

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the May 18, 2006/Vaisakha 28, 1928 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Information and Broadcasting; Overseas Indian Affairs; Panchayati Raj; Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

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#### Generation from RAPS

3486. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:  
SHRI LALIT KISHORE  
CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Unit-1 of Rajasthan Atomic Energy Power Station (RAPS), Rawatbhata has stopped generation since October, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when it is likely to recommence the generation;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to compensate Rajasthan for loss of generation from RAPS Unit-1;

(e) whether any request have been received from the State Government of Rajasthan to enhance allocation from RAPS Unit-III to VI; and

(f) if so, the steps that have been taken so far by Government to meet the demand of the State, till date?

#### Generation of electricity from atomic power in Rajasthan

†3487. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey had been conducted to generate electricity from atomic power at any other place also in addition to Rawatbhata in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether based on the said survey the possibility of establishing an atomic power station on the bank of Mahi Bajaj Sagar in Bansbara district had been expressed;

(d) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard so far; and

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(e) whether in order to explore the possibilities of installing an atomic power station elsewhere also in Rajasthan, the proposal to conduct surveys is under consideration?

#### **Advantages for joining ITER**

3488. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would join ITER in a few days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the advantages in case India joins the ITER; and

(d) what are the other nations who have already joined the ITER?

#### **Uranium Project in Nalagonda (A.P.)**

3489. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded environmental clearance to the uranium project proposed to be set-up in Nalagonda District and two other places;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the precautions that have been taken regarding (i) endanger people's health, and (ii) olegraoation of environment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Supply of Uranium to Heavy Water Reactors**

3490. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's nuclear power programme is heading for a crisis as

natural uranium, the fuel that drives 13 Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) in the country, is in short supply;

(b) whether it is a fact that the load factor achieved by the nuclear power stations has come down due to non-availability of nuclear fuel as the development of domestic mines has not kept pace with addition of generating capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take so as to provide enough supply of natural uranium for 13 PHWRs in the country?

#### **Import, demand and production of coal**

3491. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to import coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated coal reserves in the country;

(d) annual demand and production of coal in the country; and

(e) the reasons for Government not being able to produce sufficient quantity of coal from its own mines to meet the domestic requirement?

#### **Pneumoconiosis cases in coal mines**

3492. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN AHAMED: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases of pneumoconiosis detected in coal mines in all the subsidiary of Coal India Ltd. and captive coal mines given to private companies during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the coal companies to give them adequate treatment and package of rehabilitation;

(c) the measures being taken by the coal companies to prevent recurrence of Pneumoconiosis; and

(d) the role of Government in this regard?

#### **Coal production**

3493. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power, steel and cement sectors have called upon Government to chalk out emergency measures to step up coal production which has remained sluggish of late;

(b) whether Government propose additional investment of more than Rs. 3000 crores in existing coal blocks under CIL and Singareni Coal Field Ltd.; and

(c) whether energy, cement and steel sectors would be allowed to bid for the new blocks as captive mining units?

#### **New coal reserves**

†3494. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new coal reserves have been discovered during the past one decade in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of coal reserves explored during the above period; and

(c) the total amount spent for this exploration?

#### **Production of coal**

†3495. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for fresh capital-investment to increase the production of coal in the country;

(b) if so, the additional capital required with regard to surface and underground mines; and

(c) the rate of increase in production after the said capital investment?

#### **Allocation of Bissar coal block for thermal power station in Chhattisgarh**

†3496. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Chhattisgarh had sought allocation of Bissar coal block for proposed 2 x 660 MW thermal power station at Sargiya (Bhaiyathan) last year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision to allocate Bissar coal block for the said power station had been taken by Government in April, 2005;

(c) if so, by when the formal information would be conveyed to Government of Chhattisgarh in this regard and the reasons for delay in communicating the same; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that work on this project is not hampered due to delay in allocation of Bissar coal block?

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### Reforms in coal sector

3497. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has put forward a number of proposals to kick start reforms in the coal sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the proposals is to give coal sector the infrastructure status;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has recommended amending the Mines Act, to allow coal blocks to private parties;

(d) if so, the details thereon; and

(e) what are the other proposals put forward by the Planning Commission?

### Foreign investment in coal mines

†3498. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to allow foreign companies to make hundred per cent investment in the coal mines;

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

(c) the policy of Government regarding this proposal?

### Modernization of telecom services

3499. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the present scenario of growing competition from the private players Government have initiated steps to modernise the telecom services in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof for modernisation/upgradation during the last three years, year-wise, circle-wise?

### Amendment of the Indian Telegraph Act

3500. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has issued new guidelines in respect of telephone tapping;

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

(c) whether the proposed guidelines not impinge the power of the competent authority under Section 5 (2) of the Indian Telegraph Act because under this Section the competent authority can order for any message or class messages;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to bring an amendment to the Indian Telegraph Act in view of the (a) above;

(f) if so, the details thereon; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Shortage of optical fibre material in Uttaranchal

†3501. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in Uttaranchal which can be connected by optical fibre;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that several telephone exchanges in the State are not being able to provide high

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level services due to lack of optical fibre material; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps being taken by Government to ensure the sufficient availability of material for telephone services in the State?

#### **IT hubs in Vijayawada and Orissa**

3502. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government propose to develop another IT hub in Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Central Government to set up such IT hub in the cash strapped Orissa State to help the State to improve its economy?

