

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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**(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Defence; Home Affairs; Non-
Conventional Energy Sources; Power; Rural Development; Textiles)**

Total number of questions —155

Review of trade agreements

†2349. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the
Committee on Trade and Economic
Relation has reviewed different trade
agreements in its meeting held recently;

(b) if so, the decisions taken in the review
meeting;

(c) whether decision to formulate a job
oriented policy was also taken in the
meeting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Export of medicines

2350. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) what is the total export of

pharmaceuticals to foreign countries during
the last one year;

(b) what are the names of first ten
pharma companies who have achieved
maximum export orders of pharmaceuticals;
and

(c) what steps Government propose to
take for companies in their plans to export
more pharma stock?

Import and export of bulk drugs

2351. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports
and exports large number of bulk drugs;

(b) if so, what are the names of these
bulk drugs imported and exported;

(c) what is the quantity and value of
each bulk drug imported and exported,
during 2003-2004; and

(d) what are developmental plan and
non-plan schemes and policy measures to
increase exports and be self-sufficient in
others?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New Patent Amendment Bill

†2352. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to bring new Patent Amendment Bill;
- (b) if so, by when;
- (c) whether objections from the public have been received in this regard;
- (d) if so, the number of proposals under consideration; and
- (e) the steps being taken to implement these proposals?

Incentives to States producing export quality tea

†2353. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any special scheme for giving incentives to the States which produce tea suitable for exports;
- (b) the details of assistance being provided to various States under this scheme;
- (c) whether Uttaranchal has sent any proposal for special assistance for revival of old areas of tea production and extension of new areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Bilateral trade with Sri Lanka

2354. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) with the present \$1.8 billion bilateral trade between India and Sri Lanka as a result of Free Trade Agreement, what are the projections for this bilateral trade for the year 2005 and 2006, especially when a Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Agreement was negotiated in the sixth session of Sri Lanka-India Joint Commission held recently;

- (b) what is the quantum of trade for diversified items and the traditional items during the last two years;
- (c) whether development projects in power, education and allied fields give further fillip to our ongoing trade; and
- (d) if so, any broad projections thereof?

White Paper on talks with WTO

2355. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had secret talks with the World Trade Organisation on serious issues that affect a vast majority of people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many have demanded a White Paper on talks with the World Trade Organisation; and
- (d) if so, whether Government is considering to bring in a White Paper on it?

Targets for Indo-Pak trade after SAFTA

2356. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) what targets have been fixed, over the existing one, the bilateral trade between India and Pakistan after introduction of South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) from January 1, 2006;
- (b) whether wheat export to Pakistan is also be included over and above the 600

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items which Pakistan is presently importing from India; and

(c) as Pakistan is presently importing wheat from Russia, US, etc. on comparatively high price, will Government be initiating negotiations in this regard?

FDI in cement and steel captive mining

2357. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow 100 per cent FDI in cement and steel captive mining;

(b) the current rate of FDI allowed in cement and steel captive mining; and

(c) the details of blocks and the production capacity proposed to open under captive mining, State-wise?

Feasibility study on FTA with China

2358. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China agreed to undertake a feasibility study on FTA between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details of such feasibility study and the need for it;

(c) what will be the impact of FTA on the proposal to set up an Asian Economic Community;

(d) whether Government will complete all formalities for the FTA with China shortly; and

(e) the details of advantages to Indian exporters from this FTA with China?

Export of fruits, nuts and leather to Japan

2359. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DGFT has recommended that edible fruits, nuts, leather and articles of saddlery have an excellent market in Japan;

(b) whether a delegation to Japan concentrating on these items had been sent in the last fiscal year;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has to give the necessary sanitary and hygiene assurances to Japan to import Indian fruits and nuts;

(d) if so, what are the demands of Japan with regard to certain sanitation and hygiene condition which Government has neglected; and

(e) the steps proposed to concentrate on the export of fruits, nuts and leather goods to Japan?

Coastal SEZ in Karnataka

2360. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has requested the Central Government to establish Coastal SEZ in Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the proposal was sent; and

(c) what is the status of the above proposal?

**Trade and economic framework
between India and Australia**

2361. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Australia propose to start work on a trade and economic framework agreement to enhance bilateral trade between the two countries;

(b) whether a draft blue print has been prepared in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Subsidy for export of pepper and
cardamom**

2362. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to give export subsidy for export of pepper and cardamom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Request for cancellation of import
licences of arecanut and cocoa**

2363. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Associations have requested for cancellation of licences for importing arecanut and cocoa products; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

Agri-Export Zones

2364. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of project proposals received from State Governments for setting up of Agri-Export Zone for various items;

(b) the action taken by the Central Government on these proposals; and

(c) the details of proposals which have been rejected and the reasons therefor?

Industrial clusters in Karnataka

2365. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for Development of Industrial clusters in Karnataka under Industrial Upgradation Scheme (IUS) is pending with Government of India;

(b) if so, whether industrial clusters are included in the above proposal; and

(c) by when Government is likely to accord the sanction?

Look East Policy

†2366. SHRIMATI KUM KUMRAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated Look East Policy for signing trade and economic agreements with West Asian Countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the areas of trade in the country likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

New Industrial Policy in Gujarat

2367. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to introduce new industrial policy in Gujarat State during the last four years; and

(b) the sectors in which investment has so far been made in the State during the said period, location-wise, together with the amount of investment made in this regard?

Thrust on leather exports

2368. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) why the Ministry has not identified leather as a thrust area for exports inspite of having significant export growth prospects and enormous employment potential;

(b) what is India's share in leather exports in the world;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has set a export target of 7 billion \$ by 2010; and

(d) if so, what action plan does the Ministry have to achieve the target?

