

RAJYA SABHA

List of Question for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Wednesday, the July 17, 2002/Asadha 26, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—57

Non-freezing drink for soldiers developed by defence scientists

† 100. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that defence scientists have developed a drink for the soldiers keeping round the clock vigil on snow covered mountains and which does not freeze even at a temperature of minus twenty degree;

(b) if so, whether the said drink has been tested; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Defence purchases from countries supportive to national interests

101. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make defence procurements from only those countries who espouse our national interest internationally;

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

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider such a proposal in near future?

Fire/accidents in Ordnance Depots

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases of fire in ordnance factories and accidents in transportation of arms and ammunition have taken place after the failure of Agra Summit in 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantity and value of the loss of arms and ammunition besides property and human lives lost in each case;

(c) whether any sabotage has been established in these cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, what were the causes of these accidents; and

(e) what extra precautionary steps have been taken to stop recurrence of such cases?

Utilisation of National Defence Fund

103. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deposit in the National Defence Fund up to December 2001 including interest accrued thereupon;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) the head-wise amount so far utilized for various purposes and future plans, if any;

(c) whether the remaining amount could be reserved for future utilisation to help families of those defence personnel who sacrificed their lives during earlier wars and extremist attack; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-US joint war exercises in Agra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian and Special Forces troops from the United States conducted joint war games in the backyard of the Taj Mahal in Agra; and

(b) if so, the salient features and the main objectives of the exercises and the outcome thereof?

Indigenous production of arms

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) India ranks fifth among the first ten countries in the world in import of armaments in the year 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken to produce more arms indigenously?

Delay in induction of Sukhoi Jets in IAF

106. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for delay in expeditious

induction of the latest Sukhoi Fighter aircrafts in the Indian Air Force;

(b) the steps taken by Government to reduce the induction time; and

(c) by when the requisite number of Sukhoi MKI aircrafts will be inducted in the Indian Air Force?

Indo-Russia joint defence production

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report published in the 'Asian Age' dated 4th May, 2002 under the caption, "India moots joint defence production with Russia";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the specific advantages which would accrue to India in adopting joint programme of development and production of defence equipment with Russia?

Purchase of Sniffer dogs

108. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a team of officials had rushed to Hyderabad to purchase a large number of sniffer dogs;

(b) if so, what is the background of raising such an unprecedented demand of special dogs instantly; and

(c) how long did it take to clear the proposal and how much fund would be required?

NHRC criticism on Gujarat Police

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

(a) whether it is a fact that National

Human Rights Commission has strongly criticised the context of the chargesheet filed by the Gujarat police in the best Baksy Baroda case during the communal carnage; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in the light of its responsibility enshrined in Article 355 of the constitution and the support provided by the Government to Gujarat Government?

Migration of villagers from border areas due to troops movement

110. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the villagers from Indian side of border on the LoC has left their places due to the troops movement in these areas;

(b) if so, the total number of population affected;

(c) the assistance provided by the Ministry to the affected people; and

(d) the steps being taken to help them to return to their places?

Violent incidents in J & K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of violent incidents by the terrorists and separatists in the State of Jammu and Kashmir as well as in the country has increased since January, 2002;

(b) if not, the total number of incidents occurred in the above period;

(c) the number of security personnel, terrorists and common citizens killed in these incidents; and

(d) how these incidents can be compared with the incidents occurred in the first six months of last year?

Special economic assistance to J & K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made by Government during the last three years to separate terrorists and separatists from the society by uplifting the living standard of common man by providing special economic assistance to the Jammu and Kashmir State;

(b) the details of additional funds provided to Jammu and Kashmir State as economic assistance during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the heads under which these funds were spent alongwith the details of the expenditure incurred thereon separately?

Pakistanis overstaying in India

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Pakistanis had come to India on 'Special Permit' basis till December, 2001;

(b) if so, the number of such Pakistanis out of them who have not gone back to Pakistan till the beginning of June, 2002;

(c) the State-wise number of the said Pakistanis; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the number of such persons out of them who were legally bound to go back by June, 2002?