#### **VSNL's partnership with South Africa**

†3503. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., a Central Government Undertaking is planning to start its operations by entering into a partnership in land line communication project in South Africa; and

(b) if so, the details of the countries with which Corporation has entered into agreements during the last three years?

#### **Revolution in telecom industry**

3504. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to bear the cost of Rs. 1,000 crores for providing more spectrum to the telecommunication industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to make second revolution in telecom industry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Release of Commemorative Stamp**

†3505. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to release a postal stamp on completion of fifty glorious years of Mumbai University;

(b) whether Government have received any suggestions in this regard from State Government, University and people's representatives; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's opinion in this regard?

#### **Expansion of cellular services of BSNL in Gujarat**

†3506. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the plan made for the expansion of cellular services of BSNL in Navsari, Walsad

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and Daang districts in Gujarat during the year 2006-07; and

(b) the provision made for the implementation of abovesaid plan?

#### **Cyber crimes**

3507. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cyber crime committed in Indian States, trans-States and trans-nations are on increase; and

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating to bring better legislation to address the situation?

#### **Navratna status to BSNL**

3508. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSNL has been given status of a Mini-Ratna;

(b) whether BSNL could not be given status of 'Navratna' like MTNL as it did not meet the eligibility criteria; and

(c) if so, the specific eligibility parameters to be fulfilled for giving 'Navratna' status to BSNL?

#### **Computerisation of post offices in the villages**

3509. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide modern computers to the post offices located in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details therefor?

#### **Unsolicited calls**

†3510. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any measures to impose the ban on unsolicited calls being made on mobile and landline phones by some commercial companies in order to boost their business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken against those who are responsible for ensuring access to the subscribers telephone numbers by the companies?

#### **Sending back of US Ambassador in India**

3511. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:  
SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from the State Government of West Bengal to send back the U.S. Ambassador in India for his uncalled for letter to the Chief Minister; and

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(b) if so, the actions taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Nuclear Cooperation with U.S.**

3512. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India recently signed a nuclear cooperation treaty with the U.S.; and

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

#### **Muslims in Selection Board**

3513. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Muslim Intellectuals, N.G.Os and academicians have demanded that there should be at least one Muslim on each Selection Board that conducts recruitment tests;

(b) whether they have also demanded proportionate representation in Government services including defence forces; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Security of Indian workers in Afghanistan**

3514. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian engineer working in Afghanistan was kidnapped and beheaded by the Talibans recently;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Indians working in Afghanistan are being targeted by Taliban extremists;

(c) if so, the security scenario in Afghanistan;

(d) whether the neighbouring country hostile to India and which has an influence over Talibans is secretly targeting Indians through Talibans; and

(e) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate security to Indian workers in Afghanistan?

#### **Bilateral relation with China**

†3515. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and China had bilateral talks, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed; and

(c) the progress of the talks in the matter?

#### **Meeting of Joint Boundary Working Group of India and Bangladesh**

3516. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:  
SHRI PRASANTA  
CHATTERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of meetings of Joint Boundary Working Group between India and Bangladesh that have taken place so far to resolve issues pertaining to 1974 Land Boundary Agreement; and

(b) whether the issue of exchange of enclaves featured in these meetings?

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**Missing RAW officers**

3517. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of RAW who are still missing at present;

(b) since when these officers are missing;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the officers of the rank of Joint Secretary who mysteriously disappeared about two years back was spotted in U.K. and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether that officer had been brought back from that country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**SAARC Observer**

3518. SHRIMATI BRINDA  
KARAT:  
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India backed US as SAARC observer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that various countries such as China and Japan have shown interest to become as SAARC observers;

(d) if so, whether India backed such proposal; and

(e) if so, the reason therefor?

**Centres in SAARC countries**

3519. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up Centres in SAARC countries to facilitate people to people exchanges in the field of science, academics, literature and culture as envisaged in the SAARC Declarations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**IFS officer in Human trafficking**

3520. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:  
SHRIMATI SYEDA  
ANWARA TAIMUR:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has allegedly detected involvement of a senior officer of Indian Foreign Services in the business of human trafficking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CBI conducted a search and seizure operation at the residence of the said officer while he was on tour abroad;

(d) if so, details of the operation; and

(e) the reasons for not conducting the operation prior to the suspected officer's departure on tour or his return?



### **Visit of Sri Lankan President**

3521. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS

KAUR:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Sri Lankan President to New Delhi, Government assured him of India's intervention in Sri Lankan peace process;

(b) if so, in what context such offer of intervention was made; and

(c) whether any agreement or understanding were reached during the visit, if so, details thereof?

### **Military action against Iran**

†3522. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER

SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR

JOSHI:

SHRI SHANTARAM

LAXMAN NAIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards statements given by the representatives of the Government of America regarding carrying out military action against Iran;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have decided to take any diplomatic measure to avoid military action against Iran?

### **Manipulation by IFS officer**

3523. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top officer of IFS has recently manipulated his admission in German Hospital, on his way back from an official tour to Brazil where he had gone on official tour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this official is also involved in a case of human trafficking of a number of persons for facilitating the entry of illegal immigrants under the cover of dance troupe in 2005 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken against him?

### **Separation of civil and nuclear facilities**

3524. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Foreign Secretary during his visit to Washington in December last, discussed the strategy for implementation of the Indo-US nuclear deal of 18th July, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy chalked out for separation of civilian and military nuclear sites, and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement the same?