Setting up of export oriented textile units under SEZ scheme

2369. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received

from State Governments for setting up of Export Oriented Textile units under the SEZ Scheme during the last two years, State-wise, year-wise; and

(b) the action taken on these proposals?

Export to and import from SAARC countries

2370. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export to and import from the SAARC countries alongwith their growth rate during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 and the target fixed for 2005-06, country-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that rate of growth of import from SAARC countries is much more than the export to them;

(c) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to increase exports to these countries;

(d) whether any specific steps are being taken to improve economic relations with Pakistan particularly to exploit the vast export potential to that country; and

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

Import/Export of bulk drugs

2371. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India imports and exports large numbers of bulk drugs;

(b) if so, the names of these bulk drugs imported and exported;

(c) the quantity and value of each bulk drug imported and exported during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(d) what are developmental plan and non-plan schemes and policy measures to increase exports and be self-sufficient in others?

Changes in Exim Policy regarding food stuff

†2372. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any changes have been made in the Exim Policy regarding food stuff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether a proposal to make changes in it is under consideration keeping in view the interests of Indian farmers?

One time package for tea and coffee sectors

2373. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

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

- (a) whether Union Government has approved one time package for tea industry and also coffee sectors;
- (b) whether these two schemes of tea and coffee will be implemented by Tea Board during the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether on Coffee package CCEA has approved equal sharing of total interest burden on special coffee term loans during 3 year moratorium period of Rs. 287.1 crore amongst the banks; and
- (d) if so, to what extent this decision will help tea and coffee growers?

Trade with Bangladesh

2374. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether India has assured Bangladesh that it would try to address Bangladesh concern of its trade deficit with India by exploring new areas of cooperation;
- (b) if so, whether during Bangladesh Foreign Secretary visit to India, Commerce Ministry gave this assurance;
- (c) if so, what are steps being taken by Government to improve trade with Bangladesh;
- (d) whether Government has assured Bangladesh to encourage increased economic interaction between two countries including organizing trade shows in India and Indian investment in Bangladesh; and
- (e) to what extent both India and Bangladesh have taken steps to improve trade between two countries?

Growth Centres Scheme

2375. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there was a Growth Centres Scheme of Government;
- (b) if so, what is the status of that scheme and its achievements; and
- (c) what steps Government is taking to expedite the delivery mechanisms of all its Central infrastructural schemes?

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Reduction of troops in Jammu and Kashmir

2376. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to reduce troops in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Pending cases with CBI in respect of defence deals

†2377. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in respect of defence deals pending with the CBI for investigation so far;

(b) by when the inquiry into the cases would be completed; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for the time-bound completion thereof in future?

Supply of empty gun shells

†2378. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI JANARDAN
DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a supply order for the supply of 5,000 empty shells for arms and ammunitions had been placed to the T.S. Kisan and Company in the year 1995;

(b) if so, the amount for which this supply order was placed, by when the sample was to be presented in this regard and when it was actually presented;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in July, 2000 Ordnance Factory Board had informed the DDPS that the demand of empty shells has been fulfilled and no further supply will be accepted; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not cancelling the tender by the DDPS and the losses incurred by the Government as a result thereof?

Increasing range of Prithvi Ballistic Missile

2379. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the range of 'Prithvi Ballistic Missile' is being increased from 150 KMs. to 350 KMs.;

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

(c) whether Government is considering to integrate 'Prithvi Missile' and Israeli Greenpine Radar as a defence cover in respect of nuclear threat; and

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

Recommendations of Kargil Review Committee regarding ex-servicemen

2380. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations made by the Kargil Review Committee in regard to induction of Ex-Servicemen in the Security Forces and other Government employment;

(b) the action since taken to implement the same, year-wise; and

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(c) the reasons for non-implementation or partial implementation thereof?

Cadre review of AFHQ Civil Services

2381. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Senior Officers in the Ministry of Defence has been constituted to consider restructuring/cadre review of the AFHQ Civil Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its terms of reference;

(c) whether the said Committee has since finalized its recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the likely time by when the same will be finalized?

District Army Welfare Board in Chhattisgarh

†2382. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Chhattisgarh where District Army Welfare Board has been set up;

(b) the dates and years of their establishment;

(c) the number of ex-servicemen who have been provided assistance through them for self-employment and appointment in services during the last three years; and

(d) the ex-servicemen-wise details of assistance provided by the Raigarh District Army Welfare Board?

Observance of 2006 as Ex-Servicemen Year

2383. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in recognition of the services rendered by the Armed Forces for maintenance of National Sovereignty and Integrity during Kargil War, culminating in 'Operation Vijay' and 'Operation Parakram' and in fighting the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir and the North-Eastern, Government propose to observe the year 2006 as the 'Ex-Servicemen Year';

(b) if so, the high-lights of such observance; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in this regard?

Kaveri engine for LCA

2384. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is looking for a global technical partner to develop Kaveri engine for the Lighter Combat Aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had spent Rs. 1300 crores on engine project;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the engine will be installed on LCA only by 2012; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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Drugging and looting of army personnel

2385. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some well-organized gangs drug army personnel travelling on trains and buses and then disappear with their belongings and ID cards;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported in recent months;

(c) whether the stolen ID cards are likely to be misused by militants; and

(d) the measures taken by the army to check incidents of army personnel being drugged and robbed in trains and buses?

Recruitment rallies in Karnataka

2386. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of recruitment rallies held for recruitments for subordinate posts in Indian Army in Karnataka for the past two years;

(b) how many candidates appeared for physical fitness and English language tests;

(c) what is the percentage of candidates who got through physical fitness tests but had not passed written test;

(d) whether there is any proposal to conduct written test in regional language, Kannada, for aspirants from Karnataka; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to conduct crash course for army aspirants in Karnataka?

