

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—155

Export of the products of DWCRA self-help groups

2698. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any initiative on the part of Government to export products of DWCRA self-help groups with a common brand name with assistance from UNO;

(b) if so, the steps taken, so far;

(c) if not, the steps Government intend to take to make the self-help group movement more sustainable and to supplement efforts of the States like Andhra Pradesh where DWCRA is a success story;

(d) whether there is any proposal to rope in MNCs to market the DWCRA products; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Price Stabilisation Fund for plantation sector

2699. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal

has been formulated to seek funds from the World Bank and other multilateral agencies to enhance the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) created for the plantation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with its present status; and

(c) the details of other initiatives being taken, if any, to provide relief to the plantation sector?

Floriculture export

2700. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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

(a) whether floriculture exports from the country have gone up during the last two years;

(b) if so, the States exporting more floriculture products; and

(c) the measures proposed to encourage the floriculturists to grow more flowers to increase trade further?

Screening Committee for deputation to Singapore

2701. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Screening Committee for deputation to Singapore for participation in Second Round of Negotiations on the Indo-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) held on the 1st to 3rd July, 2003 has taken a number of decisions;

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed in the above meeting and the delegations participated therein;

(c) the decisions taken so far by CECA on various issues; and

(d) how many meetings have been held so far, date-wise and venue-wise and when the next meeting has been fixed with the details of the subjects, Ministry-wise, likely to be included in CECA?

Farm export subsidies

2702. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union has stuck to its stand that the farm export subsidies can not be reduced and to push forward proposals for the negotiations on the possible multilateral agreements on investment;

(b) if so, whether recently at Nyon near Geneva, a meeting was held with the developing countries on agriculture and the issues of special products, special safeguard measures and subsidies discussed;

(c) whether Government have decided to accord top priority to increase market access for products of dairy, cereals, sugar, meat, poultry, fruits and vegetables; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to see that WTO recommendations are fully met?

FDI Cap in various sectors

2703. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of increasing FDI Cap in telecom, aviation, natural gas and liquified natural gas sectors;

(b) whether Government are also thinking of increasing FDI to 100 per cent in scientific and technical magazines, periodicals and journals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Growth of exports

2704. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed a target of 12 per cent growth in exports during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details of the projections of rise in different sectors;

(c) whether this target has been worked out in consultation with the Export Promotion Councils; and

(d) the kind of incentives that Government, grant to the companies to boost the exports?

Mango exports

2705. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that mango exports had taken a beating in the international markets on account of fruit flies found in the consignments or for some other reasons, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this issue has since been resolved and has not affected the exports;

(c) whether some authority overseas had certified the consignments before these were air-lifted to foreign lands; and

(d) the foreign markets for fruits with contribution in foreign exchange during the last fiscal year?

Automobile exports

2706. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile exports have gone up by 65 per cent in the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange earned out of this;

(c) the prospects during the current fiscal year; and

(d) whether any kind of incentives are being given to the exporters to boost the exports, if so, the details thereof?

Bio-products exports

2707. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is poised to lead in bio-products exports; and

(b) if so, the detailed plan for becoming global players in exports with the details of the foreign markets and foreign exchange earned out of the business during the last fiscal year?

Losses to gems and jewellery industries of Jaipur

2708. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of losses suffered by the gems and jewellery industries of Jaipur, due to slow exports to the countries affected by the Gulf war and thereafter to those countries which remained cut off due to SARS epidemic;

(b) whether there has been substantially low demands of Indian gems and jewellery articles in the European countries, U.S.A. and Japan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the incentives Government propose to offer to pull the gems and jewellery industries of Jaipur from the present state of recession?

Free trade with Bangladesh

2709. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bangladesh has recently expressed its interest to have free trade with India;

(b) whether it has also urged to have joint ventures with India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government in this regard?

Export of spices

2710. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the different kinds of spices being exported from the country;
- (b) the amount earned by this export during the last three years; and
- (c) the States from where these spices are procured?