### **Concern about terrorist camps**

3525. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while accepting Pak President's invitation has conveyed through the visiting Pak Foreign Minister India's deep concern about the continuing active existence of terrorist

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camps and infrastructure of terrorism on the Pakistan side, in the context of terrorist attacks in New Delhi and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the Pak reaction and response thereto?

**Delay in construction of Regional Passport Office in Bangalore**

3526. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Karnataka has allotted 3 acres of land in 2000 for construction of Regional Passport Office in Bangalore;

(b) if so, why has the Ministry of External Affairs failed to utilize the land, and the reasons for the delay in constructing the Regional Passport Office building in Bangalore;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General has found a loss of Rs. 36.54 lakhs incurred yearly by RPO in Bangalore for functioning in a rented building; and

(d) when would the building be completed?

**Safety of Indian workers in Afghanistan**

3527. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any concrete steps for the safety and security of Indian workers in Afghanistan in view of recent kidnapping and killing of two Indians;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indians' working in Afghanistan at present;

(d) whether Government propose to pull out workers in view of threat to their life in that country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Foreign visit of Prime Minister**

3528. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:  
DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had recently visited Germany and other countries;

(b) if so, the bilateral and multilateral issues that figured during the visit to each country and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether any agreement signed during the visit; and

(d) if so, the salient features thereof, agreement-wise?

**Relaxation in the visa policy**

3529. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of the continuing peace process between India and Pakistan there is no relaxation in the visa policy, which is the main road block in people to people contacts;

(b) whether the Ministry is planning to give relaxation unilaterally to the senior citizens, who are keen to visit their birth place; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

#### **Delhi-Kathmandu bus service**

3530. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to start a bus service between Delhi and Kathmandu on the pattern of Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service;

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Amritsar-Nankana Sahib bus service**

3531. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when was the bus service from Amritsar to Nankana Sahib (Pakistan) started;

(b) the number of passengers that have utilized this both ways till 30th April, 2006;

(c) what are the difficulties about its popularity;

(d) what steps are going to be taken by Government like easy grant of Visa; and

(e) the similar details regarding Amritsar-Lahore Bus Service?

#### **Agreement with Tazakistan**

3532. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the topics on which agreements were signed between the Governments of India and Tazakistan in April, 2006 when Indian Prime Minister visited that country;

(b) whether any Joint Commissions of the two countries were set up to monitor

the progress regarding the implementation of the agreements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Restoration of Democracy in Nepal**

3533. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of talks held between the King of Nepal and Prime Minister's special envoy who visited the Himalayan Kingdom in April last with special reference to the restoration of democracy in the Kingdom; and

(b) the follow up action taken/proposed to be taken by the two Governments to implement the decisions arrived at during the talks?

#### **Traffic patterns for planned urban development**

3534. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to predict traffic patterns for planned urban development, Government are setting up a National Urban Transport Information Centre to serve as traffic, emission, ridership and travel behaviour;

(b) if so, whether data centres would help policy-makers and implementation agencies to determine the feasibility of the projects being undertaken;

(c) whether this move has assumed significance in backdrop of the recent Budget announcement on having metro system in Hyderabad, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

#### **Bangladesh bus service to Guwahati**

3535. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is keen to expand its bus service up to Guwahati as well as to strengthen water ways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started?

#### **Revival of Democracy in Nepal**

3536. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government mediated between the King and the leaders of the seven party alliance (SPA) for revival of the process of democracy in Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also sponsored/delegated individuals as its emissaries to hold talks with the leaders of the banned Maoist outfits in Nepal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the broad objectives, if any, behind the initiatives taken by Government during the recent pro-democracy agitation in Nepal and role of the banned Maoist outfit therein; and

(f) the role, if any, being envisaged of itself by Government in the present situation in Nepal?

#### **Withdrawal of troops from Siachen**

3537. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan has come closer to an understanding on withdrawal of troops from Siachen with Islamabad inclined 'in-principle' to acknowledge current Indian troops positions on the glacier;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard between these two countries have been reached and signed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether this agreement is a positive step and would help in solving other issues between two countries; and

(d) whether all the difference in this regard have completely been settled?

#### **Agreement to fight terrorism**

3538. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and US have agreed to jointly fight terrorism in India and other parts of the world;

(b) if so, whether any concrete decision in this regard were reached between the two countries;

(c) whether PM also discussed cross-border terrorism with Afghanistan Prime Minister during his recent visit;

(d) if so, whether India also reached agreement with Germany and Uzbekistan on cross border terrorism;

(e) if so, the number of countries India has joined to fight terrorism globally; and

(f) whether any concrete programme of action has been formulated?

### **Anti-Indian sentiments in Nepal**

3539. SHRI MANOHAR GAJANAN JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the growing anti-Indian sentiments among the Nepali people in the wake of pro-democracy movement in Nepal; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to safeguard country's interest in Nepal?

### **Democratic system in Nepal**

†3540. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India has expressed its concern to the Government of Nepal over abolition of democratic system in Nepal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government of India have strictly criticized brutal suppression of nationwide agitation for restoration of democracy in Nepal by seven democratic parties of Nepal, recently;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of India is continuing its efforts for restoration of democracy in Nepal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and outcome of such efforts made so far?

### **Intervention in Sri Lankan Peace Process**

3541. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan President during his recent visit to New Delhi, discussed his apprehensions about collapse of the peace process with LTTE and the

urgency of shoring up the ceasefire between the LTTE and the Sri Lankan armed forces;

(b) whether Indian intervention in the process was sought;

(c) if so, the details of the talks and outcome thereof; and

(d) the Indian response to the proposal?