Fidayeen attack on Kaluchak Camp

114. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fidayeen attack of May 14, 2002 near Jammu on the Kaluchak Camp residential complex of the Security Forces was not unexpected; and if so, what preventive steps had been taken to prevent such attacks; and

(b) what further steps have since been taken to prevent such attacks in future?

Deaths in Police custody

† 115. 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 deaths in Police custody have increased in the last few years;

(b) if not, the number of deaths in Police custody during April, 1999 to March, 2000, April, 2000 to March, 2001 and April, 2001 to March, 2002; and

(c) the States or Union Territories where deaths have taken place during each of the periods cited above?

Effective internal security operations

116. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up any organisation, security or intelligence unit to fight terrorism and for effective internal security operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps since taken in this regard?

Serial blasts in buses in Gujarat

117. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after restoration of peace in Gujarat on May 12, 2002 in a series of three bomb blasts in separate city-run buses, at least 12 persons were seriously injured in Ahmedabad on May 29, 2002, between 10 and 10.15 a.m.; and whether 2 more unexploded bombs were recovered on other buses in Kalupur and Ghuma areas the same day;

(b) if so, what is the result of the investigations about the perpetrators of the serial blasts and planting of bombs in buses;

(c) whether any international gang was found active behind the serial blasts, if so, details in this regard; and

(d) the Government's reaction thereto?

Restoration of normalcy in Gujarat

118. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether normalcy has been restored in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of assistance provided by the Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the number of people still in relief camps?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Negotiations with Naga insurgent groups

119. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in negotiations with Naga insurgent groups;

(b) whether there is any proposal to shift the centre of negotiations to India; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rehabilitation of displaced persons from J & K

120. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons displaced from Gore especially from Kashmir Valley since terrorist activities by local militants and foreign *jehadis* have started; and

(b) whether such displaced persons have been rehabilitated properly or some of them are yet putting up in camps, if so, the names of the camps and number of families putting up in each camp?

Call girls rackets involving women from Russia and CIS countries

121. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item "Call girls coming easily from Russia" appearing in the 'Times of India', New Delhi on 24th June, 2002;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that call girls rackets involving women from Russia and CIS countries is thriving in Delhi during the last one year; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken to unearth this racket which is operating in Hotels at Paharganj and Karol Bagh, New Delhi?

Arrest of Syed Ali Shah Geelani

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jamaat-e-Islami leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and his son-in-law were recently arrested;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that cash, documents indicating benami holdings, jewellery etc. have been found on Syed Geelani and if so, details thereof; and

(d) the other incriminating documents, if any, recovered as a result of the raid?

Foreign nationals arrested by Delhi Police

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

(a) whether a large number of foreign nationals who were overstaying without any valid visa have been arrested by the Delhi Police in the Capital recently;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked State Governments to identify the foreign nationals who are illegally overstaying;

(d) if so, the details of such persons in each State as on 30 June, 2002; and

(e) the steps taken to arrest such persons who are illegally overstaying in the country?

Infiltration of militants in J & K

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

(a) whether the newsitem "Infiltration will continue: Pak" appearing in the 'Newstime' dated 13th June, 2002 has been brought to the Government's notice;

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

(c) the measures proposed to be adopted to check the infiltration of militants into Jammu and Kashmir from across the border?

Intelligence report regarding fresh terrorist attacks

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

(a) whether Government has received intelligence reports about a possible fresh attack on Parliament, the Indira Gandhi International Airport and the Delhi Police Headquarters;

(b) whether Government has alerted the security agencies to check it;

(c) whether certain arrests have been made in this regard; and

(d) other details in this regard?

NHRC's final report on Gujarat violence

126. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2575 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission had submitted a final report on the Gujarat communal violence of February to May, 2002;

(b) if so, what were its main observations and recommendations; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central and State Government in the light thereof under article 355 of the Constitution or otherwise?

