of IAF's secret planes MIG 25;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to retire MIG 21s; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Testing of Akash Missile

3396. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India again test fired successfully the Akash Missile from the Chandipur Range on Orissa Coast on October 3, 2005;

(b) what aspects, targeting capability and range etc, were tested; and

(c) how far the same was found successful and accurate; and

(d) the progress so far made in the missile development programme?

Commissioning of pollution controlling vehicles by Indian Navy

†3397. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy is preparing to commission pollution controlling vessels in the sea, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of oil tankers and ships sunk in Indian territorial waters during last three years and the quantity of oil spread in the seas and to which extent it has become dangerous to the country;

(c) whether Government of India had imposed a ban on the use of 25 year old tankers but it is still being violated; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to save their sea area?

Denial of cell phone facility in border areas

3398. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the people in the international border areas are being deprived of the provision of cell phones on defence grounds;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these people are suffering a lot for want of cell phone even in the matter of law and order; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to overcome this barrier?

Withdrawal of troops from Siachin

†3399. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw troops from Siachin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision of withdrawing Army from Siachin are being taken under the foreign pressure; and

(d) precautionary steps being taken to face the situation arising out of the same?

Investigations into communal riots at Mau (U.P.)

3400. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations into the incident of communal riots in Mau in Uttar Pradesh last year has been carried out by the authorities;

(b) if so, the nature of the investigation and findings thereof;

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(c) the details of accused against whom cases have been filed, if any; and

(d) the steps taken, if any, for prevention of communal riots in Uttar Pradesh in the light of the findings of the incidents at Mau last year?

Travel by aircrafts of security forces

‡3401. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether including Prime Minister, some former Cabinet Ministers have travelled abroad by aircrafts of Central Forces, especially Border Security Force during the period 1st January, 2000 to 31st March, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof with types of different aircraft used by them;

(c) whether some of the air travel made by them, was for purposes other than official too; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount they owe on account of such unofficial travel respectively?

Functioning of Foreigners Registration Offices

3402. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps being taken to make the Foreigners Registration Offices more efficient and transparent in their functioning;

(b) whether Government have noted recent reports of deportations and sudden expulsions of artists etc;

(c) whether Government would review the present system and put in place transparent procedures to deal with honest mistakes etc;

(d) what are the proposed changes which will ensure a transparent foreigner registration in all cities;

(e) whether distinctions will be drawn between sensitive cases and routine cases; and

(f) the steps proposed to bring about changes in this matter pertaining to foreigners registration keeping in view the security aspect also?

Assistance to Punjab under BADP

3403. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to Punjab Government as special Central assistance/ additional Central assistance by Government of India under Border Area Development Programme for providing better infrastructure, health and education facilities and development of social sector of 17 blocks abutting the international border in the districts of Amritsar, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur, Punjab during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have received any request from Punjab Government to enhance the allocation under Border Area Development Programme due to high sensitivity of the State; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

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**Constitution of Tribunals under
Foreigners Act**

3404 DR. M.S. GILL:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken
including constitution of Tribunals under
the Foreigners Act to detect and stop the
influx of illegal Bangladeshi migrants to
India;

(b) whether the tribunals have been
constituted and if so, their number and
details thereof; and

(c) the number of illegal migrants
detected during the last two years upto
31st March, 2006?

Deportation of foreigners

†3405. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will
the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred
Question No. 1699 given in the Rajya Sabha
on the 8th March, 2006 and state:

(a) the dates on which State
Government/Union Territory admini-
stration have been advised during last three
years to find out foreigners staying illegally
in the country and also to repatriate them
alongwith the details of the outcome
thereof;

(b) the number of foreigners visited
India during the last three years alongwith
the number of foreigners not repatriated
out of them even after the expiry of their
visa; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by
Government to repatriate citizens of
Bangladesh staying illegally in India?

