

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 17, 2003/Agrahayana 26, 1925 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Mining by State Government companies/PSUs

1543. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
DR. A.R. KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's order authorizing State Government companies or undertakings to do regular coal or lignite mining has been welcomed by States;

(b) whether many States have shown interest to take up coal mining as business through joint ventures with private investors;

(c) whether Government has taken away all purchasing powers that were delegated to Coal India Limited and marketing rights enjoyed by CIL for non-core sector consumers;

(d) whether as most State Governments do not have expertise or money to undertake coal-mining activities, they are looking for private partners; and

(e) if so, to what extent they have been successful?

Emission of gas from coal mines

† 1544. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study in respect of human use of the gas emitting out of the coal mines;

(b) if so, the broad details thereof;

(c) the quantity of gas estimated to be emitted out of the coal mines of the country per annum; and

(d) in what form it can be used by transforming for human consumption?

Revival of Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

1545. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present revival status of Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL);

(b) whether there is any time-bound action plan to bring ECL out of BIFR; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Demand and Production of Coal

1546. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of coal in the country is fully met by the domestic production;

(b) the details regarding the mine-wise production and the country's annual demand of coal; and

(c) the details of import of coal for the last three years?

Setting up coal based power plant in M.P. by N.L.C.

1547. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has asked Neyveli Lignite Corporation to examine putting up a 1000 MW coal based power plant in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Opening up coal mining to the private sector

1548. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open up coal mining to the private sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) its impact thereof on defence, railways etc.?

Non-recovery of electricity charges from the employees of South Eastern Coalfields Ltd.

1549. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Eastern Coalfields Ltd. provided residential quarters to its employees who were required to pay electricity charges beyond the consumption of 30 units per month as per the National Coal Wage Agreements;

(b) if so, whether no charges towards the consumption of electricity were recovered from the employees between April, 1999 to March, 2002 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the amount involved as a result of non-recovery of electricity charges has been recovered; and

(d) if not, the reasons and the persons responsible therefor?

Accident in Singareni Collieries Mines

1550. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 48 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that another serious accident occurred in a mine of the Singareni Collieries on the night between the 16th and 17th October, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the number of mine workers who died/injured in the accident; and

(c) whether inquiry into the mishap has been conducted; if so, the outcome thereof and action taken thereon?

Discovery of coalfields by G.S.I

1551. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise names of places where the Geological Survey of India has found new coalfields during the last decade;

(b) the quantities of coal in each of the new found places; and

(c) how far this coal will meet the requirements of thermal power stations and steel industry sector?

Infiltration of terrorists

1552. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any action on the reports of the Indian Army to the effect that there are no improvement in the situation of infiltration of terrorists and shelling in the entire Kargil area in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the ISI of Pakistan has innovated its strategy to infiltrate into the areas of Leh and Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Frieswal culled calves of military farms

1553. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to provide frieswal culled calves of military farms to Gaushalas through NGO's;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that calves of the age of 14 days and below are given to Gaushalas; and

(c) whether the rearing period of surplus calves of military farms of 14 days age, would be increased to at least 30 days as the calves need mother's milk till they reach the age of 90 days?

Infiltrations during Pakistani shelling

1554. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistani Army starts shelling across the LoC either to give cover fire to infiltrators across the LoC or to divert the attention of Indian Army and BSF posted across the LoC so that infiltrators can get in;

(b) if so, whether the same has been happening for a number of years now;

(c) if so, what steps do the Army and BSF normally take during such course of action; and

(d) whether according to Government statistics of the Army and BSF, infiltrations across the LoC are the maximum during Pakistani shelling?

Decreasing profitability of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd., Hyderabad

1555. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profitability of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd., Hyderabad in consistently decreasing for the last few years;

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

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

(c) the target for making India self-sufficient in this regard?

Reduction in avian menace

1556. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force has successfully reduced the avian menace; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Flag meetings between coast guard and marine security agency of Pakistan

1557. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard has put forward any new proposals for periodical flag meetings between Cost Guard and the Marine Security Agency of Pakistan;

(b) if yes, the details of the proposal; and

(c) how these new proposals help the Indian fishermen who are languishing in Pakistan jails and the fishermen who stray, unintentionally, in the Pakistani waters?