### **Code of conduct for electronic media**

3542. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue any guidelines or code of conduct to the electronic media in the matter of programmes telecast by them;

(b) whether these guidelines cover subjects like obscenity, superstitions, misrepresentations through advertisements, crime reporting or any of them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Fixed point chart of programmes**

3543. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to change the fixed point chart of the programmes being broadcast at National Channel, All India Radio, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the revised fixed point chart;

(c) the details of the revision in the fee structure of presenters of different programmes *vis-a-vis* revised fixed point chart; and

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(d) the details of the policy under which programmes of Vividh Bharti are repeated and broadcast after 11 p.m. from National Channel, New Delhi?

#### **Satellite T.V. channel**

3544. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications received for operating satellite T.V. channel by existing TV companies and new companies during the past two years showing the date of application in each case;

(b) the decision taken by Government in each case showing the date of permission/refusal in each case with reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of application pending with Government?

#### **Backlog vacancies**

3545. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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

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

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

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

#### **TV/Radio stations in Amritsar**

3546. DR. M.S. GILL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Amritsar continues to be without T.V./Radio studios whereas a one thousand feet high 20 KV transmeter tower to cover Pakistan as they cover us and a 20 KV F.M. facility provided in the Tenth Plan; and

(b) whether Government would consider changing the old policy of continued neglect of Amritsar's development in every field by doing same thing positive?

#### **Free movement of scribes**

3547. SHRI RAJKUAMR DHOT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government favour free movement of scribes across the borders in the South Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to remove restrictions on movement of journalists?

#### **Anti-family unity serials**

3548. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on D.D. National Channels a large number of serials are telecast for larger and longer period showing the mal-attitude and mal-behaviour of young ones and particularly to ladies for the separation of a family instead of unity;

(b) if so, the details of such serials and what are the reasons for permitting such serials which are anti-family to be telecast; and

(c) the instruction expected to be issued by Government for telecast of family union serials and by when?

**Live telecast of sports by  
Doordarshan**

‡3549. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that live telecast of all other sports' competitions other than the cricket is being neglected by Doordarshan;

(b) the comparative data of live telecast of cricket *vis-a-vis* other sports by Doordarshan; and

(c) the policy of Doordarshan in regard to live telecast of sports?

**Indecent presentation of women in  
print and electronic media**

3550. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase of provocative advertisements by indecent presentation of women in print and electronic media;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action so far taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check the violation of the Act?

**Conditions of overseas Indians**

3551. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the living and economic conditions of overseas Indians in general and the working class in particular;

(b) whether the overseas Indians are treated as second class citizens in the social status;

(c) whether there is a silent move to discourage the inflow of Indians abroad and get employed;

(d) whether it is a fact that overseas Indians are not employed in certain category of employment irrespective of their merit, qualification and fitness; and

(e) the initiative to make a thorough study of the various problems of Indians abroad and the measures proposed to be taken to correct such burning issues faced by them?

**Inhuman treatment with Indian  
labourers migrated in  
gulf countries**

3552. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian labourers migrated to Gulf countries are being subjected to inhuman treatment;

(b) if so, whether it is because of absence of any comprehensive migration policy;

(c) whether Government are considering for any comprehensive policy so that labourers are not faced with inhuman treatment in future; and

(d) if so, by when and in what manner the migration policy is being enacted?

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### **Elections to Panchayati Raj Institutions**

‡3553. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether timely elections for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) are being held in all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(c) whether all the States have constituted State Election Commissions to hold these elections; and

(d) if so, the procedure of appointment of Election Commissioners of these Commissions?

### **Rural business hubs**

3554. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up rural business hubs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what measures are being taken to establish linkage between panchayats and industry; and

(d) what measures are being taken for computerization of panchayats?

### **Women reservation in panchayats**

3555. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States having and not having elected three tier panchayats;

(b) the percentage of women reservation prevailing in the panchayats, State-wise;

(c) the details of the powers delegated to the panchayats by each State; and

(d) the names of the States where the gram panchayats are instructed to take suggestions from gram-samsad?

### **Panchayati raj meets**

3556. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are organising panchayati raj meets all over the country;

(b) if so, the details of such meet organised so far;

(c) the expenditure incurred for this purpose since the present dispensation took over charge; and

(d) what are the major findings of these conferences?

### **Gram Sabhas**

3557. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to recommend to the State Government any changes in the matter of holdings Gram Sabhas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any study with respect to the functioning of Gram Sabhas in the country has been made after new regime of panchayat system become operational after 73rd Constitutional Amendment?

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**Use of MPLAD fund**

3558. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Government servants, civil servants and other categories of Government officials who got permission to openly select land and MPLAD funds for their extra-curricular activities in the last three fiscal years;

(b) whether Government have framed a policy to ensure that civil servants properly use MP funds and other sanctions for their welfare;

(c) whether Government have appointed any Competent Authority to ensure that civil servants properly use funds from MPLADS and other such official sources;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of new innovatory suggestions made by civil servants on ways and means to raise funds and use them for their good work?

**Code of conduct for civil servants**

3559. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any code of conduct or conduct rules which have to be strictly observed by members of the All India Services like the IAS, IRS etc. in soliciting funds or advertisements, etc. from MPs and others;

(b) to what extent have these conduct rules to be amended to remove all ambiguities;

(c) whether it is a fact that such solicitations for funds from MPs and others leads to "un-officer like" conduct; and

(d) the steps proposed to change existing law conditions, etc.?