**Bangladeshi nationals committing
crimes in India**

†3406. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that
apart from Bangladeshis staying illegally
in India, many persons visiting with legal
passports and visas commit crimes in India
and go back to Bangladesh;

(b) whether Government are also aware
that they maintain links with local mafias;

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

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

Crimes against women

3407. SHRI RAMDAS
AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Crime Bureau
has predicted that by 2010, growth rate of
crimes against women would be higher than
population growth rate;

(b) if so, what is the number of rape/
molestation cases registered in 2005-06 as
against 15,000 cases of rape and 32,000
cases of molestation reportedly registered
in 2003;

(c) what steps Government propose to
take to put rape trial cases on fast track as
was done recently in Alwar rape case; and

(d) whether his Ministry plans to write
to all High Courts requesting to set up fast
track courts as done in Rajasthan recently?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Meeting of CMs on naxal problems

3408. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his address on 13th April, 2006 at the meeting of Chief Ministers of the Naxalites affected States, Naxalism has been identified to be the single biggest internal security challenge ever faced by the country;

(b) if so, broad justification of the observation so made;

(c) the measures being evolved, if any, to face this challenge comprehensively instead of continuing to treat it as a law and order problem of the respective States; and

(d) the salient details of the monitoring mechanism, if any, established at the Centre to deal with situations evolving due to activities of left-extremist outfits in various States?

Rehabilitation of surrendered militants

3409. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking for the post-surrender rehabilitation of former militants to bring them to social mainstream;

(b) since law and order is State subject and causes of terrorism in every State are unique in their distinct characteristics, what kind of role of the Central Government play in rehabilitation of these surrendered terrorists;

(c) in the last few years, so many such persons may have laid down arms and joined the social mainstream; and

(d) how many of these persons have actually been given jobs in Central

Government departments through some specialized schemes, State-wise details?

Upgradation of Foreign Registration Offices

3410. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to upgrade all offices of the Foreigners Registration Offices all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are delay and lack of response from such offices;

(c) in what way would Government improve matters so that foreigners working in India or seeking work permits or tourists wanting to extend their stays have less bureaucratic hurdles and delays; and

(d) the steps proposed to immediately effect some changes to improve efficiency in this matter?

Aerial survey to check naxal activities in Chhattisgarh

†3411. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to undertake any aerial survey to check the increasing naxalite activities in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that naxalites are getting consignments of arms from foreign countries; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Central assistance to bordering States

3412. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central assistance including amount and period to bordering States;

(b) the States that are being given this assistance/package; and

(c) whether Government would treat Tamil Nadu on the same line in view of the long coastal border and proximity to Sri Lanka that necessitate constant vigil like bordering States?

Launching of website by naxalites

3413. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalites have now become 'Hi-Tech' by launching their own website and have issued serious threats from website to the State and Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how his Ministry propose to effectively face this situation?

Rush of Sri Lankans in India

†3414. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many persons are arriving in India in view of the heavy pressure from Army in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the number of Sri Lankan already arrived in India;

(c) whether there is any apprehension of law and order problem in the country owing to their entry in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by Government to send them back to Sri Lanka and by when?

Assistance to Jammu and Kashmir under BADP

3415. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any sort of assistance to Jammu and Kashmir under Border Area Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the nature of assistance provided during the last three years, year-wise, especially in R.S. Pura in Jammu?

Shortage of camels with battalions of BSF

†3416. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of camels with the battalions of Border Security Force deployed at Rajasthan border and supplies to the soldiers are being affected due to this;

(b) if so, the reasons for this situation; and

(c) the action Government are taking in this regard?

Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme

3417. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) how many freedom fighters' are benefited from Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme since its inception, State-wise;

(b) how many applications are pending before Government of India, State-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons for keeping in pending the applications accepted by screening committee and State Government in case of Telenagana freedom fighters?