Law and order situation in Delhi

127. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of robbery, rapes, dacoities and murders have increased during the last six months in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details of these crimes committed during the above period;

(c) whether it is also a fact that elderly people living in posh localities are being murdered and robbed of their belongings by various gangs in NCT; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to be taken to curb these crimes?

Anti-national activities in Kerala

128. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any report regarding the inflow of Rs. 336 crores into Kerala for anti-national activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry in this regard; and

(d) which are the banks and individuals involved in these incidents?

Increasing the strength of PCR vans in Delhi Police

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

(a) whether 1600 distress calls are received daily by Delhi Police Control Room and to meet them, the Delhi Police is equipped with 338 PCR vans and therefore it takes upto 2 hours to take a victim to the nearby hospital;

(b) whether the Delhi Police has asked for 100 per cent increase in the strength of the vans;

(c) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard; and

(d) what steps are being taken to remove the shortage of vehicles and manpower to make Delhi Police more responsive and effective?

Different yardstick to deal with insurgency in Nagaland and Assam

130. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report appearing in the 'Asian Age' dated 18th May, 2002 under the caption "Assam CM: use same yardstick as NSCN with ULFA";

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

(c) the reasons for following different yardsticks to deal with insurgency problems in Nagaland and Assam; and

(d) whether uniform pattern of behaviour would be pursued in both cases and if not, the reasons therefor?

Performance of NDMC

131. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of New Delhi Municipal Council, category-wise and what was it in 1992;

(b) what is the total expenditure on salaries and allowances of the staff as on date and what was in 1992;

(c) what is the level of absenteeism in the NDMC; and

(d) to what extent has it affected the performance of the Council?

Terrorist activities in States

132. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States identified in which there is a threat to common man due to terrorist activities;

(b) what are the administrative measures taken to contain the menace;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in respect of continuing terrorist activities in the States; and

(d) what economic measures are proposed to be taken to eliminate those activities?

Problem of naxalism

† 133. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of action taken

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by affected States and the Central Government to deal with the problem of naxalism;

(b) whether the problem is borne out of economic and social disparities, and the reasons of its spreading; and

(c) the steps taken to address the situation?

Adequate representation of minorities in Police Force

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

(a) whether National Commission for Minorities and National Integration Council have recommended for adequate representation of Minorities in Police Force;

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the said recommendations; and

(c) the percentage of Muslims in CRPF, RAF and BSF?

Review of the progress of national project on bio-gas development in A.P.

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

(a) whether Government have reviewed the progress of national project on bio-gas development in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and shortcomings noticed therein; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken to remove the shortcomings?

Power generation capacity of NTPC and NHPC

† 136. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC and NHPC are engaged in power generation;

(b) if so, the power generation capacity and power generated from each of its projects by the above organisations during 2001-2002; and

(c) the generation cost estimated in each of the project?

Raising fund from private sector and financial institutions for power reforms

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

(a) whether his Ministry proposes to raise a fund of one billion dollars from private sector and financial institutions for power reforms;

(b) if so, the aim and purpose of this fund;

(c) whether Non-Resident Indians will be approached for making contribution to this fund; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Inclusion of Kutch district under the APDP scheme

138. SHRI BACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Minister of Power while on a visit to the State of

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Gujarat, has suggested that assistance be provided under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) and has assured that Kutch district would be covered under the special category scheme of 90 per cent grant and 10 per cent loan as against the normal pattern of assistance;

(b) if so, whether State Government requested the Ministry of Power in March, 2002 for inclusion of Kutch district under the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP);

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government; and

(d) if not, by when the final decision will be taken?