Attaining self-sufficiency in Missile Defence System

1558. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still importing surface to air missiles from Russia;

(b) if so, whether India is still not self-sufficient in indigenous air attack missile defence systems; and

Induction of mid-air refuelling system by Indian Air Force

1559. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force have inducted mid air refuelling and weapon platforms in space; and

(b) if so, the futuristic weapons systems India propose to add as is being done by the advanced countries?

Amendment in Building Construction Rules of Defence Cantonments

1560. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recent amendments made in Building Construction Rules in Defence Cantonments regarding increase of FSI to accord permission for construction of more floors;

(b) whether in the light of amendment towards increase of FSI, Government will pave a rule and initiate the process of regularising thousands of Buildings with unauthorised floors in Secunderabad Cantonment to secure property taxes of all such unauthorised floors to Secunderabad Cantonment, Board, which the Board is deprived of at present;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of various amendments as made in Defence Cantonment Rules, recently?

Strike power of IAF

1561. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force propose to double its strike power;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Files regarding financial irregularities

1562. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that more than 90 documents and files pertaining to financial irregularities involving several crores of rupees against Brig. V.P. Singh, which the CBI is probing, were destroyed by Senior Military Officer by getting the office opened on a public holiday on the pretext of working on the accounts;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this major Security breach took place in the Military Farms Headquarter at Army Headquarter on the 28th and 29th June, 2003, and
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken against the officials found involved in this regard?

Refurbishing of life expired missiles

1563. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has a massive stockpile of missiles accumulated over the last 25 years which are now becoming life expired;
- (b) whether Bharat Dynamics Ltd., India's public sector missile manufacturing

unit based at Hyderabad will be the model agency to refurbish these missiles and upgrade them at 20 per cent of the cost of new ones; and

- (c) if so, what is the reliability of this refurbishing and upgrading plan to ensure that these missiles will continue to be efficient and effective operationally?

Infiltration from Bangladesh

1564. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the Statement given at Chandigarh on 27.9.2003 confirming infiltration from Bangladesh and state:

- (a) whether Government have taken up the matter of infiltration with Bangladesh authorities to take effective measures to stop infiltration;
- (b) whether Government have attributed this infiltration into India a total failure of paramilitary forces who indulge in malpractices which encourage them in their clandestine business without interruptions; and
- (c) the Government's reaction thereto?

MIG repairs

1565. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that poor quality of repairs and upgrades carried out by non-Russian Companies are the major causes for MIG crashes in the country;
- (b) the details of companies from where parts for MIG aircraft are procured;
- (c) the details of companies which have carried out the repairs for MIG during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps that the Ministry is taking to reduce the MIG crashes?

Recruitment of Kashmiri Pandit Youth

1566. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a special drive for recruitment of Kashmiri Pandit Youth in order to eradicate unemployment within this minority community; and

(b) when this drive is likely to commence and the number of Youth to be recruited in the Armed Forces?

Indo-China joint military exercise

1567. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China propose to hold joint military exercises as is being done with the United States; and

(b) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Purchase of laser guidance kits/ penetration bombs

1568. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C&AG in his Report No. 7 of 2003 observed that the Ministry made purchases of laser guidance kits to penetration bombs at a higher price than the settled one;

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

(c) the additional expenditure incurred as a result thereof;

(d) whether due to mismatch between the kits and the bombs, the shelf life of the kits was reduced; and

(e) if so, the reasons for going on emergency purchases and action taken on the report?

Utilising private airlines for ferrying troops and materials

1569. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jet Airlines has been chartered by the Army to ferry troops and materials from sensitive locations in Ladakh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to utilise the services of private airlines for similar situation in difficult terrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Enhancing the fire power of Infantry Units

1570. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken specially in enhancing the fire-power, reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities of all Infantry Units in India;

(b) whether our Army Infantry Units specially on our Borders are equipped with human and arms detecting sensors, battlefield surveillance radars, hand held thermals, various types of rocket launchers and automatic grenade launchers etc.;

(c) if so, details of those items which are imported from foreign countries and names of such foreign countries;

(d) if so, whether Government has made any effort to manufacture those items in our country; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Acquisition of F-16 Falcons

1571. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF pilots have recently been sent to US to fly F-16 Falcons;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Pakistan has acquired the Falcon aircraft; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being made by India to acquire the same or similar aircraft for India?