**Pensions from NGOs**

3560. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working Government servants are receiving pension from various international Non-Governmental Organizations; and

(b) if so, the number of such working servants and the posts they are holding in Government?

**Employees of Central Secretariat**

†3561. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the officers and employees of Central Secretariat Services have continued to observe fast in front of North Block for the past several years;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Government for redressal of their problems;

(c) the reasons for which the officers and employees are compelled to hold onto their fast;

(d) whether any initiative has been taken by Government to break this fast; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting of Central Public Services Authority**

3562. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Public Services Authority to

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advice Government on all issues regarding Central Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the authority is likely to be established?

#### **SC/ST in Government Services**

3563. DR. GYAN PRAKASH  
PILANIA:  
SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of SC and ST population and that of their share in Central Government Services including the services of Government undertakings;

(b) the percentage of SC and ST population in different States and UTs and also the percentage of SC and ST service holders in these States and UTs; and

(c) the steps contemplated by Government to minimize disparity in these two types percentages, i.e. population and the holding of service in percentage as above?

#### **Administrative Vigilance Unit**

‡3564. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:  
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Administrative Vigilance Unit which issues guidelines for eradication of corruption and keeps vigil on different Ministries of Government and their functions, is operating under the Ministry;

(b) if so, the directives issued by the unit for eradication of corruption during last three years;

(c) the dates when the review of compliance of these directions has been made during the said period; and

(d) the details of the achievements made?

#### **Slow functioning of CBI**

‡3565. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse remarks made by various courts including the High Court of Jharkhand about the slow functioning of Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) whether Government intend to issue any guidelines or fix the time schedule of the investigation in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Discussions between CBI officials and Chinese delegation**

3566. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty-member Chinese delegation, led by He Yong, arrived in India and held talks with CBI officials on vigilance and anti-corruption measures;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and decisions taken thereon so far;

(c) whether Government are following a policy of zero tolerance in public services; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases where the policy of zero tolerance has been followed?

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**Age limit for UPSC examinations**

3567. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request or representation from student organizations to change the determining date of age limit to UPSC examinations from August 1st to an earlier date; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

**IAS/IPS/IRS officers from tribal areas**

3568. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals from Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh who have come into IAS, IPS, IRS and other senior level Government jobs through UPSC during the last five years State-wise, year-wise;

(b) from which region do the tribals come most into the above mentioned posts; and

(c) whether Government would try to help the tribals of Central India by improving their human resource and providing specialized training?

**Tribal officers from Central India**

3569. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of tribal officers *i.e.* IAS, IPS, IRS and other Service Class I Officers who hail from Central India, *i.e.* Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, out of the 7 per cent reservation that is accorded to the tribals; and

(b) the figures for the last three years showing the States from which the tribal officers hail from?

**BPL families in Uttar Pradesh**

3570. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of families, State-wise and particularly in Uttar Pradesh, living below poverty line as on date, during the last three years;

(b) whether the number of families living below poverty line has increased or decreased during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the number of such families is reported to be decreased during the next three years, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not taking proper action for the betterment of the life of such families?

**BPL population in States**

‡3571. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 45 per cent of country's population reside in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the most of the BPL population is also residing in these States; and

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(d) if so, the percentage of total poors of the country residing in these States?

#### **Investment to improve the economy**

3572. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided the decade ahead to turn into one of investment to convert the nation into a first-rate agricultural, industrial and service economy; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction so far?

#### **Bharat Nirman Programme in Rajasthan**

3573. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several projects proposed by the State Government of Rajasthan, which fall under the canopy of 'Bharat Nirman Programme', are pending for approval of the Central Government, since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in disposal/ approval; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be approved?

#### **CSS in Maharashtra**

3574. SHRI DARA SINGH:  
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) which are being

implemented in Maharashtra State, till date, indicating name of the scheme, date from which being implemented, physical progress, year-wise since start of scheme, year-wise financial progress, present status, findings of evaluation, review etc.;

(b) whether Government have set up any advisory/monitoring Committee to identify such Central Schemes that could be moved to the States; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee in respect of Maharashtra and modalities suggested therefor?

#### **Delay in implementing Government Scheme**

†3575. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it takes too much time in completing Government schemes due to several reasons;

(b) the reasons behind this delay; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to remove these shortcomings?

#### **Global Indian Survey**

3576. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the global Indian Survey conducted by A.C. Nielsen for B.B.C. World;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government on the findings of survey and the steps taken thereon?

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**Guidelines to develop backward districts of country**

3577. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized the guidelines to develop the backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) the time by when these are likely to be finalized and implemented?

**Special status to Bihar**

†3578. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposal passed by the Bihar Legislative Assembly in which a demand has been made to grant the special status to Bihar;

(b) whether any memorandum or request has been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, Government's view thereon?

**Upgradation and maintenance of National Highways**

3579. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of National Highways are in need of extensive repair;

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

(c) whether Government propose to

adopt new technology in order to upgrade and maintain some National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the new technology is economical; and

(f) if so, the savings to be affected in this regard?

**Progress of North-South and East-West Corridor**

†3580. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the progress of proposed North-South and East-West corridors for linking important places of the country with roadways;

(b) by when this project is likely to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for delay in this project and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

**Completion of NHPs**

†3581. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the roads in kilometers developed in three phases under National Highway Project;

(b) the details of the cost thereof, kilometer-wise and State-wise;

(c) the target of the road-development in kilometers in fourth-phase;

(d) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the project and by when it would be completed;

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(e) whether Government propose to seek assistance from State Governments also in this phase; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of new ports**

3582. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up 276 ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much amount would be required and the manner in which it is proposed to be generated?