Participation in Youth Exchange Programme in Singapore

2387. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of the air and naval wings of the National Cadet Corps have participated in a two-week "Youth Exchange Programme" in Singapore recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government thereon?

Exemption of ex-servicemen for contribution to ECHS

2388. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that war-disabled ex-servicemen have been exempted from payment of contribution to the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Government had issued guidelines to the concerned authorities in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government had also accorded such status to the pensioners of the ex-servicemen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Kelkar Committee recommendations on Defence production

2389. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee has

submitted its recommendations to Government;

(b) what are the important suggestions made by the Committee to allow private sector firms for production of strategic weapons system and to produce new materials; and

(c) whether Government intend to implement the recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee to formulate a policy to boost weapons exports to make the industry viable?

Acquisition of Dornier aircrafts by Indian Navy from HAL

2390. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy had acquired 10 Dornier aircrafts at a total cost of Rs. 388.20 crore from HAL for maritime reconnaissance and submarine warfare;

(b) whether the decision to equip the aircrafts with indigenous role equipment, still under development at DRDO, caused much delay in their commissioning; and

(c) whether these ten aircrafts are now being used only for routine surveillance as against envisaged role of maritime surveillance and anti-submarine warfare?

Indo US cooperation for futuristic weapon system

2391. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Director of Pentagon Defence Cooperation in his recent visit to India told that US is willing to jointly develop and produce futuristic weapon systems with India;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) what was the response of Government;

(d) whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist camps in PoK

†2392. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of terrorists in Pak occupied Kashmir camps;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that terrorist training camps are running in Pak occupied Kashmir and if so, the number of such camps; and

(c) whether Government have any information that terrorist are keen to infiltrate from every nook and corner of Kashmir and if so, the steps taken by Government to foil their intention and attempt for entry?

Upgradation of Sukhoi-30 aircraft

2393. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to upgrade Sukhoi-30 aircraft with latest avionics and weapons;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of the number of aircraft proposed to be upgraded in the coming years;

(c) whether any negotiation has been held with the original vendor; and

(d) the details of the cost of Sukhoi-30 upgradation?

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Renegotiation for Scorpene submarine project

2394. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to renegotiate the long pending French Scorpene submarine project; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Project 75 for submarines

2395. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inordinate delay in the clearance of its crucial plan "Project 75" confirming acquisition and building of submarines was not only causing operational lacuna but also curbing special skill and capabilities for building submarines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had taken decision to start retiring submarines from 2012; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hotels run by ULFA

†2396. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of seven hotels being run by the terrorist organization of Assam, namely ULFA and if so, certainly this organization must be having its bank accounts in Bangladesh also; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the said organization is having hotels and bank accounts in Sylhet too, which is adjoining India; and

(c) if so, the initiative taken through Government of Bangladesh to counter these terrorist activities and the success achieved thereof?

Loss due to rains in Mumbai and Maharashtra

2397. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the human loss during rains in Mumbai and Maharashtra, separately;

(b) what is the loss of property and business during this period in Mumbai and Maharashtra, separately; and

(c) what is the financial assistance given and assured, separately by Central Government to Maharashtra Government?

Persons killed in floods in Bihar and Maharashtra

2398. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed in floods in Bihar and Maharashtra;

(b) the total assistance both the States received from the Centre for rehabilitation of the effected persons; and

(c) whether the relief provided have been received by the needy persons?

Deployment of policemen for VIP security

†2399. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of policemen engaged in traffic and security arrangement, separately in Delhi;

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(b) whether it is a fact that twice the number of policemen engaged in traffic control of Delhi are engaged in the security of VIPs and VVIPs;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that instead of decrease in the number of policemen in the security of VIPs, as claimed by Government, the number is increasing;

(d) whether it is not a fact that difference in the figures related to the policemen engaged in traffic control and those engaged in the security of VIPs are on the rise constantly; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Disaster management mechanism

2400. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disaster management system is in place at every level in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with such mechanism in view of widespread damage network;

(d) whether Government have made an assessment of the functioning of disaster management network;

(e) if so, the details of assessment;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) what further steps are being taken to strengthen the disaster management mechanism?

Ex-communication of Tsunami hit families

2401. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Tsunami hit families in Chennai have been ex-communicated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken against the guilty ones?

Relief measures for mitigation of drought situation in Maharashtra

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has requested for assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund to take various relief measures for mitigation of drought situation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to sent assistance and how much amount Government propose to release?

Terrorist attack in border areas of J&K

2403. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is continuous terrorist attack in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the issue of the terrorist infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir border

has been taken up by Government of India with Pakistan Government in the recent past; and

(c) if so, what are the reactions of the Government of Pakistan for the continued terrorist attack in the line of control sponsored by Pakistan terrorists?

Scrapping of FCRA

2404. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Foreign Contribution Regulation Act is an archaic legislation, which is causing great hardships not only to organizers of International conference in India who are required to obtain prior permission from the Government for holding conference but also to research students who require approval for their projects; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to scrap this Act and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Delay in implementation of Cr. P.C. Amendment Act

2405. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for Government's decision to defer implementation of Cr. P.C. Amendment Act, 2005, which received the assent of the President; and

(b) what are the objections raised by Bar Council of India and the legal fraternity on the Amendment Act?

Cases of human rights violation with NHRC

†2406. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received by the National Human Rights Commission regarding violation of human rights during the last three years;

(b) the number of complaints examined by NHRC during the last three years; and

(c) the number of cases filed in court by NHRC out of the complaints received by NHRC during the last three years and the details of action taken?