Threat to Koshi Bairaj (dam) by Maoists of Nepal

†3418. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the threat posed by Maoists of Nepal to the Koshi Bairaj (dam) located on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar and Sashastra Seema Bal in this regard; and

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

Assistance for modernization of police in Andhra Pradesh

3419. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Union Government for release of necessary funds for policing in Mega City of Hyderabad covering the commissionerates of Hyderabad and Cyberabad for an amount of Rs. 95.82 crores and for Rs. 345 crores for modernization of police force for Hyderabad for which estimates had already been submitted by the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Government would assure of releasing the funds at the earliest; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Lives lost due to fire in Delhi

3420. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives, were seriously injured and were rendered homeless in Delhi due to fires during the last three years ending 31st December, 2005, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for payment of compensation to the deceased and injured;

(c) the number of those rendered homeless so far rehabilitated and those still to be rehabilitated;

(d) the number of firemen who lost their lives and were seriously injured in fires during the above period, year-wise; and

(e) the compensation and other relief provided to the families of deceased firemen and to those who received serious injuries?

Network of LeT in Bihar

†3421. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba has established its network in several parts of Bihar and terrorist training centres are being run in some places;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar in this regard; and

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

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Expert committee to tackle natural disasters

3422. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to constitute an expert committee to suggest concrete measures to check the loss of lives, crops and property due to recurring flood, cyclones and other natural disasters every year in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Re-investigation of of DPSI

3423. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parents of Mahtab Singh, S.I., Delhi Police, recipient of Gallantry Award who was reportedly killed in the encounter with gangster at Panipat, have sent any appeal to the Police Commissioner of Delhi for the reinvestigation of the case by the C.B.I.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

Hampeing of anti-naxal operations due to shortage of helicopter pilots

†3424. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that helicopters are not being used in launching anti-naxal movement in naxal affected States due to shortage of pilots;

(b) whether Government have received any information from States in this regard; and

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

Vacancies in various departments of the Home Ministry

3425. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies in various cadres as on 31.3.04 in all the departments under the Ministry;

(b) the number of vacancies filled in during last two years; and

(c) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31.3.06?

Meetings of State authorities of naxal-affected States

3426. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many meetings with the State authorities of the naxal-affected States have been convened in last two years and the details of the outcome;

(b) whether Government have been able to set up an institutionalized mechanism to coordinate anti-naxal operations and intelligence sharing;

(c) whether Government recognized that the resolving naxal-problem would require rapid economic development of affected areas; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are considering to monitor the delivery of Centre sponsored developmental schemes at the village level and has any system to

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fix accountability of district and village level officials been evolved alongwith details thereof?

Enquiry into massacre in Marad, Kerala

3427. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enquiry commission headed by Distt. Senior Judge, Thomas P. Joseph was appointed to enquire into communal riots and massacre in Marad in Kerala in 2003;

(b) what are the findings of the commission in brief;

(c) what action is being considered against the defaulters named in the report; and

(d) whether extremist outfits with foreign links are operating in Kerala and what action Home Ministry has taken in this regard?

Fire in Yamuna Pushta slums

3428. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a devastating fire gutted hundreds of slums on the Yamuna Pushta on the night of 3rd April last;

(b) if so, the number of slums destroyed, number of those who lost their lives in the blaze, those who were seriously injured and those who were rendered homeless as a result thereof;

(c) whether any compensation has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased and to those injured and the rate thereof; and

(d) the action taken to rehabilitate those rendered homeless?

Sophisticated arms with naxalites

3429. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maoists are now using sophisticated weapons like INSAS and AK 47 rifles and explosives to fight security forces;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment about the number of armed naxalites and arms and ammunition acquired by them and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the country wherefrom they had procured these arms and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy to tackle this problem?

Deployment of hi-tech surveillance weapons on borders

3430. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry has approved a proposal for deployment of hi-tech surveillance weapons on the international borders;

(b) if so, whether Ministry plans to install global positioning system sets in all the vehicles carrying Central Security Forces engaged in operation to maintain internal security;

(c) whether Ministry is also laying emphasis on fencing and flood lighting work on the international borders; and

(d) what is the latest position in this regard in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan including Manipur that was taken recently?