#### **Pedestrian bridges along NH-5**

3583. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new criteria laid down to build pedestrian bridges at various points along the NH-5;

(b) the details of new criteria;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NHAI and Government have not shown any inclination to improve passenger and pedestrian facilities at important points;

(d) to what extent this opposition is to change due to inertia and lack of interest by the NHAI; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the entire matter and demands of public and Road Safety Organizations?

#### **Safety of Inland Water Transport**

3584. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to rejuvenate the Inland Water Transport (IWT) operations;

(b) if so, the details of navigable waterways including navigable by mechanically propelled vessels till date, State-wise and category-wise;

(c) the number of accidents occurred and loss of life suffered during IWT operations during the last three years, year-wise, State-wise and category-wise;

(d) the step taken for safety of IWT sector in the light of the above accidents; and

(e) the details of the project including the fund sought for developing/modifying IWT till date, State-wise, category-wise?

#### **Four laning of Zirakpur-Parwanoo**

3585. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRIMATI SYEDA  
ANWARA TAIMUR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four laning of the Zirakpur-Parwanoo portion of NH-22 including the bypass for Pijore-Kala and Parwanoo has been approved by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that detailed project reports and feasibility study in respect of the project are yet to be completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the DPR and feasibility study are likely to be completed?

**Mobile medical vans for accident prone zones**

3586. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to operate mobile medical vans on the National Highways passing through Punjab in accident prone areas in consultation with the State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Malaysia's offer to boost NHAI activities**

3587. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Malaysia has proposed to offer a "total solutions package" to boost NHAI activities, involving planning, implementation and management services to complement the activities of the NHAI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Minister of Public Works Department, Malaysia, has suggested certain measures for development of a coherent traffic dispersal programme and efficient inter-city linkages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Widening of road in Himachal Pradesh**

†3588. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received

any proposal from Government of Himachal Pradesh for widening doubling the Liyod-Kattarvai-Rohadu road;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds sanctioned and time frame fixed for construction of this double lane road;

(d) whether it is a fact that the funds sanctioned to construct this double lane road have not been utilised properly;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken in this case; and

(f) if not, the extent position of the project?

**Funds allocated for the development of ports in Maharashtra**

3589. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra have been requesting the Central Government since 2002 for grant of central assistance for development of ports in Maharashtra;

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

(c) if not, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**International Standard Highways**

3590. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study of the broken and unrepaired National Highways in the country;

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(b) whether due to inadequate capacity, poor quality of National Highway, the country loses crores of rupees a year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to construct National Highway of International Standard?

#### **Improvement of roads in North-Eastern Region**

3591. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal for undertaking/improvement/constructions of various roads in the N.E. Regions, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details in all the States of N.E. Region, road-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of total allocations during the current financial year?

#### **Decongesting city traffic in Karnataka**

3592. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have requested for special assistance for upgradation of 38 PWD Link/Arterial Roads, which are economically important, in Bangalore city for decongesting the city traffic;

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

(c) whether similar requests have been received from other State Governments;

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the amount sanction therefor; and

(e) the Central Government's response to the Karnataka's proposal?

#### **Funds allocated for repair of damaged NHs in Andhra Pradesh**

3593. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 14 National Highways have been damaged in Andhra Pradesh due to recent incessant rains and floods in 2005;

(b) the measures Government have taken to restore filling of pot holes, patch repairs, repair of cross drainage works etc.;

(c) the amount that has been allocated and released for the repair of these 14 National Highways; and

(d) the details of amount released for repair of these roads, National Highway-wise?

#### **Upgradation of roads in Uttaranchal**

†3594. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of roads in kilometers upgraded to Highways in the State of Uttaranchal;

(b) the names of such roads which have been upgraded to highways;

(c) the amount so far spent on the roads declared as highways;

(d) whether Government have received

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any complaints that most of these highways are deplorable; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **New National Highways for North-Eastern Region**

3595. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of works in the construction of Golden Quadrilateral;

(b) the plan to connect North-Eastern States with the Golden Quadrilateral;

(c) the names of the States of the country not having direct link with the G.Q.;

(d) whether Government are planning for new National Highways to connect these States with the G.Q.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Completion of Mysore-Bangalore highway**

3596. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether clearance has been given by the Supreme Court to go ahead with the construction of 110 Km. long Mysore-Bangalore 2200 crore rupees corridor project which was dumped in the cold storage for several years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any target has been fixed for the completion of this dream project of Karnataka; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Upgradation of highways in Gujarat**

†3597. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests received by Government from Gujarat State for upgrading the State Highways to National Highway during 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the number of highways along with names thereof proposed for upgradation in the requests and the details of highways upgraded; and

(c) the number and names of highways for which requests are pending?

#### **Specific type of licence plates**

3598. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued orders and directives to all State Governments that all vehicles plying in their respective States must have a specific type of licence plate within the next few months;

(b) if so, the details of this circular or advisory or directive issued by Government to ensure that people in India use only one type of licence plate;

(c) whether Government have also fixed the price of this licence plate;

(d) what would be the penalties if State Governments refuse to heed this warning of Central Government; and

(e) the details thereof?

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**Expenditure incurred on the development of NHs and Golden Quadrilateral**

†3599. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from infrastructural development point of view in the country Government have fixed the target to invest one lac and eighty thousand crore rupees on the construction and development of National Highways and Golden Quadrilateral roads;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the last financial year the work has been allotted to the contractors to construed about 6000 Km. stretch of the National Highways in four lanes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and national highways, number-wise?