Offer of dialogue to ULFA

†2407. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made an offer of dialogue with the ULFA extremists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ULFA has put a condition for the dialogue before the Government; and

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

Naxalism in U.P.

†2408. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of Uttar Pradesh which are affected by naxalism;

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(b) whether the State Government have requested to provide a contingent of Central Reserve Police Force on Central Government's expenditure to put an effective curb on naxalites in naxal affected districts;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by Central Government on State Government's request?

Modernization of BSF

2409. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision to modernize the BSF and take care of its needs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any proposal to rehabilitate the dependents of BSF jawans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Special grant to modernize Police in Gujarat

2410. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal for a special grant to modernize and equip the Police Force of the State;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) whether any specific assistance is being considered for borders with Pakistan in Banaskantha and Kutch districts of Gujarat to check illegal migrants and to protect the borders?

Monitoring the NGOs engaged in rehabilitation of Tsunami victims

2411. SHRI C. RAMACHAN-DRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many NGOs are presently engaged in the rehabilitation exercise of Tsunami victims in the affected States;

(b) whether Government have adopted any monitoring mechanism to ensure that only genuine NGOs work and the unscrupulous and blacklisted voluntary organizations do not get any access to funds in the name of rehabilitation of tsunami victims; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

IT distribution system by NDMC

2412. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDMC propose to carry out IT distribution system in North Avenue, South Avenue, Chanakyapuri and other VIP areas to cope with the increasing demand of electricity and also procurement and installation of electronic meters during the year 2005-06; and

(b) how much amount has been provided for these services and what is the present position and whether these would be completed during the year 2005-06 as announced by the Chairperson, NDMC?

Grants to NGOs by NDMC

2413. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the institutions being run by the NGOs in New Delhi with financial grants from the NDMC;

(b) the amount of grants given to these NGOs by the NDMC during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in addition to the staff posted in the institutes run by the NGOs, the NDMC has also appointed their own staff who are considered as NDMC employees and are being paid by the NDMC and provided other facilities as admissible to NDMC employees; and

(d) the total amount spent by the NDMC on these employees appointed by the NDMC and posted in the institutes and whether this money was accounted for while giving grants to the institutes?

Declaring Connaught Place a heritage site

2414. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poor maintenance, shabby structures on 1st floor and coming up of shops and restaurants in Inner Service Lanes have contributed much to the dilapidated condition of Connaught Place;

(b) if so, what action NDMC propose to take in the matter; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that under NDMC Act, no action can be taken to stop such activities unless the Connaught Place is declared as a heritage site by Government and if so, the action proposed to be taken to declare C.P. as a heritage site?

**Programmes implemented/
undertaken by UNDP in
Tsunami hit regions**

2415. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Home Ministry is the nodal agency for the UNDP programmes in the country;

(b) the details of programmes being implemented/undertaken by UNDP in the Tsunami hit regions of the country; and

(c) the role of Home Ministry in assigning/choosing regions for development/rescue work to UNDP?

**Foreign nationals with forged
passports, arrested at
Thiruvananthapuram Airport**

2416. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala sought the intervention of Central Government to investigate into the suspicious links of foreign nationals having forged passports, who were arrested at Thiruvananthapuram Airport;

(b) whether Government are conducting any enquiry into the matter and whether any terrorist links connecting to the incident have been unveiled;

(c) how many foreigners were detained and whether any foreigner was elusive and if so, whether the whereabouts have been detected; and

(d) whether any lapse is viewed on the part of the immigration officials of the Airport, if so, the findings of the Government thereto?

Slum clusters in NDMC areas

2417. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slum clusters in NDMC areas and the number of them on NDMC land;

(b) the basic amenities provided to these slum clusters and the amount spent by NDMC during the last three years; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove these clusters and if so, whether Government would ensure that the slum dwellers would not be disturbed from their places without providing them alternative residential accommodation?

Repair of bridge on pilgrims yatra route to Amarnath

2418. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bridge on yatra route of the holy Amarnath cave in the Pahalgam area of Anantnag district in South Kashmir was blown up by militants;

(b) whether the same has since been repaired/reconstructed to facilitate pilgrims' yatra; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be reconstructed?

Assistance for flood affected areas

2419. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of compensation and assistance so far provided to flood affected areas in the country during last three months; and

(b) the details of the various places in the country which did not get this help from Central Government?

Providing CSF with modern equipments

2420. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to equip Central Security Forces with modern equipments and force multipliers;

(b) whether the resource organizations meant for Defence Forces like ordnance factories, defence PSUs and DRDO also provide required support for the modernization of paramilitary forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government consider it necessary to expand the mandate of such defence organizations to support the requirements of paramilitary forces?

Hiring helicopters for anti-naxalite operations in A.P.

2421. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for hiring helicopters for anti-naxalite operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Introduction of Advanced Passenger Information System

2422. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed implementation of Advanced Passenger

Information System (APIS) from October 1 this year to facilitate faster entry to foreigners visiting India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the airports where this system will function, and the expenses to be incurred; and

(c) the details of impact on security by this system, if any?

Use of Hindi in Indian Missions abroad

2423. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Official language is also taking care of use of Hindi in Indian Missions abroad;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard during last two years;

(c) whether Indian Missions abroad are also advised to encourage foreign countries to teach Hindi in their countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Crimes against kids

2424. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media reports about increase in crime against kids;

(b) if so, the crimes committed against kids available as per the National Crime Records Bureau during the last three years State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Andhra Pradesh State ranks eighth at the national level in crimes against children;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the situation has worsened this year as result of large number of child marriages; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by Government to prevent child marriages in the country?