Firing at borders

‡3431. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani forces have been firing towards the posts of the Border Security Force and the villages on the International Border of Jammu;

(b) the number of firing incidents that have taken place during the last three years till now;

(c) the year-wise/location-wise class of property suffer during the above mentioned period and the amount of compensation paid to the affected families; and

(d) the number of jawans of Border Security Force and civilians killed or injured on account of unprovoked firing from across the border during the above mentioned duration?

Cradles, creches for children of women prisoners

3432. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has ordered the Centre and the States to provide within three months cradles, creches, day-care centres and woman doctors in prisons to take care of pregnant inmates and dependant children lodged along with mothers in jails across the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the judgement has also issued a series of guidelines attempting to make the life of children, who are victims of circumstances, behind bars, a little better; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

CBI investigation regarding Goa International Film Festival, 2004

3433. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation is inquiring into the matters related to Goa International Film Festival, 2004 and related issues;

(b) whether the CBI has sought any documents from the State Government;

(c) if so, whether these documents have been received by the CBI;

(d) whether any person, including officials, have been interrogated or arrested in the matter; and

(e) what is the present legal and procedural status of inquiry/investigation?

Research regarding trafficking of women and children

‡3434. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the research by Institute of Social Science regarding trafficking of women and children in India in which it has been stated that the practice of trafficking of women and children in India in which it has been stated that the practice of trafficking of women and children is continuously increasing in the country;

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

(c) the percentage of cases of trafficking of women and children in which reports are registered by the police; and

(d) the concrete steps being taken by Government to check the practice of this trafficking?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

NCM report on Aligarh riots

3435. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Minorities has submitted its report to Government over the recent Aligarh riots;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the NCM in its report has incriminated the State Government for its inept handling of the situation;

(c) if so, the relevant details thereof;

(d) whether Government have taken any action on the basis of the report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Riots in Goa

3436. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there were riots, acts of vandalism loot and destruction of property of the members of a particular community in village Sanvordem on the town of Curchorem in Goa, recently;

(b) the value of property destroyed;

(c) the number of arrests made;

(d) the number of persons charge-sheeted; and

(e) the details of the incident?

Deportation of Bangladeshi nationals

3437. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Bangladeshi nationals residing illegally in Delhi and surrounding areas of National Capital Region detected during the year 2005, area-wise;

(b) the number out of them who have been deported; and

(c) the number of the Bangladeshi nationals residing illegally in Delhi who are involved in criminal activities and against whom criminal cases have been registered?

Employment to youths of naxal affected States

†3438. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact a that large scale unemployment is prevailing among the youths of naxal affected regions of our country;

(b) if so, the schemes formulated to provide employment to youths of these regions; and

(c) the details of the other steps being taken by Government to mitigate the naxal problem?

Construction of road at India-China border

†3439. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the light of agreement between India and China in 2003, Government have decided to construct 608 km. road on the Indo-China border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the purpose of the construction of this road is also to provide infrastructural facilities besides the security viewpoint of the border is to encourage the trade between India and China;

(c) whether it is a fact that 27 link roads of different States are also to be constructed under the said road project;

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- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the States where this road is to be constructed in India?

Central assistance to agricultural labourers in case of injury

†3440. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes of Central Government for providing assistance to the agricultural labourers in case of injury;
- (b) whether any grant is provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for any such scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Pensions under EPS, 1995

3441. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pension under Employees Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995 is mandatory for all the Employees of CPSUs after the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on November 11, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Employees in Andhra Pradesh who are yet to get pension under EPS, 1995;
- (c) whether the widows of deceased employees are also not getting pension under the EPS, 1995;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Programme to remove irregularities in Provident Fund of Government and non-Government employees

†3442. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had announced any time limit to implement guidelines and programmes to remove the irregularities regarding provident fund of lakhs of Government and non-Government employees of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith whether such programme has been implemented so far and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government against those higher officers who are responsible for not implementing the Government's programme?