Projects under Indo-Korean partnership

2711. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the various projects launched in the country with the Indo-Korean partnership;
- (b) the places where these projects have been set up; and
- (c) the amount of investment made in these projects?

Setting up of distillery producing IMFL

2712. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made it compulsory for MNCs to seek Government's approval for setting up/ taking up any distillery producing IMFL;
- (b) if so, the outlines thereof;
- (c) the names of the distilleries taken over by MNCs in Maharashtra and Karnataka and whether in each case Government's approval was obtained; and
- (d) if not, the action Government propose to take in this regard?

Registration of food items imported in USA

2713. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that USA has made it mandatory to register with FDA all the manufactured, processed, packed food items imported into the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that foreigner exporter must also furnish, under the new rules, the details of US Agent and other details;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) to what extent it would affect exports from India?

Exports to China

2714. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the last financial year exports to China have significantly improved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the ratio of imports to exports; and
- (c) which sectors are likely to show better performance?

DEPB Scheme

2715. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases where DGFT has treated bank guarantees on par with letter of credit for extending benefits under the DEPB Scheme during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases alongwith the respective reasons where the request for benefits under DEPB were turned down on the grounds that bank guarantees cannot be treated at par with letter of credit;

(c) whether DGFT is aware that bank guarantees are the acceptable form for trade internationally in several countries; and

(d) the reasons for DGFT not keeping up with the international trade practices?

Trade with Russia, US, China and UK

†2716. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the actual status of Indo-Russia, Indo-US, Sino-India, Indo-UK trade during the last three years;

(b) whether any concrete steps are proposed to be taken for improvement in the trade with these countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Export of groundnut

2717. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that although India produces the maximum quantum of groundnut in the world, its export share is less than two per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to increase India's export share in the global market?

Supply of coal to MMTC

2718. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC Ltd. had entered into an agreement, with a supplier during 2001-02 for supply of coal of superior quality at a lower rate;

(b) whether during the carrying of this valid agreement MMTC entered into another agreement with the same supplier for supply of coal of lower quality at a higher rate;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) how much extra expenditure was incurred as a result thereof and officials responsible for this loss?

Manufacturing of sub-standard cement

2719. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Manufacturing Companies are found manufacturing sub-standard cement and not adhering to the specification of BIS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against such companies;

(d) whether Government have made BIS norms mandatory for the cement industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Cement factory in Manipur

2720. SHRIRISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the availability/deposit of lime stone in Manipur;

(b) whether the Government of Manipur has proposed for setting up of a 200 M.T. capacity per day cement factory in the State; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government to this effect?

Industrial growth centres in Manipur

2721. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which industrial growth centres were sanctioned for Manipur;

(b) the amount earmarked for the centres and the amount spent so far;

(c) the physical progress of the centres; and

(d) the time schedule for completion of the centres?

Registration process for intermediates and bulk drug

2722. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done away with the registration process for intermediates and bulk drug imports meant for exports;

(b) if so, whether this would give a big relief to the domestic pharma industry as it would not only make the import process

easier, but would also make the exports economical;

(c) whether this has been welcomed by the exporters; and

(d) if so, to what extent it would be helpful?

Merchandise exports to US

2723. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's merchandise exports to the US have registered a robust growth of 27.51 per cent during the fiscal year 2002-03 as against a negative 8.51 per cent growth in exports during the fiscal year 2001-02;

(b) if so, whether imports from US have also gone up;

(c) if so, the efforts being made to improve both the import and export positions from India to USA; and

(d) whether Government are confident that exports to US would be increased during 2003-04?

Trade agreement with Myanmar

2724. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreement has recently been signed with Myanmar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the level of trade with Myanmar at present indicating the quantity and value of commodities exported to and imported from that country?

Transit business through Bangladesh

2725. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks are on with the Government of Bangladesh to introduce transit business and passage of goods from the North Eastern States to the other parts of the country through Bangladesh;

(b) whether people of Tripura would be allowed to go to Kolkata through Bangladesh on transit visa; and

(c) if so, by when?