Modernisation of Forensic Science Laboratory, Sagar

†2425. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have forwarded any proposal regarding modernisation, building construction and purchase of equipments for forensic science laboratory, Sagar;

(b) if so, the decision Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) time by when Government would release the amount sought for the same?

Implementation of Multi-purpose National Identity Card by BEL

2426. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNIC) pilot project was handed over to Bharat Electronics Limited;

(b) if so, when will the project be completed; and

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(c) what is the project cost and the terms and conditions for the execution of the project?

Reforming the functioning of Police

†2427. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Police is still working under the 1861 Act formulated by the Britishers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that from time to time the Commissions have been set up for bringing reforms in functioning of Police;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a public interest litigation is pending in the Supreme Court for the implementation of recommendations made by "Dharmvir Commission" set up in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Government thereto alongwith details thereof?

Advanced arms with terrorists

†2428. SHRIMATISAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that terrorists are in possession of resources and more advanced arms and ammunitions;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any plan to equip the security forces and intelligence agencies with advanced mechanism to combat terrorist; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Check on foreign funding of anti-national organisations

2429. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing rules and regulations are not sufficient to deal with funding of "anti-national" organisations by individuals and organisations abroad;

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

(c) the details of steps taken so far or proposed to be taken for tackling overseas funding of anti-national organisations by making stringent and effective rules?

Involvement of BSF jawan in smuggling on Bangladesh Border

†2430. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling is going on in full swing on Indian borders adjacent to Bangladesh;

(b) whether cases of involvement of some BSF jawans in this matter have come to light; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to stop smuggling on the borders?

Thuraya satellite phones with terrorists

†2431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Thuraya satellite phones have been found with

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terrorists during an encounter with them in March, 2005 and a few days before that in Delhi whose messages cannot be intercepted in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that terrorists are easily bringing Thuraya telephone sets from Pakistan to India; and

(c) if so, the efforts made by Government to check this and the outcome thereof?

Blockade of NH-53 by insurgents

2432. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Manipur's Capital Imphal remains cut off for almost a month due to blockade of NH-53 connecting Silchar with Imphal by insurgents;

(b) whether the Centre has commissioned the Army to take control of the 200 km stretch on NH-53 now under siege by insurgents and to provide escort to supply vehicles; and

(c) how soon normalcy is expected in the region?

Criminal tendency among adolescents

†2433. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increasing criminal tendency among the adolescents;

(b) whether any statistics are available in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to check this tendency?

Smart cards for overseas Indians

2434. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media report about "Smart Cards for Overseas Indians";

(b) if so, salient features of the scheme;

(c) whether Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) would now be treated on par with Non-resident Indians and would be entitled to same FDI investments, privileges and benefits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Abduction of tribal girls

2435. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of abduction of tribal girls and atrocities on them on many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details including the number of such incidents reported for the last three years, year-wise and state-wise; and

(c) the details of action taken to prevent such incidents?

NGO's registered under FCRA

2436. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NGO's registered under FCRA, which are beneficiaries of funding from foreign agencies to the tune

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of more than one crore, during the last two years;

(b) whether any study has been conducted that same group of persons are present in managing committee of number of NGO's, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that some organisations are using the Foreign Funds for the purpose other than their stated purposes; and

(d) if so the details of such incidents and the action taken so far?

**Reduction in security personnel
before attack at Ram
Janmabhumi**

†2437. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DGP of Uttar Pradesh had made recommendation for curtailment in security arrangements in Ram Janmabhumi premises a few days before the terrorist attack on Ram Janmabhumi Temple;

(b) if so, the basis on which he had made this assessment that there was no need of as much security forces there as were deployed;

(c) whether curtailment in the number of security personnel was made after implementing this recommendation; and

(d) if so, whether this is also being considered as one of the reasons behind this terrorist attack?

**Amending statutes for eliminating
corruptions**

2438. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C.
RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a few provisions in the Criminal Procedure Code, Prevention of Corruption Act and Central Vigilance Commission are bottlenecks in eliminating corruption from public service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward necessary legislation to carry out amendment in these statutes; and

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

Land scam in UP

2439. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has sent repeated reminders to the Uttar Pradesh Police with regard to Rs. 2500/- crore land scam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Allahabad High Court had ordered to make all the relevant records available to the investigating agency;

(c) whether the U.P. Government made available the said records; and

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(d) if so, the details thereof?

Deportation of Bangladeshi nationals

†2440. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have started action to send the Bangladeshi citizens from the country back to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the names of these States;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indo-Bangladesh relations can suffer due to this act of the States;

(d) if so, reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government have advised State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

Funds to Tsunami affected States

2441. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds are allocated to various Tsunami affected States for rehabilitation of Tsunami affected population;

(b) if so, the details of funds sought, provided and utilized for the above purpose, State-wise as on date;

(c) the details of various heads in which the expenditure of Tsunami fund is shown as on date, State-wise;

(d) whether any State Government diverted the funds allotted for Tsunami

relief to other purposes, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of rehabilitation package and the agencies through which above package is implemented, State-wise, item-wise as on date?

Pak visitors during Indo-Pak cricket series

2442. SHRI JAYANTILAL
BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani Nationals who had came to India from Pakistan to watch cricket match during Indo-Pak Cricket-Series;

(b) how many returned back to Pakistan, till now; and

(c) how many have not returned till now, what action has been taken to trace and deport them?

Naxalites in Orissa and Jharkhand

2443. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Naxalites are spreading their influence across Orissa and have also established a 'corridor' through the State with Jharkhand at one end and Andhra Pradesh on the other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons killed as a result of violence committed by the Naxalites during the current year so far; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to tackle this menace?