Local problems hindering power projects in NE

† 139. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various power projects of the North-east have been held in abeyance due to local problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to provide power generated by new projects for the use of local people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Public issue by NTPC to raise resources

140. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation is planning to enter the capital market with a public issue to raise resources for meeting its target capacity;

(b) if so, the size of public issue;

(c) by when it is likely to open for public subscription; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Writing-off loans of DVB outstanding against Central utilities

141. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has recently decided to write-off loans of Delhi Vidyut Board outstanding against Central utilities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the loans of other State Electricity Boards would also be written-off by the Union Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tehri Hydel Project

142. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the date of completion and cost envisaged originally for Tehri Hydel Project;

(b) the present status of the project and the cost incurred till date; and

(c) the unit cost of electricity generated by the project?

Proposal submitted by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh for development of roads under PMGSY

143. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh have

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submitted a comprehensive project proposal for conversion of the earth and gravel roads in the State connecting villages and habitations with over 1000 population into wider block topped roads and to provide new link roads from such habitations to the existing road network by 2003 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details and cost thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to have approval and consultation of the local MPs in the said works?

Emulating West Bengal's successful land reforms scheme

144. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item "Land reforms in Bengal an Asian Success Story" published in the 'Times of India' dated 27th May, 2002; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to follow similar policy all over the country?

World Bank assistance for rural roads project

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister's programme for rural roads announced in December 2000 is a difficult proposition due to shortage of fund;

(b) if so, whether Government during discussion with World Bank officials in Washington in the month of May 2002 were able to convince World Bank for funding;

(c) whether the World Bank Mission visited India in the month of June 2002; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of progress of this project?

Implementation of EAS in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) is under implementation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the mandays created in the State during the last two years, year-wise and number of persons benefited during the said period, district-wise;

(c) whether any shortcomings were noticed in the implementation of the scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action being taken to rectify them?

Progress of IWDP in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the present status of Integrated Wastelands Development Project (IWDP) in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of results achieved under IWDP in the State so far?

Rural development scheme under implementation

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

(a) the details of schemes under implementation for the development of rural

areas of the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed under various schemes meant for rural development; and

(c) if so, the target fixed and the achievements made so far during the last three years?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure proper implementation of financial powers by the States/Union Territories; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure proper implementation of Panchayati Raj System in the country?

SHGs in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) the number of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed so far under Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJGSY) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of income generating assets created by these SHGs in the State so far;

(c) the number of individual swarozgaris assisted so far for various economic activities and amount invested therein so far; and

(d) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to make SJGSY more effective and productive in the State?

Implementation of financial powers to Panchayati Raj institutions by States/UTs

† 150. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that financial powers delegated to the Panchayati Raj institutions under the Constitution Seventy-third (Amendment) Act, 1992 has not been made effective by the States/Union Territories;

Beneficiaries of NOAPS

† 151. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing National Old Age Pension Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the benefits being provided under this scheme; and

(c) State-wise number of beneficiaries as on date?

Provision of safe drinking water to all households

152. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the households still suffer from the lack of access to safe drinking water in the country in both rural and urban areas;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the bigger States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Rajasthan are below the national average;

(c) if so, the details of the household having access to safe drinking water in the country, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government have any time bound programme to provide access to safe drinking water to all households?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Purchasing cotton with suitable
minimum support price**

153. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Central Government to purchase cotton with suitable minimum support price;

(b) if so, whether the State has suggested to the Centre to share with it the loss on this count which could be settled at a later stage; and

(c) if so, what is Centre's response in this regard?

Exemption to spinning mills

154. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to exempt spinning mills to supply 50 per cent of their yarn output to Handloom Industry; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Import of Silk from China

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

(a) whether Government are aware that import of silk from China is causing hardship to the local farmers due to falling prices of the domestic produce; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to introduce a level playing field for the Indian farmers *vis-a-vis* Chinese imports?

**Adverse effect on Indian
textiles export**

† 156. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of Indian textiles has been affected due to the announcement of special concession in the Textiles Tax by the U.S. Administration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and•

(c) the details of the action being taken by Government for survival of the textiles export?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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