Need for common market in South Asia on the pattern of EU

2726. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of External Affairs, while addressing a trade delegation from Pakistan along with the representatives of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi on 7th June, 2003, stressed the need for forming a common market in South Asia on the pattern of European Union (EU);

(b) if so, what was the Pak delegation's and Pak Government's response thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government on their own towards formation of such a union/ common market?

Potential of Indian manufacturing sector

†2727. SHRIDATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) had suggested a six point programme to Government to increase competitive potential and global operation of the Indian Manufacturing Sector;

(b) whether according to the IACC, Indian Companies can establish their manufacturing facilities in different parts of the world in marketing conditions; and

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

Rate contract for purchase of computer systems

2728. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority issued an office memorandum during December, 1998 on purchase of computer systems by Government Departments;

(b) whether Government are aware that DGS&D has finalised generalised specifications for personal computers and initiated the process of concluding the rate contract;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether DGS&D has concluded the rate contract for computers;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the year from which the rate contract would be applicable for purchase of personal computers by various Ministries/ Departments;

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(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
 (g) whether open tender system is a must for purchase of personal computers?

**Coastal special economic zone in
Karnataka**

2729. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has sought "in principle" the approval for establishing coastal special economic zone;
- (b) if so, when the proposal was received by Government;
- (c) the estimated cost of the above project; and
- (d) the present status of the proposal?

**Allocation for women health
programmes**

2730. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocations for women's health programmes, State-wise; and
- (b) the guidelines and effective steps taken to utilise the Central funds for the health services?

Irregularities in Dental Council

†2731. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that around a dozen of its members including Chairman of Dental Council of India are reportedly involved in irregularities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the Council's meetings held on the 28th and 29th October, 2002, such colleges were given recognition which were not eligible for recognition and a judicial inquiry was conducted, keeping in view the seriousness of the matter?

Ill-effects of tattoos

2732. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tattoos on the human skin are leading to leprosy; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government are going to take to curb the use of tattoos?

Mysterious disease in Karnataka

2733. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that mysterious disease plagues few villages in the northern part in Bidar District of Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, the remedial action taken to protect the citizens from this mysterious mental disorder?

New drug policy

2734. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court had intervened on the issue of drug policy; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof and by when Government propose to come out with a new drug policy?

Import policy of drugs

2735. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of intermediates do not require any registration under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) the policy with regard to dual use of drugs which can be used as intermediates;

(c) whether IDMA has made any representation that such dual use drugs which can be used as intermediates be exempted from registration; and

(d) if so, the clarifications from DCGI in this regard?

Spurious Ayurvedic and Unani medicines

2736. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that it is not Allopathic drugs alone that have spurious competition but spurious Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani medicines are also available in plenty;

(b) if so, the number of persons, dealing in production and distribution of spurious Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Unani

medicines, arrested during the last two years; and

(c) the number of persons, who were involved in the smuggling of spurious drugs to various countries, arrested during the last two years?

AIDS control legislation

2737. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to enact a legislation to promote AIDS control in the country;

(b) whether any proposal has been mooted by Government on this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Availability of medical facilities

†2738. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the present status of availability of essential medical facilities in the various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof in each State;

(c) whether Government have formulated any National Plan to bring improvement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the annual expenditure earmarked under the plan?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Family planning for illiterate people

2739. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SHABANA
AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that 869 babies are born daily and one third of them to illiterate parents;

(b) if so, whether the report reveals that 98 per cent educated women have one to three children whereas 89 per cent illiterate women have upto three children;

(c) whether family planning has not been successful in regard to the illiterate parents;

(d) if so, what are the steps Government propose to take to reduce birth of children among the illiterate parents; and

(e) to what extent, Government have been successful in this regard?

Medicinal plants

2740. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is frustrated with poor co-operation from the other Departments in its efforts to streamline conservation and harvest of medicinal plants;

(b) if so, whether any efforts have been made to dissolve the non-functional committees or to bring these under the control of the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy;

(c) whether her Ministry had called a meeting of the National Medicinal Plant

Board, which was set up in 2000 to look at the ways for sustainable harvest of medicinal plants;

(d) if so, the decisions taken thereat; and

(e) the steps being taken to implement them?