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Talks with Hurriyat leaders

†2444. DR. CHATTRAPAL SINGH
LODHA:
SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to talk to the leaders of Hurriyat Conference;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress so far made in this regard?

Statutory Development Board for Konkan

2445. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had suggested to the State Government of Maharashtra to reconsider their proposal for establishment of separate Statutory Development Board for Konkan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since received the reply from the Government of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

Encouraging use of non-conventional and renewable sources

2446. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any

steps for encouraging the use of non-conventional and renewable sources of energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made so far and proposed to be made in near future;

(c) whether any initiatives are being made by Government to derive energy by fusion of hydrogen into helium; and

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

Centrally sponsored schemes of NES

2447. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various centrally sponsored schemes under non-conventional energy being implemented in the country, State-wise during the last three years;

(b) the details of funds granted and released by Government for implementation of the above schemes during this period, State-wise;

(c) whether the released amounts for implementing the above schemes in the various States including NER have not been spent during this period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Power from NES and wind energy

2448. SHRI LALIT SURI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the rapidly escalating price of oil in the international

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market, the Ministry is considering the prospects of increasing generation of power from non-conventional sources of energy such as wind energy;

(b) if so, the details of the potential generation of power from wind energy and how much is being generated annually;

(c) whether Government propose to consider granting tax benefits to those who opt for such types of energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Production and distribution of non-conventional energy

2449. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production and distribution of various non-conventional energy resources of the country; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to help produce such non-conventional energy resources?

FDI in NES

2450. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has proposed 100 percent FDI through automatic route in the Non-Conventional Energy sector;

(b) the total FDI so far received in the Non-Conventional Energy sector since this sector was opened, year-wise and sector-wise *i.e.* wind, bio-mass, solar, etc.;

(c) whether there is any policy paper before the Ministry on Non-Conventional Energy Sources; and

(d) the present percentage contribution of renewable energy sources such as wind, bio-mass, solar, etc., to the total energy of the country?

Waste and wind energy projects with Central assistance

2451. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the energy projects set up with the help of Union Government in various States for generation of energy from waste and the wind;

(b) the quantum of energy generated by these projects at present;

(c) whether potential for generation of energy through wind and waste has been explored in Tamil Nadu;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of assistance provided to each State for generation of energy through wind and waste during the last two years?

Solar and Wind Energy potential in Rajasthan

2452. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Rajasthan, especially its desert region is endowed with high potentiality of Solar and Wind Energy;

(b) whether any feasibility study has been undertaken by Government to set up Solar plants and wind mills to generate power;

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

(d) whether any Indian/foreign private parties are engaged in harvesting solar and wind energy in the region;

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's stake therein;

(f) whether Government have special schemes/packages to encourage tapping of Solar and Wind Energy sources by private individuals; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up projects for energy from garbage and solid waste

2453. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the successful working of a big power plant based on use of garbage and solid waste as fuel in the city of Hyderabad, Government has decided as a matter of policy to set up power plants using the city garbage as fuel in other big cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai as well;

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) whether any of the State Government have submitted project proposals for setting up garbage based power plants to augment, power supply, if so, the details of such proposals and Government's response and reaction thereon?

Selling prices of electricity in Thailand and India

†2454. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between the consumer selling prices of electricity prevailing in Thailand and India;

(b) if so, what are the selling prices of electricity on an average, for the industrial consumers in Thailand and India for the year 2005-06; and

(c) the reasons for this gap alongwith its ill effects on Power Sector of India?

Completion of Subansiri Lower Hydro-electric Project

2455. SHRI SILVIUS COND PAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) when the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, one of the largest projects in the country being executed in Central Sector in Arunachal Pradesh/Assam border is proposed to be completed;

(b) whether all the works related to the construction of the project have been awarded; and

(c) if so, the details of the progress made so far by the project in all fronts?

Electronic metres

2456. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new

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electronic meter installed by power companies are manipulated by companies in their favour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comparative study has been done regarding increase in power bills after installation of electronic meter; and

(d) if so, what are findings, give details?

Rates of power for domestic use by SEBs

2457. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the rates of power for domestic use under various Electricity Boards in the States/UTs at present;

(b) the States/UTs where the power supply is in private hands and since when;

(c) whether before privatization of distribution of power in Delhi, it was projected that the Transcos would eliminate the transmission and distribution losses and the benefits would fall on to the consumers; and

(d) to what extent these losses have been brought down in Delhi ever since privatization hike in power tariff in Delhi after privatization and reasons for the same?

Proposals for setting up hydro-electric, thermal, nuclear and gas based power projects in the States

2458. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up of hydro electric, thermal, gas based and nuclear power projects received by the Government from various States during the Ninth and Tenth Plan period, State-wise;

(b) the status of the proposal as on date project-wise, State-wise;

(c) the total expenditure involved and time over run of these projects; and

(d) the number of projects which are proposed to be cleared during the Tenth Plan State-wise along with the time schedule of their completion?

Electrification of villages under RGREP

†2459. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set a target to make electricity available in every village of the country by 2009 under 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Plan';

(b) whether Government have made any plan to exploit the available sources of alternative energy available in the country to meet the said target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Indian delegation's visits London

2460. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian delegation paid a visit to London for discussing with European Union, if so, in what context and background the visit was planned; and

(b) the main objective of the visit and how far the same was achieved indicating the agreements and MoUs signed in the field of energy during the visit?