Performance of Israeli Barak defence system

1572. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during a recent trial by Indian navy, the newly acquired Israeli Barak defence system was found to have fallen short of the target;

(b) if so, whether Israeli military experts were consulted for diagnosing the fault in the system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Steps to boost combat efficiency of Army

1573. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is stagnation in the officer's cadre of the armed forces and older age profile of battlefield commanders may adversely affect the combat efficiency of our Army;

(b) if so, details of short-term and long-term steps proposed to be taken so as to avoid any dilution in combat capabilities of our Army; and

(c) whether the structure of training

content of our Armed Forces is continuously reviewed with a view to update the changing profile of attack strategy, and if so, the details thereof?

Death of a soldier at Siachen

†1574. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a state of confusion is prevailing over death of a soldier named Balvinder who was deployed at Siachen Glacier in the night of 31st July;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons for death of the said soldier?

Establishment of a laboratory for testing torpedoes

1575. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when the laboratory for the testing of torpedoes in sheltered water was established by Defence Research and Development Organisation;

(b) the details with amount invested therein;

(c) whether the desired results could not be achieved as it depended on Navy and foreign ranges for its testing requirement; and

(d) if so, the details and loss sustained as a result thereof?

Merging of Cantonment Boards with Municipal Corporations

1576. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Army Cantonments which are still functioning in congested urban

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agglomerations and major municipal corporations/board areas in the country;

(b) whether Government feel that the prevailing system of separate cantonments has outlived its utility and the Governance thereof undemocratic; and

(c) whether Government would consider abolishing/converting cantonment boards and merge the same with the democratically elected local municipal corporations/bodies?

Death of a serving major near Mathura

1577. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dead body of a serving Defence Officer-Major S. Ravi Shankar, was found by Government Railway Police on 23rd of August near Mathura Railway Station and in the autopsy report it was found that many organs including the kidneys, heart, lungs, spleen and gall bladder were found missing;

(b) if so, whether it was a case of murder for taking out human organs or some foreign agency like ISI was involved whose activities have late been on the rise to demoralise out defence forces; and

(c) the outcome of army investigations?

Supply of speech secrecy equipment by BEL

1578. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Electronics Ltd. supplied speech secrecy equipment to Air Force at a cost of Rs. 4.47 crore during December, 1996 to January, 1997;

(b) whether Air Force accepted the

equipment inspite of several shortcomings detected during the course of evaluation trial and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this equipment had to be returned in February, 2001 on account of failure to meet the operational requirement; and

(d) if so, the logic behind procurement of defective equipment and responsibility fixed for this misadventure?

Purchasing of secondhand MIG trainers

1579. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently purchased 27 secondhand MIG trainers to meet the urgent training requirement of Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total expenditure incurred thereon and the age of each aircraft;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the East European Countries like Romania and Bulgaria have grounded or withdrawn some of the MIG variants; and

(d) if so, the reasons for purchasing such aircraft?

Proposal to increase the strength of Fighter Squadrons

1580. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the IAF about the necessity to increase the current strength of Fighter Squadrons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Procurement of NBC protective gear

1581. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has signed an agreement to procure protective gear for nuclear, biological and chemical warfare from the Czech Republic;

(b) if so, what are the other items that are proposed to be procured from the Czech Republic; and

(c) by when the products would arrive and be used?

Counter insurgency operations in Ghati (J & K)

1582. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether almost 5000 troops with members of Paramilitary Forces and State police had laid siege on a forested ravine in Ghati in J & K for a week to counter insurgency operations in which militants escaped safely during the month of September, 2003;

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

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to rectify the situation?

Allotment of land etc. to war heroes

1583. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of 1971 war heroes, duly awarded with gallantry awards like Sena Medals, VSM and AVSM failed to get their due from respective State Governments by way of allotment of land etc.;

(b) if so, the number and details of cases of such war heroes who had been so deprived of their due as have come to Government's notice; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to secure their due to these war heroes?

Approval to the Delhi Co-operative Societies Bill, 2003

1584. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently passed Delhi Cooperative Societies Bill 2003 is pending before the Central Government for its approval;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in giving approval;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the provisions made in the Bill are detrimental to the interests of the individual members of the Cooperative Group Housing Societies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken/proposed to be taken in order to safeguard the interests of the members; and

(e) by when the approval to the said Bill is likely to be given?