Ill-effects of exposure to asbestos

2741. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that exposure to asbestos dust scar lung tissue, trigger cancer and cause pleural diseases;

(b) if so, whether any empirical study has been made in the matter amongst the labour employed in asbestos companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the curative and corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

New drugs applications

2742. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the new drugs for which applications have been received by DCGI during the current year; and

(b) when these applications were received and what is the status of their clearance?

Registration of Chinese drugs

2743. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the applications alongwith names of the drugs, received from the Chinese manufacturers for registration;

(b) the names of the drugs and manufacturers to whom registration has been granted;

(c) whether the DCGI office has conducted any inspection of all these units;

(d) whether there is any assurance that good quality material would be supplied by the Chinese manufacturers; and

(e) if so, how Government propose to monitor the quality?

Development of Ayurvedic system

2744. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the State Government of Kerala for development of Ayurvedic system in the State;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by Government on each proposal?

Ayurveda Park in Kerala

2745. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala for setting up of an Ayurveda Park in the State;

(b) if so, whether the project report has since been submitted;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether necessary sanction has been granted to the project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the same?

CGHS recognised Pvt. hospitals

2746. SHRI N.R. DASARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the private hospitals recognised by CGHS in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the private hospitals under consideration for granting recognition by CGHS in the State; and

(c) the criteria being adopted by giving recognition by CGHS?

TB deaths in Orissa

2747. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TB is one of the biggest killers in Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State reports around 80,000 cases of TB annually;

(c) whether the new system, Directly Observed Treatment short course (DOT) is playing miracle in controlling this menace; and

(d) to what extent it has been implemented in Orissa and the other States of the country and proved successful?

High blood pressure among kids

2748. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of incidence of high blood pressure among kids;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that children between the age group of 12-18, have diseases like high cholesterol, high BP and are under-weight or over-weight, besides having other problems; and

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequate medical facilities to children in the country, and how much grant Government are receiving per annum from the World Health Organisation and UNICEF?

Amendment of Transplantation of Human Organs Act

2749. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the backdrop of the recent case of death of an organ donor, there is a demand for amendment and redefining of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994; and

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

Fee hike in Medical Colleges

†2750. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fees have been raised by the private medical colleges;

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

(c) the number of private medical colleges in Bihar and the status thereof?

Deaths due to viral fever, Encephelitis and Malaria

†2751. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people have died in several States due to the viral fever, encephelitis and malaria;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken for eradication of these diseases?

Hindustan Latex Ltd.

2752. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the development of Hindustan Latex, Trivandrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

2753. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at present, mineral water/ packaged drinking water does not come within the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 as water has been specially omitted from definition of food;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any action is being taken to amend the said Act?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Population growth

2754. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population growth rate is on the decline;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that population experts have warned that the slow down in population growth brings with it immense challenges and responsibilities for Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how Government propose to meet these challenges and responsibilities?

Rape case at AIIMS

†2755. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a woman patient was gang raped in June, 2003, in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the guilty employees?

Professional Blood donors

2756. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that professional blood donors are donating blood in various hospitals in Delhi by posing themselves as relatives of the patients;

(b) if so, to what extent it is correct; and

(c) whether Government propose any concrete steps to check this and if so, by when?

Poor management of Lady Harding Medical College

2757. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sorry state of affairs at the Lady Harding Medical College;

(b) whether dogs roam freely in hospital's wards and bite not only patients but also the doctors on duty;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to stop the dog menace;

(d) whether it is a fact that many TB cases have been reported among the doctors and staff of the hospital; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

Delay in treatment at AIIMS

2758. SHRINANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a patient has to wait for two years to get treatment at the AIIMS hospital;

(b) whether a proposal for grant of referral status and creation of a Renal Science Centre at the AIIMS hospital has been pending for long with Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken to minimise the woes of the patients?

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Food borne diseases

2759. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the incidence of food borne diseases during the last three years;

(b) the different kind of food borne diseases that have occurred with high incidence;

(c) the break up of the incidents of different food borne diseases, State-wise; and

(d) the precautionary measures taken by Government?