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Rural households access to power

2461. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent survey only 44 per cent of rural households in the country have access to power;

(b) whether the survey has suggested certain strategies with related infrastructural back-up to cover the additional households in the next five years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Renovation of hydel scheme in Kerala

2462. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure of Rs. 374.50 crores incurred by the Kerala State Electricity Board for the renovation of hydel scheme at Pallivasal Sengulam and Pannias was rendered wasteful; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

France as site for 13 billion demo experimental fusion reactor

2463. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a joint declaration by the representatives of various nations have chosen France as the site for a 13 billion demo experimental fusion reactor;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that India is not a part of this joint venture although it has the potential to produce limitless source of clean electric power; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Power generation in Bihar

†2464. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the installed capacity of power generation in Bihar;

(b) the total quantum of power generated as against the installed capacity;

(c) the quantum of power required in Bihar at present and in what way the requirement is met; and

(d) the time-frame to achieve the target of electrification in all the villages and townships and the present position in this regard?

Survey regarding the gap between consumption and production of power

†2465. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the gap between total consumption and production of power in the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Guidelines for purchasing transformers by SEBs

2466. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has made any guidelines through Central Power Research Institute for purchasing transformers by State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports about the purchasing sub-standard quality transformers by Maharashtra State Electricity Boards since last so many years; and

(d) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

Withdrawal of power connections by consumers

†2467. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the power supply in the rural areas for 4-5 hours a day, thousands of consumers withdraw their power and tubewell connections every year;

(b) if so, the number of villagers (farmers) who have withdrawn their power and tubewell connections during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to laydown a minimum time span to make the electricity available in rural areas;

(d) whether Government are considering to take specific steps to prevent the villagers from withdrawing their electricity connections; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Long Term Power Purchase Agreement between PTC and IPP

2468. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Trading Corporation (PTC) is planning to enter into long-term Power Purchase

Agreement (PPA) with Independent Power Producers (IPP);

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

(c) whether it is a fact that PTC is planning to acquire equity stakes in Green Field Power Projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Electrification of villages in UP

†2469. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of such villages in Uttar Pradesh where there is no electricity as on date;

(b) by when the full work of electrification in Uttar Pradesh would be carried out; and

(c) the hindrances coming in the way of electrification of villages in Uttar Pradesh and the steps being taken to remove these hindrances?

Effect of reduced discharge of water flow on power generation

2470. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is reduced discharge across Sutlej, Beas and Yamuna basins, that is resulting in reduced power generation in the recent years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has any plans to augment the water flow to enable power houses to operate to their optimal capacity; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Benefit to the people of Assam by
Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric
Project**

2471. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what direct and indirect benefits that will accrue for the people of Assam during and after the commissioning of Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project;

(b) the initiatives taken by the present Government in development of Hydroelectric Projects in North-Eastern States; and

(c) how many MW of hydropower are proposed to be added during the Tenth plan period and how many mega watts of hydropower projects are proposed to be commissioned during the Eleven Plan period?

**Power plants affected by floods in the
country**

2472. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many power plants were affected by floods caused by monsoon rains in many parts of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) as rain and floods are regular features, the reasons why long-term measures to protect power plants were not taken; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure uninterrupted power supply even in worst floods conditions like in UK, USA and European countries?

Export of floating fly ash

†2473. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for

floating fly ash (liquid ash) of coal emanating from National Thermal Power Station for export;

(b) if so, the details of the last three years regarding thermal power stations of NTPC which supplied floating fly ash, names of institutions to which it was supplied on demand alongwith its quantity;

(c) the income that the corporation has got every year from each station from it; and

(d) the details of the process for providing this floating fly ash?

Setting up gas plant in Haridwar

2474. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up 300 MW gas plant in Haridwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to tap resource for hydro projects in the Uttaranchal region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, also indicating the existing hydro projects in the State?

**Partnership Agreement between State
Governments of Punjab, Haryana,
Rajasthan and Central Government
on Hydro-Electricity Projects**

†2475. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement on partnership in hydro-electricity projects had been signed between the Central

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Government and the Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Rajasthan is being given its allotted share in accordance with terms of the agreement; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

National power policy

2476. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the national power policy;

(b) if so, the salient feature of the policy; and

(c) how the Navratna companies like NTPC will be benefited from the policy?

involve panchayats for rural electrification project;

(b) if so, the details including the financial allocation/support and the nodal agency designated for the purpose, State-wise, as on today;

(c) if so, whether above project envisages a mechanism in which State Government will pay a fee to franchisee for execution and satisfactory maintenance of the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if so, whether there is any proposal for capital subsidy to States for rural electrification; and

(f) if so, the details and the subsidy estimated State-wise, as on today, category-wise?

Losses of State Electricity Boards

2477. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial losses of the State Electricity Boards have increased to a large extent during 2004-05 as compared to the previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the latest financial status of each SEBs as on April, 2005; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for effective financial management of the SEBs?

Involving panchayats in rural electrification

2478. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

Hike in power rates after privatisation in Delhi

†2479. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following privatisation of power there has been a steep hike in the rates particularly in Delhi since the distribution system was entirely placed in private hands;

(b) whether it is also a fact that people are facing problems due to privatisation;

(c) if so, the efforts being made by Government to save people from exploitation by the said companies;

(d) whether Government are aware of the problems/troubles caused by the situation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

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(f) if not, the reasons for not keeping a check on the arbitrary functioning of private companies?

Hike in power tariff in Delhi

2480. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the factors responsible for periodic hike in power tariff in the National Capital of Delhi; and

(b) whether the infrastructure has been improved after privatisation of power distribution in Delhi and other major cities?

Faulty meters in Delhi

2481. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry received complaints of faulty meters from different parts of the country especially from Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the digital meters are found to be faulty and unreliable;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the meters installed by private distribution companies are found to be faster and faulty; and

(d) whether the Ministry is taking steps to reassure the people that they will not be left at the mercy of profit making private companies?