Dacoities in running trains

1585. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of dacoities in running trains have increased;

(b) if so, the details of dacoities in trains since 1st January, 2001;

(c) whether Government have identified the vulnerable areas for such incidents; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Employment plan for the youth of J&K

1586. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the Inter State Council meeting held in Srinagar in August end 2003, a special plan for employment of the youth of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to divert them from taking to militancy and providing at least 1,00,000 jobs for them per year was announced;

(b) if so, the details of the plan; and

(c) whether the plan for providing one crore job opportunities per year for the country's youth under the NDA's plan of action was reviewed therein, if so, what decisions were taken in the light therefor?

Land grabbing

1587. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of South Districts, Delhi, MD Road, Saket, New Delhi has received a complaint on 1st October, 2003, *vide* No. 10033 against the involvement of doubtful activities of the Panchayat Secretary and others in land grabbing with the land grabbers in Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-62;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Starvation deaths

1588. SHRIMATI KAMLA

MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of starvation deaths reported in various States/UTs;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) have issued notices to several States/UTs asking them to submit reports on starvation deaths of tribal children in several States particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Trafficking in narcotics along LoC

1589. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA

SEKAR REDDY:

SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the raids carried out in the first week of September, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir revealed that Pakistan based terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammad is financing operations by trafficking in Narcotics across the line of actual control;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection and whether it was a part of big smuggling network of narcotics being operated in different parts of the country; and

(c) the details in this regard?

Pakistan's complicity in hijacking of IC-814

1590. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new facts have come to light wherein Pakistan's complicity in hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 from Kathmandu to Delhi on 24th December, 1999 has been established positively;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken to make this fact known to the international community; and

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

Spurious scotch in Delhi

1591. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scotch whisky is available in the Capital at cheaper rate than the price-tags bearing duty-paid tariff and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Police had recently raided an illegal factory in R. K. Puram which was minting money by manufacturing spurious scotch sealed with labels bearing the names of reputed brands; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how many persons have been arrested in this case?

Keeping media persons away from the site of encounter

1592. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to instruct Police and Army to restrict the presence of News crews close to the places where terrorist combing operation or encounter operations take place in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, to what extent;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the presence of News crews at such locations create threat of security and safety of news media persons; and

(e) what other steps Government are contemplating to take to tackle such situation in future?

Juvenile crimes and suicidal deaths in the country

1593. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of juvenile crimes and suicidal deaths separately for urban and rural areas in the country during the last three years?

Floods in States

1594. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that floods played havoc in UP, Bihar and other parts of India due to excess rains;

(b) if so, the details of the lives, property and crops lost in the flood affected areas;

(c) the steps taken by Government to mitigate the sufferings of flood affected people; and

(d) the action taken to prevent floods in flood prone areas?

Rise in juvenile crime and suicidal deaths in the country

1595. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that juvenile crimes are on the rise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued by Government to handle juvenile crime cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check the rise in such crimes?

Smuggling of narcotics at Indo-Bangla border

†1596. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of smuggling going on at Indo-Bangla border and narcotics substances like opium and Charas being sent to India from Bangladesh as telecast recently by a news channel;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken and since when undertaken, to check this menace; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Telgi's links with police officials

1597. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Home Affairs

has made an inquiry on the links of Abdul Karim Telgi with Police Officers in various States of the country;

(b) how many Police Officers have been found to be involved in the scandal; and

(c) what action has been taken against these Police Officers?

Pension to freedom fighters of Telengana areas in A.P.

1598. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether over thirteen thousand freedom fighters of Telengana areas in Andhra Pradesh recognized by Government of India as participants in the movement against the Nizam of Hyderabad, have still not been given the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension; and

(b) by when Government propose to sanction pension to these old people?

Imposition of community services on petty offenders

1599. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce imposition of community services as an alternative to imprisonment to benefit petty offenders; and

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard to help offenders sentenced to less than 2 years imprisonment to skip jail term?

Combining Hindi institutions into a D.G.

†1600. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of

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Translation Bureau, Hindi Directorate, Glossary Commission and Hindi Sansthan;

(b) whether there is any proposal for making a Directorate General by combining these institutions which perform same type of work;

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

(d) if not, the steps to be taken to remove laxity of these institutions for propagation of Hindi?