AIDS drugs

2760. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Companies make AIDS related drugs which are available in other countries though people of the country have no access to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to set this right?

Menace of deadly virus in Uttar Pradesh

2761. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a US team would visit Uttar Pradesh to study deadly virus;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the virus cases reported

in other parts of the country since January, 2003 and the steps taken by Government to curb the same?

Drug resistant HIV

2762. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new drug resistant HIV virus strain has been detected in Europe;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of people are affected by this;

(c) if so, whether any patients with this strain have been detected in India; and

(d) the steps being taken for early detection of HIV patients and their treatment?

Inclusion of modern Pharmacology in Homoeopathic Medical Education

2763. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-inclusion of Allopathic Pharmacology in Five and Half years integrated course of Homoeopathic Medical Education is the reason for not permitting BHMS and similar Degree holder doctors to prescribe Allopathic drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) why Allopathic Pharmacology should not be made compulsory in BHMS and similar courses to enable them to prescribe Allopathic drugs also, to serve rural population; when majority of M.B.B.S. Doctors are not willing to serve them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Brain fever deaths

2764. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many children have died of brain fever in the Vidharbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the spread of the disease and failure of the medical authorities to control the same and prevent deaths; and

(d) the steps taken to control brain fever in and around Maharashtra?

Mental retardation

†2765. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the disease of mental retardation (Dowsis Syndrome) is found in many children by birth;

(b) if so, whether Government have found out any medicine for treatment of the said disease;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any research is being carried out regarding medicine for this disease; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Quality standards for bottled water

2766. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final norms for pesticide residue in packaged drinking water were passed recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the analysis shall be conducted by using internationally established test meeting the residue limits; and

(d) if so, whether there are sufficient number of test labs to carry out these tests?

Ayurvedic Doctors

2767. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayurvedic CMOs are not authorized to refer the patients directly to the referral hospitals/ Government hospitals;

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

(c) whether Government propose to allow Ayurvedic CMOs who are part of the Allopathic Dispensaries; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Code of professional ethics

2768. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a code of professional ethics in medical practice in the country to check

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certain unethical practices like removal of organs, sale of infants, sophisticated machines shown out of order etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof and by when such a code is likely to be enforced;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent unethical practices going on in the name of medical profession?

Malnutrition cases in Maharashtra

2769. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the cases of malnutrition in the first three years of life are being registered in the eight districts of Maharashtra, especially in Vidarbha region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any strategy to overcome the problem by providing assistance to the State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Maternal mortality

†2770. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the National Family Health Survey Report 1998, due to excess bleeding, maternal mortality rate in the country is still 30 per cent; and

(b) if so, the action plan to tackle and curb it?

Artificial Limbs

2771. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 1115 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 2003 and state:

(a) the names of the Members of the Expert Committee in each of the five cases to consider sanctioning Artificial Limbs during the period from the 1st January, 2002 to the 31st January, 2003;

(b) whether a cancer specialist was also included to examine the cases of cancer patients, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the specifications of Artificial Limb of Indian make having identical functional properties; and

(d) the names alongwith the addresses from where the same could be procured?

Supply of medicines in CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries

2772. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in Delhi send their indents for medicines once in 45 days and it takes another 15 days for the Headquarters to supply the medicines;

(b) whether due to the existing arrangement for supply of the medicines, Ayurvedic dispensaries are without medicines quite frequently, for which the beneficiaries suffer;

(c) whether in view of the above, there is any proposal to review the arrangement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

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(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Counselling for reserved seats in
Medical Colleges**

2773. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students aspiring to become doctors face an uncertain future due to Government's decision to postpone the second round of counselling for the reserved seats in the Medical Colleges all over the country; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto?

**Training for health workers to deal
with spurious drugs**

2774. PROF. SAIF-UN-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious drugs have flooded the markets in the country; and

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to impart training on the spurious drugs for the concerned health workers?