Decision to rescind Notification GSR No. 936(E) of 10.12.2003

3443. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to replies to Unstarred Questions Nos. 438 and 965 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th July, 2004 and state:

- (a) status of the decision to rescind Notification GSR No. 936(E) dated 10th December, 2003 on fixed term employment;
- (b) whether the representatives of all Central Trade Unions had agreed with the draft notification dated 30th September, 2004 issued for this purpose in the Tripartite Committee meeting held on 24th December, 2004;
- (c) if so, whether Government are

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delaying the final notification on the pressure from the employers; and

(d) if not, the reason for the unprecedented delay in withholding a notification for last 29 months?

Providing relief to workforce of unorganized sector

3444. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the categories of activities that fall in the unorganized sector;

(b) the estimated workforce engaged in this sector, category-wise, at the country level;

(c) how the workforce in unorganized sector compares with the organized sector in the country;

(d) the State-wise figures, if maintained/ available; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to provide relief to workforce in unorganized sector and in what time frame?

Unfriendly labour laws

3445. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether FDI giants have expressed that Indian labour laws are unfriendly to corporate sectors which discourage investments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction in this regard?

Amendments in Trade Union Act

3446. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of

LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in several States the trade unions do not get registered even after completion of all formalities for several months;

(b) the number of such pending cases in different States in the country;

(c) whether Government is considering the proposal to make necessary amendments in the Indian Trade Unions Act to ensure registration of trade union automatically after completion of all formalities;

(d) if so, when it is likely to be done;

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

Increase in labour productivity after 1991

3447. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether work pressure and labour productivity increased in India after 1991;

(b) if so, the sector-wise and year-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that along with the work pressure the occupational diseases among the workers also on increase?

Threat of asbestosis to workers

3448. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the threat of asbestosis looms large over the workers working in Alang shipbreaking yard;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the ship containing asbestos,

an environmentally hazardous substances which causes a chronic lung ailment asbestosis to those who are exposed to it besides polluting the environment; and

(c) if so, whether Government have made any investigations to find out whether the shipbreaking industry adheres to safety and environmental norms?

Tackling unemployment problem during Tenth Plan

3449. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are actively considering to tackle the unemployment problem during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the expected employment opportunities to be created;

(c) the details of the opportunities of employment created State-wise after launching the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the steps expected to be taken for achieving the target so fixed?

Need to update law relating Provident Fund Commission

3450. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various laws related to the Provident Fund Commission for unemployed workers and factories have not been updated since 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is a need to update such laws for the benefit of the workers and the economy;

(c) what steps will be taken to update all such laws;

(d) the schedule for creating the

necessary laws which will benefit workers to get their dues after factories are closed; and

(e) the reasons for delays in this regard?

National fund for Rural Development

3451. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started a National Fund for Rural Development some years ago;

(b) the details of this fund and how much funds have been collected since its inception;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Fund for Rural Development has been basically misused by the corporation for their own benefit;

(d) what are the modifications proposed in operation of the fund; and

(e) the details of the steps proposed to remove the weakness in operation of the fund?

Total Sanitation Programme

†3452. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) since when the 'Total Sanitation Programme' is in force in the country;

(b) the States which have not adopted this programme;

(c) the funds provided to each of the States for the same as on 31st January, 2006; and

(d) the number of such villages of Chhattisgarh which have been declared 'Totally Clean' and the names of the villages thereof?

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**Shortage of drinking water in
Begeshwar, Uttaranchal**

3453. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangchuri village and other surrounding villages in Gram Panchayat Jethai, Distt. Begeshwar, Uttaranchal are facing acute shortage of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons for acute shortage of drinking water in that place which is surrounded by abundance of natural water and is mostly inhabited by families of Armed Forces; and

(c) whether Government propose to take that area under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Scheme to ameliorate the conditions of villagers?

Waiting list under IAY

3454. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is long waiting list in the allotments under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY);

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the allotment of IAY houses came under severe criticism from the beneficiaries who are in pending list for long; and

(d) if so, what are the steps being contemplated by Government to address these grievances?