**Detection of foreign spy in space**

†3600. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of a foreign pay satellite within the space confines of county has been detected during the last five years till today;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of detection of foreign spy satellite in country's space limits during the last five years, year-wise?

**Launching of Skylab**

3601. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is

going to launch a Skylab in June-July this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the cost involved and benefits expected from it;

(c) whether it is totally indigenous venture or in collaboration with others; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Raising more orbit manoeuvres**

3602. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to launch more satellites in the future;

(b) if so, the present status of each satellite and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the likely date of launching of each satellite;

(d) whether Government are also raising more orbit manoeuvres over the next few days; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**OCMS for project monitoring**

3603. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up Online Computerized Monitoring System (OCMS) for projecting monitoring;

(b) to what extent it would improve the quality of project and infrastructure monitoring;

(c) the total cost likely to be incurred in the installation of the system; and

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(d) in what manner the system would help in taking remedial measures by the administrative ministries?

**Irregularities in sign boards of MPLADS**

†3604. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many irregularities are being committed in the sign boards of local Members of Parliament under MPLAD Scheme which are causing much apprehensions;

(b) the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken any action in this regard during the last two years; and

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

**Cost escalation in Central Government funded projects**

†3605. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government funded 605 projects are under construction and their construction cost is being estimated to be Rs. 2,67,815 crores at present;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the above said construction cost is in excess of the original construction cost of these projects; and

(d) if so, the actual original construction cost thereof?

**Expert Committee for constructions**

3606. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Committee has been appointed to look into the various aspects of constructions in Delhi, made in violation of the Municipal by-laws, which were ordered to be demolished in terms of High Court orders; and

(b) if so, the names of the Members of the Committee, its terms of reference and the time allowed to it for submission of its report?

**Augmentation of the open sewage drain at Nivedita Kunj, Delhi**

3607. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Urban Art Commission and/or its Task Force on NDMC have considered proposal for refurbishment/augmentation of the open sewerage drain (nullah) passing along the housing colony at Nivedita Kunj, Sector 10, Ramakrishna Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether complaints were lodged especially by the residents of the nearby areas about the nullah becoming health hazard due to dumping/piling up of garbage therein;

(d) whether it is a fact that although CPWD earmarked certain funds for construction of a link road by covering the nullah, the project remained unimplemented; and

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(e) if so, by when its implementation is contemplated?

**Mass transport system**

3608. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the PM has asked the State Governments to evolve their own technically and economically feasible solution for mass transport system in their major cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Central Government propose to provide financial help especially to the cash-strapped backward States such as Orissa for execution of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Urban transport policy**

3609. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any urban transport policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to provide financial assistance for transport facility in 63 cities;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Funds for Indore sewage disposal scheme**

†3610. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was sent to Central Government on 31st December, 2002 to sanction funds for sewage disposal scheme for Indore city; and

(b) if so, by when the funds are likely to be sanctioned?

**Encroachment by fast food vans**

3611. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by office-goers and general public due to encroachment by unauthorized fast food vans parked near Rajendra Place, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of such vans are operating illegally with the connivance of local police and do not have any licenses;

(c) the names and designations of local police authorities, who are responsible for allowing such illegal encroachment; and

(d) whether Government propose to take action against such police personnel and by when such encroachments are likely to be removed?

**Water for Delhi during summer season**

3612. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:  
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to meet the water requirements of the State of Delhi in the ensuing summer season;

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

Assistant who was suspended earlier, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

#### **Financial assistance to Maharashtra**

3613. SHRI DARA SINGH:  
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance released to Maharashtra and Rajasthan State for Urban Development during the last three years and thereafter, till date;

(b) the amount spent for development of Mumbai and Jaipur under the Urban Development Schemes during the said period, year-wise;

(c) whether Central Government proposes to give any special package/ increase the amount of financial assistance to Mumbai and Jaipur keeping in view its historical/tourist value; and

(d) if so, what Central assistance, till date has been provided in this regard for the financial year 2006-07 as compared to financial year 2005-06?

#### **Grabbing of DDA plot**

3614. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3390 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the vigilance inquiry initiated by DDA with regard to grabbing of a DDA plot D-90A, East of Kailash on which flats were constructed and sold by a builder, has since been completed; and

(b) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed on Officers other than the

#### **Tajendra Khanna Committee Report**

3615. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Tajendra Khanna Committee on unauthorized constructions in finalisation of its report;

(b) the recommendations of the Committee for regularizing existing additional residential units;

(c) whether Committee have made any recommendations on the existing FAR, height and dwelling units norms for plotted residential housing for plots of various sizes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the recommendations of this Committee would be incorporated in the Master Plan for Delhi 2021; and

(f) by when the Master Plan 2021 for Delhi is likely to be finalized and notified?

#### **Places identified in Punjab for public conveniences**

3616. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Punjab identified for providing public conveniences and proper development of urban areas in near future;

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the funds allocated for the purpose are not diverted to other purposes?

**DDA's New Pattern Housing  
Registration Scheme**

3617. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA has issued a Public Notice for Registrants of MIG flats under New Pattern Housing Registration Scheme-79 whereby it was informed that registrants who have not taken any refund/allotment may approach DDA for allotment of MIG flats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as a consequence of this Public Notice representations have been received from registrants for allotment of MIG flats;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken for allocation of MIG flats; and

(e) by when representationists would be made offer of allotment and the steps being taken to expedite the matter?