**Shortage of water in Safdarjung
Hospital**

2775. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi has been facing an acute shortage of water since the onset of summer;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to

acute shortage of water, the Hospital authorities have been forced to compromise on hygiene in the Hospital; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

**Laboratories registered under PNDT
Act**

2776. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Genetic Counselling Centres, Genetic Laboratories and Genetic Clinics registered under the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act in Andhra Pradesh as on date, district-wise;

(b) whether general clinics in the State have also been permitted to use Ultrasound machines for various purposes including pre-birth sex determination;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent misuse of such clinics for female foeticide in the State?

Poor management of hospitals

2777. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an in depth study on the whole gamut of the management of the Government hospitals in Delhi where of late, the quality of health care and patient services has considerably deteriorated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to employ any professional agency to manage the hospitals more effectively and offer better services to the patients; and

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

Dr. B. Barooa Cancer Institute

2778. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. B. Barooa Cancer Institute of Guwahati is going to be privatized;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Government cannot provide the promised 10 per cent of funds to the Institute and the Bhaba Atomic Research Centre would withdraw from the institute after March, 2004; and

(c) if so, who would take responsibility to run this premier Institute of North East from March, 2004 after completion of its project phase-II called RPPH which was commenced on the 1st April, 1998 at a projected cost of Rs. 43.69 crore?

Assistance for medical colleges

2779. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assisted financially the Dibrugarh, Guwahati and Silchar medical colleges and their hospitals during the last three years;

(b) if so, the mode of funding and how the funds were utilised; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to renovate these hospitals?

Modernisation of hospitals in Chhattisgarh

2780. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to modernize all the Government hospitals in Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the amount proposed for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Imbalance in sex ratio

2781. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether death rate of female children has increased between 1999 to 2002;

(b) if so, the comparative death figures per thousand during 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, at national level, State-wise;

(c) the comparative female births per thousand males during the above period, State-wise, and all India figures; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to correct the sex ratio?

Shortage of staff in hospitals

†2782. SHRIDATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been shortage of doctors and other staff in all the hospitals for last three to four years as a result of which patients have been facing difficulties; and

(b) what steps Government propose to

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take to recruit doctors and other staff in such hospitals?

Recognition of Pharmacy Diploma Courses

†2783. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for recognition of the Pharmacy Diploma Courses conducted by Polytechnics by the Pharmacy Council of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the stipulated procedure of recognition is not being followed by the above institution and timely recognition is not granted to the Pharmacy courses being conducted by the State Government Polytechnics; and

(c) if so, the steps to be taken by Government to regularise the procedure of recognition?

Funds to Karnataka for HIV/AIDS control

2784. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested to sanction Rs. 20 crores to control HIV/AIDS through the National AIDS Control Organisation;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned during 2002-03; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned during 2003-04?

Alternative Medical Therapies

2785. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned Degrees/Diplomas on alternative medical Therapies like Acupressure, Acupuncture, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of circulars and orders issued by Government;

(c) whether such orders were issued on the basis of Court's Orders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Revival of Andrew Yule and Company Ltd.

2786. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are disinvesting Andrew Yule, if so, whether the possibility of its revival has been examined;

(b) whether Government are considering restructuring of Andrew Yule, if so, the details and time frame for the same;

(c) whether employees of above company have not been receiving salaries and wages for substantial time;

(d) whether sale of Tide Water Oil Company (India) Limited and Hooghly Printing Company Limited by Andrew Yule is a part of restructuring scheme of Andrew Yule; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to arrest the losses in Andrew Yule for the last three/four years?

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HMT Limited

2787. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the HMT has issued a notification to appoint new officials though it is targeting to downsize by allowing VRS to its employees;

(b) how many years have since been elapsed to revive the agreement on wages of HMT employees;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate revision of wages of the HMT employees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Praga Tools Limited

2788. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation has been made by the employees of the Praga Tools Limited (PTL), Hyderabad for sanction of working capital and to place orders with it;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees have not received their salaries since October, 2002; and

(c) the steps Government propose to help them?

Diversion of gratuity amount of employees of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Ltd.