PMGSY in UP

†3455. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads in kilometer which have been constructed in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the last financial year;

(b) by when, all the villages of Uttar Pradesh are proposed to be connected with metalled roads as per the target of connecting all the villages having population of one thousand people with metalled roads; and

(c) the national time-frame to achieve this target and whether the allocation made for Uttar Pradesh is adequate to achieve this target?

Districts of UP under NREGP

†3456. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) number of districts in Uttar Pradesh included under National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme;

(b) the total number of people in these districts who have been provided employment by March, 2006;

(c) the total amount spent on the said scheme during the last financial year;

(d) the scheme for ensuring proper utilization of the said amount; and

(e) by when the said scheme would be introduced in remaining districts?

**Non-utilization of funds under
PMGSY and TSC**

3457. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of States could not utilize the amount sanctioned by the Central Government for the rural road

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development under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and Rural Sanitation Programme;

(b) if so, the details of such States; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Unemployed persons registered under National Rural Employment Scheme

†3458. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise, district-wise details of the unemployed persons so far registered under the National Rural Employment Scheme;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that in certain districts the registration forms for the said scheme are not available;

(c) whether Government are also in receipt of the complaints that people are being charged fee for these forms; and

(d) if so, the details of action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Potable drinking water in villages

†3459. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to provide potable drinking water to all the villagers in the country, Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is being implemented at national level since 1972-73;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the target fixed for providing pure drinking

water to all the villagers was by the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the expenditure incurred thereon and the achievements made so far, State-wise?

Swajaldhara Yojana Projects received from Orissa

3460. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any project from Orissa under Swajaldhara Yojana since its inception;

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

(c) how many projects have been approved under Swajaldhara in Orissa State; and

(d) the details thereof, since 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06?

Mayurbhanj under NREGS

3461. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the biggest district Mayurbhanj is tribal dominated and recommended under "NREGS" has been highly appreciated by the rural poor people;

(b) how many beneficiaries have applied and enrolled and how many of them have been given the job card;

(c) what measures are under way to speed up the process of enumeration as there is acute dearth of logistic support for the same at block level;

(d) whether Central Government has any proposal to speed up the process; and

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(e) whether there is any time frame to complete the process?

Strengthening Voluntary Sectors in areas of rural development

3462. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a national policy to strengthen the voluntary sector especially in areas of rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the relationship between Institutions of local self Governance and voluntary organizations?

Upgradation of roads under PMGSY in Karnataka

3463. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for release of assistance for Phase-I and Phase-II of PMGSY for upgradation of roads in various districts of the State; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Centre's response thereto?

Funds released to Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh under NREGA

3464. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh separately for rural

employment as per National Rural Employment Guarantee Act;

(b) whether there is any mechanism worked out for involving the Members of Parliament and MLAs and to seeking their cooperation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Request from Karnataka for financial assistance under SGSY

3465. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for financial assistance under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) for increase of agricultural productivity, Dairy Development, empowerment of BPL Families, socio-economic development of shepherds and wool weavers, providing marketing facilities, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Centre's response thereto?

Training for unemployed rural youth

3466. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pilot scheme has been launched for providing training to unemployed rural youths for developing demand driven skill in them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the districts in the country, State-wise, where this scheme has been launched?

Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Projects

3467. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL

DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 2392 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether revised proposal for Rural Drinking Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project, which were returned by the Ministry to recast and include the concepts of decentralized service delivery, has been received by the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sent it to the World Bank for assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh under NREGS

3468. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh identified under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the districts for which the perspective plan is ready; and

(c) the districts for which the perspective plan is not ready and by when the plan would be ready?

Applications received under NREGS

†3469. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of applications received so far under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the number of persons given employment in the light of such applications; and

(c) the extent to which State Governments are extending co-operation in implementing the scheme?

Schemes for villages situated near forests and river Chambal in M.P.

†3470. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the villages situated near forests and the river Chambal especially in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount proposed to be spent on the same?