Non-registration of complaints by police in Delhi

†1601. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of non-registration of complaints of victims by police in Delhi take place frequently;

(b) if so, the action Government take on such incidents;

(c) whether it is a fact that the police had not registered a report regarding beating of an attendant of a child by the security personnel in Safdarjung Hospital as reported in the media;

(d) if so, the action taken by Government against the culprits; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such incidents in future?

Eve-teasing on local trains

1602. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether eve-teasing on local trains coming from NCR regions into Delhi where a large number of working women travel everyday to the city especially in the ladies

compartments is on increase and has become a nuisance for the working ladies;

(b) if so, whether a drive to nab the wrong-doers was recently conducted;

(c) if so, what has been the outcome; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make such drives a permanent feature in order to make travel safe for women commuters?

Measures to check unemployed youths from joining hands with terrorists

†1603. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of employment to the unemployed youths in Uttar Pradesh and in other sensitive areas of the country, the youths of the State are helping terrorists;

(b) if so, whether Government have focused its target on the activities of SIMI and other fundamentalist organizations to ensure that these unemployed youths do not play in wrong hands;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide employment to such unemployed youths and whether any special task force is being set up against these terrorist organizations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Attack by militants in Tripura

1604. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a letter was sent to Deputy Prime Minister on 22nd May, 2003 signed by 550 persons, listing

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six specific occurrences in which attacks by terrorists leading to murders and kidnappings had been reported between 2nd October, 2002 to 19th May, 2003 in Dharamnagar Sub-division of Tripura;

(b) if so, the measures that have been taken to nab the culprits; and

(c) the measures that have been taken to protect the border areas of Dharmanagar Sub-division?

Operation of a fake crime prevention society

1605. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint about the operation of a fake All India Crime Prevention Society registered at Chandigarh cheating the people in several States;

(b) whether the complaint giving such information contained documentary proofs of the fakeness of this society;

(c) whether any request was made for CBI investigation into this case;

(d) the number of reminders received by the Ministry for taking necessary action against the fake society till date;

(e) the details of dates on which action was taken; and

(f) the present status of that fake AICPS of Chandigarh?

Conference on fugitives

† 1606. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had organised a conference on fugitives in Delhi in the month of October, 2003;

(b) if so, the names of participating countries;

(c) whether Pakistani representative had also attended this conference; and

(d) if so, the details of the deliberations held alongwith the points agreed upon?

Application of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 1954 to PoK refugees

1607. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not applying Central Act of 1954 for rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees to PoK refugees; and

(b) the reasons of not reacting when Jammu and Kashmir Government created an authority titled Custodian of Evacuee Properties to safeguard properties of Muslims who had since migrated to Pakistan and settled there permanently as citizens of Pakistan, and for creating a department to register properties of PoK refugees?

PoK refugees

1608. SHRI B. P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PoK refugees have still been living as second class citizens of the Republic of India after 56 years of Independence;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have set up any Commission/Committee for registration of claims of PoK refugees for the properties left behind by them in PoK so as to pay them compensation and settle them permanently; and

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

US grant for disaster management in Orissa

1609. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US has given a grant of four million Dollars for disaster management for the 20-multi-hazard-prone districts of Orissa, Gujarat, West Bengal, Uttaranchal and Assam; and

(b) if so, whether these State Governments have been advised to prepare action plans on priority and whether some model guidelines been issued so that valuable time is not wasted at the planning stage and monitoring mechanism is established for the purpose?

Increase in terrorism activities in J&K

1610. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other States have increased during last few months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have become emboldened to target the security forces;

(d) whether Government have identified the Groups responsible for the same; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to liquidate them?

Measures to check cyber crimes

1611. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are seriously considering to contain cyber attacks, hacking and many other computer based crimes while taking the help of other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken or proposed to be taken against cyber crime in the country;

(c) whether Union Government are also considering to train the CBI personnel and policemen in the country with the help of FBI like security agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Case of molestation and rape by army officials

1612. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received notices from National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) seeking explanation on the alleged molestation, rape and harassment of girl students by army officials in the Shopian quarter of South Kashmir and in various parks of NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) how many officers of army are involved in cases relating to rape, molestation and harassment of women during the last year and what action against these army officials have been taken?

Memoranda on Assamese-Bihari violence

1613. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memoranda on Assamese-Bihari rioting on railway recruitment issue in the mid November from different social and political organizations, Assam Government, and responsible individuals including M.P.'s;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government on this issue; and

(c) whether Government have given a serious thought to making reservation in services of different categories of railways for all the States of India?