**People living in unauthorized  
colonies**

†3618. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of people living in unauthorized colonies in capital Delhi as on date, place-wise;

(b) whether alternative arrangements have been made to rehabilitate the people living in unauthorized colonies of Delhi before displacing them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Eight laning of Delhi Ring Road**

3619. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is proposed to make the entire Ring Road in Delhi an 8-lane to make commuting comfortable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to make the circular road signal free; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Additional room in type-II Quarters  
in Gole Market**

†3620. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1383 given in Rajya Sabha on 15th December, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed period of fifteen months since February, 2004 has lapsed and the construction work of an additional room in type II Quarters in Sector 4 of Gole Market is still incomplete;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this delay and what is the present status of this work; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken against the guilty contractor and officers?

**Backlog vacancies**

3621. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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

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(b) whether Special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

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

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

#### **New construction technology of ICRI**

3622. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new construction technology invented by Indian Construction Research Institute is not being used in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are aware that foreign technology with machinery leads to double the cost of almost all the Government projects?

#### **Master plan for building construction in planned manner**

†3623. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any master plan for encouraging construction of buildings in a planned manner in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by Delhiites due to ongoing anti-encroachment drive in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by the Government to mitigate these problems of Delhiites?

#### **Regular cleaning in unauthorised colonies in Delhi**

†3624. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular cleaning would also be done in the unauthorised colonies of Delhi;

(b) the number and the details of such colonies where this cleaning would be done;

(c) by when this work would be taken up and the number of days for completion of this work;

(d) by when this work would be taken up in the rest of the colonies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Delhi Ridge**

3625. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Geological Survey of India (GSI) has demarcated the Vasant Vihar-Vasant Kunj-Mahipalpur Ridge as part of "Delhi Ridge";

(b) if so, whether Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has identified the above ridge as "RIDGE" in the Master Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Central Government colonies deprived of DJB water**

3626. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Government staff residential colonies in New Delhi which have not been provided potable water by Delhi Jal Board yet but are supplied water from borewells;

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(b) whether necessary permission has been obtained by the concerned authority to supply boring water to these Government colonies in the capital city;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide potable water by Delhi Jal Board to these colonies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Financial assistance for different schemes in Goa**

3627. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes of Urban Development Ministry in force in the State of Goa;

(b) financial assistance given under different schemes to the State of Goa under each of the schemes;

(c) whether any proposal of the State Government under any of the schemes is pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Financial assistance under SJSRY**

3628. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government grants financial assistance under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) towards Urban Poverty Alleviation Scheme;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with assistance released under the scheme to the

State Governments/UTs during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether allocation under the scheme has been drastically reduced during the last few years, thereby affecting adversely implementation of the scheme in the States;

(d) if so, the details in this regard and whether the allocation would be raised; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Rise in real estate prices**

3629. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring the steep increase in real estate rates in metro and non-metro cities; if so, the details of the last three years;

(b) whether Government consider such trends as abnormal;

(c) whether it is a fact that the RBI in its recent Credit Policy had rated the real estate sector as enhanced risk for Bank Credit purposes; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to correct the rise in real estate prices?

#### **Schemes for unemployed youths**

‡3630. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes formulated for providing employment to unemployed youths;

(b) the number of unemployed persons

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benefited by these schemes during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps so as to make these schemes work more effectively in backward areas?

**Alarming increase in slum and BPL population**

3631. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of slums in urban areas and below poverty line population of urban areas of the country is increasing alarmingly;

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Central Government in regard to development of this population and to bring them to the main stream;

(c) whether it is also a fact that so-called development schemes of Central Government for the improvement in the lives of these population are all failures due to improper implementation and half-baked planning, embezzlement of money; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

**Poverty alleviation schemes**

3632. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally implemented/ sponsored poverty alleviation schemes under execution now;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in the recent times to ascertain

the impact of these schemes in poverty alleviation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Beneficial schemes for migrant labourers**

3633. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 30 million people migrated to urban areas from different States for employment according to 2001 Census;

(b) if so, whether Government have monitored the living conditions of such migrant labourers; and

(c) whether Government would launch special schemes for the benefit of migrant labourers as they generally do not get the benefits of Centrally sponsored schemes?

**Manual Scavengers Act**

3634. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation/enforcement of the employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993 in Uttaranchal;

(b) the details of the instructions issued for strict enforcement of the said Act in the State;

(c) whether Central grant have been sanctioned for construction of flush latrines in this State under the said Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the performance status in this State?

### **Working of Games/Sports Associations**

3635. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the prime purpose of Games/Sports Associations prevailing at various levels in our country and their coordination and control mechanism;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of such associations are in existence in name-sake without doing much service and activities and some of such associations are manned by a few vested/political interests doing very little; and

(c) would there not be a way out to get rid of such elements and introduce right persons for the right task?

### **Backlog vacancies**

3636. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

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

(b) whether Special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

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

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

### **Funds for development of sports in NER**

3637. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals from the North-

Eastern States for funds for the development of sports during the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the names of projects and the amount required as well as sanctioned or to be sanctioned, State-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government are going to provide special financial support to the N-E States as the North-Eastern Region is having great sports potential;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga**

3638. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

### **National Sports Development Fund**

3639. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created any National Sports Development Fund for promotion of sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any policy for spotting talented sportspersons in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Funds for welfare of youth**

3640. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for the welfare of youth to excel in different sports in the last five years;

(b) whether such allocations have been spent during the same period; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

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