Implementation of schemes for development of Uttaranchal

3471. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific schemes have been implemented for the development of Uttaranchal consisting mostly backward areas;

(b) whether Government have undertaken any study to know the problems being encountered by farmers in the rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Funds to Self-Help Groups in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

3472. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tribal districts of

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Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh where Self-Help Groups have been formed under SGSY (Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana) during the last three years, State-wise and district-wise;

(b) the details of those Self-Help Groups which have passed Stage-I, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the details of those Self-Help Groups which received revolving funds after crossing Stage-I during the last three years?

Rural population without proper dwelling unit

3473. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rural population in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of them living without proper dwelling places/houses, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to chalk out a scheme for providing assistance for construction of dwelling places/houses for all the rural people in the country; and

(d) if so, the details including the targets fixed for the same?

NGOs working in rural areas of Punjab

3474. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of NGOs are working in the rural areas of Punjab under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, their number at present;

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

(d) whether schemes undertaken by NGOs have produced desired results?

Self-Help Groups crossed Stage-II in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

3475. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise and district-wise details of tribal districts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh where Self-Help Groups have crossed Stage-II;

(b) the details of these Groups having crossed Stage-II and have been financed for income generating activities; and

(c) what has been the average level of financing the Self Help Groups?

Allotment of funds under NREGA

3476. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted funds for all 200 districts under NREGA;

(b) the amount released upto the 31st March, 2006;

(c) whether Government have instructed the State Governments to maintain register of the educated unemployed youths in these districts alongwith the list of others; and

(d) the programme suggested for these educated unemployed youths?

Assessment of BPL families in Uttaranchal

3477. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the method and the criteria for

assessing a BPL person or a family in hilly and most backward area in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether this assessment is being done every year and how the common people are informed about it;

(c) whether there is any increase or decrease in BPL persons/families in the State of Uttaranchal during last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

Textile parks in Tamil Nadu

3478. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up textile parks at Madurai and Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Malls and high rise buildings on textile mill-land

3479. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hon. Supreme Court has allowed 600 acre of textile mills land in Mumbai for planned development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the malls and high rise buildings likely to come on this land; and

(d) how is Mumbai's infrastructure likely to benefit from this planned development?

Fall in cotton prices

3480. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of cotton has fallen

sharply in comparison to the international market and farmers are not getting remunerative price;

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

(c) whether the Cotton Coporation of India has proposed to set up cotton procurement centres in various parts of the country;

(d) if so, the areas identified and the objectives thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to assist the cotton growers?

Training by NIFT to local artisans under SGSY

3481. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Fashion Technology is imparting training to local artisans under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government have established a large number of micro enterprises in the rural areas for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof specially in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(d) the amount allocated and utilized during the last one year;

(e) whether the training has been designed to provide proper support and encouragement to tap the inherent talents and capabilities of the rural poor; and

(f) if so, the success achieved so far?

**Setting up of Fusion of Art in
Chhattisgarh**

†3482. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Chhattisgarh has sent any proposal for the constitution of Fusion of Art;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be accepted; and

(c) the details thereof?

Constitution of committee for weavers

3483. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India promised to appoint a committee to look into the causes of distress facing by the weaving community in the country particularly the handloom sector;

(b) if so, whether a committee has been constituted; and

(c) if constituted, what is the brief of the committee and by when it has to submit a report and what is the progress in this regard?

**Conversion of handlooms into
powerlooms**

3484. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to launch any scheme for rendering financial and infrastructural assistance for conversion/replacement of handlooms into powerlooms in the country particularly in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof including target fixed for conversion/replacement of handlooms into powerlooms;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is essential to strengthen powerlooms to compete with China in the field of textiles; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken thereon including replacing of handlooms by powerlooms?

Kosa palan in Chhattisgarh

†3485. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been forwarded for sericulture (Kosa palan) in Raigarh, Bilaspur, Jashpur and Dhamtari districts of State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the proposals would be cleared; and

(d) the reasons for delay in clearance of proposal?

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