Centrally sponsored schemes

2482. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry;

(b) the essential features of each of the schemes; and

(c) the details of schemes adopted/accepted by the Government of Goa and being implemented by it?

Lives lost during the construction of Nathpa Jhakri plant

2483. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 300 lives were lost during construction of Nathpa Jhakri plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what compensation and other benefits had been provided to the kith and kin of the victims?

Priority for supply of drinking water

2484. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is giving top priority to supply of drinking water in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of the amount sanctioned to each State;

(c) whether Government has asked the States to prepare any perspective plan for giving a big thrust to watershed programme; and

(d) if so, the details of States who have prepared perspective plan so far?

Authority for examining quality of PMGSY roads

†2485. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to whom the responsibility of examining the quality of under construction roads has been entrusted under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the names of roads in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar which have been examined by them during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any provision to plant trees on the sides of these roads; and

(d) if so, the details of trees being planted and its success?

Proposal for new projects under DPAP of Maharashtra

2486. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals submitted by the Government of Maharashtra or sanction of new projects under Centrally sponsored scheme-DPAP, are still pending consideration of the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when these proposals are pending;

(c) the reasons for which a decision has not so far been taken in the matter; and

(d) the present status thereof and when these proposals are likely to be sanctioned?

Potential of industrial development in rural areas

†2487. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is potential of industrial development in addition to agriculture in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that 29 per cent industrial units of organised industrial sector are functioning in rural areas of the country;

(c) if not, the estimate regarding number thereof; and

(d) the percentage of labourers and value of annual production in the the total organised industrial sector?

Development of laterite soil in Chhattisgarh

2488. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission in its report of July, 2001 proposed that waste land in the order of 42.27 m.h.a. would be covered by greening India;

(b) whether Government are aware that some organisations, have launched a programme for development of laterite soil in the State of Chhattisgarh and created mass employment opportunities among rural people; and

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(c) if so, what incentive Government propose to offer to the private entrepreneurs for development of degraded land and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

Funds for pucca roads by NABARD

2489. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the roads in rural areas in the country that have been made pucca roads with the help of funds by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development;

(b) the total number of pucca roads to be undertaken by NABARD's funds during the current year;

(c) whether Government propose to link unconnected villages in Tamil Nadu with pucca roads; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time likely to be taken to fulfil this?

Increasing allocation under ARWSP to Karnataka

2490. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for increase of allocation under the Centrally sponsored ARWSP, 2004-05 and additional funds and pending instalments under Swajaldhara programme; and

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

Indira Awas Yojana in Gujarat

2491. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent district-wise, year-wise and the number of persons benefited under the Indira Awas Yojana in Gujarat during the last two years;

(b) whether Government is aware that no sanitary toilets/bathrooms facilities are provided in the houses constructed under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Implementation status of various employment generation programmes

†2492. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding status of implementation of various programmes related to employment generation in projected rural areas under Tenth Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the plan-wise and district-wise details of the status including the number of the families brought above poverty line; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Irregularities in FFWP in M.P.

†2493. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that irregularities are being

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committed on a large scale in 'Food for Work' scheme being run by Government in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of unemployed persons having been provided with employment in Madhya Pradesh under 'Food for Work' scheme as on date?

Centrally sponsored schemes in Goa

2494. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Centrally sponsored schemes presently in force and implemented by the Ministry;

(b) the scope and other basic facilities with respect to each of the schemes;

(c) the names of the schemes being accepted and implemented in Goa; and

(d) the details thereof?

Target for constitution of Self-Help Groups

†2495. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a symbolic target for constitution of 5.85 lakh Self-Help Groups upto 31st March, 2007 has been fixed;

(b) whether it is a fact that all the Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks including NABARD have been included in this programme; and

(c) if so, the details, State-wise, district-wise and Bank-wise of target fixed therefor till 31st March, 2005?

Specific quota for other backward class people under BPL

2496. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government in its guideline has indicated any specific quota for other backward class people under BPL category in the matter of execution of welfare schemes as it is in the case of SC/ST people, if not, will the Government consider the case?

Incentives to growers of Bio-diesel plants

2497. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption "Power Ministry Malls Sugarcane approach" for bio-diesel which appeared in Media;

(b) if so, what incentive Government propose to offer to the growers of bio-diesel plants and by when such incentives are likely to be announced; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above is in negative, what are the reasons thereof?

Road in Bihar under PMGSY

†2498. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount to be spent on the construction of roads in Bihar during the current financial year under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, and the district-wise details thereof;

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(b) the names of roads included in this scheme for construction in Buxar district, their total length and the total amount to be spent on them;

(c) the procedures for monitoring the proper use of allocated amount; and

(d) the details of progress made in Bihar particularly Buxar regarding linking the villages, having more than one thousand population, with roads as conceived in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana?

Integrated drinking water supply scheme for mega cities

2499. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to initiate an accelerated integrated drinking water supply scheme for mega-cities like Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether Government would assure of implementing the scheme within a short specified period in view of the ever growing drinking water crisis in all the mega-cities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Export of silk

2500. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to whom India has been exporting silk; and

(b) the foreign exchange earned there from during the last two years?

Poor performance of C.C.I.C.I.

2501. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the specific reasons for the poor performance particularly in the field of exports of Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi during the years 2001-2002 and 2003-2004;

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the working of the corporation; and

(c) whether any higher targets of production and exports have been fixed for the years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, if so, the details thereof?

Financial problems of textile weaving parks

2502. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that textiles weaving parks are facing financial drought in bringing seed capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to provide assistance to the weavers?

Repealing the textile committee cess

2503. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to repeal the outdated textile committee cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when this cess is likely to be abolished?

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Secretary-General.

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