Interrogation of hijackers of IC-814

1614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. sleuths have recently gone to Kandhar in Afghanistan to interrogate the Taliban master minds of the operation IC-814 which was hijacked after it took off from Kathmandu in 1999;

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

(c) whether any one of them is proposed to be made a witness in this case and if so, the details thereof?

Request for providing jammers

† 1615. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Jammers' is ineffective on 'Reliance India Mobile' and

such mobiles are constantly operative in jails;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have made a request to Government in this regard that such jammers may be provided that could be effective on 'Reliance India Mobile' as well;

(c) if so, the names of States making such requests; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

White paper on ISI activities

1616. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hon'ble Home Minister had promised on numerous occasions that Government would issue a White Paper on ISI activities in India;

(b) if so, whether the said paper has since been issued;

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

(d) by when the issuance of such a paper is expected?

Report of Amnesty International on minorities

1617. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the latest report of Amnesty International in which the charge of minority persecution was levelled against India;

(b) whether the National Human Rights Commission has issued a rejoinder to Amnesty International's observations on the minority status in India; and

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(c) whether Government of India provides free and fair access to international human rights activists for visiting our detention camps, jails and prisons?

Toy planes to target important structures in Jammu and Kashmir

1618. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has got any intelligence information that Lashakar-e-Tayyeba has sent 20 Toy planes to Jammu and Kashmir to target VVIPs and important structures, buildings and places in Jammu and Kashmir and other States;

(b) if so, the details of the intelligence Report; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry to deal with the situation?

Purchasing of anti-tuberculosis medicines

1619. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have been spending over Rs. 50 lakh annually to buy anti-tuberculosis medicines from open market whereas the World Health Organisation have offered these medicines free of cost;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for procuring these medicines at heavy cost of Rs. 50 lakh per annum;

(c) whether other hospitals in Delhi are receiving these drugs for free from WHO under the revised National TB Control Programme since 1993; and

(d) if so, whether Government will institute an inquiry into the purchase of drugs by MCD?

Increase in crimes

1620. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in incidents like murders, decoity, looting in certain States in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such States along-with the percentage increase registered in the crime rate during the said period; and

(c) the overall law and order situation in the Northern States of Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh during the said period?

Progress of cases filed by CBI

1621. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed by CBI during the last ten years and which of these ended in acquittal for want of evidence; and

(b) the number of such cases filed against Central and State Government Ministers; how many remained pending for over five years; and how many have been still dragging on for 5 years without framing any charges, when the concerned judges have been inclined to dismiss the cases on preliminaries like 'misjoinder of accused', but for CBI's insistence to drag on?

Civil infrastructure in Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh

1622. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have now decided to build civil infrastructure in the Tawang District in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are Government's plans; and

(c) what further steps are being taken for the construction of roads and other developmental activities in the district?

Growing clout of terrorists in Manipur

†1623. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAS and other officers in North-Eastern State of Manipur have surrendered before the so-called courts run by the terrorists;

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

(c) whether this kind of action by the officers reflects the growing clout of terrorists;

(d) if so, the steps are being taken by Government to provide security and relief to the Government officials and masses against the fear of the terrorists; and

(e) whether Government propose to make efforts to bring these terrorists into the mainstream of the country?

Talks with Naga rebels

1624. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his visit to Kohima in October last held talks with various groups of Naga rebels;

(b) if so, the names of the leaders and the specific Naga factions which they represent, who took part in the deliberations; and

(c) whether any specific issues were discussed during the talks and the outcome thereof?

Observations of Director, CBI at the Interpol General Assembly

1625. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the observations made by Director, CBI, in Interpol General Assembly, that corrosive activities of international criminals in the Post-Cold War year threaten all regions and nations alike and that technological advancement and globalisation coupled with availability of financial and legal expertise have enabled organized crime groups to diversify their activities; and

(b) if so, in this scenario, whether Government are adequately equipped in apprehending the criminals, investigating the crimes and ultimately securing deterrent punishment to them and what is the conviction rate of such criminals?

Financial assistance to States

1626. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of financial assistance/loan sanctioned and the amount released by the Union Government for drought and flood relief during the current year 2003-04; and

(b) the source and utilisation status of amount released for the same, State-wise?

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