2789. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds released by Government for payment of the gratuity

amount to 142 employees of the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Limited under VRS (November, 2000 to January, 2001) has been diverted for payment of the other dues;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether only those employees who have gone to the court got the payment alongwith interest @ 18 per cent and the other employees covered for the payment of gratuity have not got their legal dues; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Commissioning of programmes by Guwahati DD Kendra

2790. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for commissioning of the programmes by the Doordarshan in the year 2002-03 in Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra and PPC (NE); and

(b) the number of episodes allocated to the private producers and how many producers are from the North-Eastern States?

Use of production and broadcasting facility of DD/AIR

2791. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI R. K. ANAND: SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are willing to consider the use of production and broadcasting facility of DD and AIR by private companies to help revive both DD and AIR;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any proposals from the private companies on these lines;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government have plans to invite proposals in the near future?

Import of set top boxes

†2792. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether set top boxes are being imported;

(b) if so, who are the importers and suppliers of the boxes;

(c) the number of boxes already imported and at what rate; and

(d) the details, company-wise, brand-wise and price wise?

Licence fee for private FM radio stations

2793. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a task force to look into the issue of licence fee for private FM radio stations;

(b) if so, who would be the Chairman of this task force;

(c) how many members have been appointed;

(d) what would be its main functions; and

(e) whether any time has been fixed for the task force to submit its report?

Plan for DTH by Prasar Bharati Corporation

2794. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Corporation's plan to launch DTH has been cleared by the Department of Space;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to telecast all the channels through DTH and to check interferences of the cable operators; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

Degree/Diploma by IIMC

2795. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that degrees/diplomas awarded by the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi in the field of Public Relations are not being recognised and considered by several PSUs specially in the petroleum sector in their recruitment procedure;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure for recognition of these degrees/diplomas;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Advertisements on pay channels

2796. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to regulate advertisements on pay channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) its impact on cable subscribers and cable operators?

Implementation of CAS

2797. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology has raised some queries/questions on the implementation of the Conditional Access System; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Governments response thereto?

Movies and serials

†2798. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that once again through the movies and serials witchcraft and occultism are being promoted;

(b) if so, the effective steps Government are going to take to curb the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Telecasting of serials in TV/Radio

†2799. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that various serials are being telecast in TV/Radio Channels which are helping in making woman a submissive

personality with no say at home by completely destroying her entity;

(b) if so, the details of the stringent steps Government are going to take to protect the entity of woman; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Representation from music industry

2800. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the music industry is demanding for deletion of Section 52(1) (J) of the Copyright Act which has reduced the sixty year old projection of original works to a mere two years;

(b) if so, the details of the representation made by the music industry; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Licence for DTH system

2801. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a licence has been given to the Zee Television Ltd. for starting Direct To Home Service;

(b) whether licences have been given to some other organizations also;

(c) if so, the details of the price, etc.; and

(d) by when, DTH system would be started;

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Expenditure on Prasar Bharati and Doordarshan

2802. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the receipt and expenditure of the Prasar Bharati and Doordarshan during the last three financial years, year-wise;

(b) the reasons for the losses;

(c) the steps taken to run these organisations in profit; and

(d) the grants given by Government during the above period?

Modernisation and Digitalisation of DD Centres in U.P.

†2803. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Centres which are proposed to be modernised and digitalised in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan; and

(b) by when, the work of modernisation and digitalisation of these Centres is likely to be completed?

Objectives of NE Channel

2804. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the basic objectives of opening of the North-East Channel and details of the functional status of the channel since its inception;

(b) the investment and special

programmes made so far and by when the channel would be visible outside the region to get the region adequately exposed;

(c) the future plan for improvement as well as for effective usefulness of the channel showing the outlays earmarked for the same during the Tenth Plan;

(d) whether cadre controlling power to the North-East Zone CE (NER) has already been vested as assured; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Training by Film Institute of Pune

†2805. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of specialisation where training is being imparted by the Film Institute of Pune;

(b) the number of students getting training from this Institute and the number of staff engaged therein;

(c) the number of students for whom boarding arrangements have been made in the Institute itself;

(d) the annual expenditure made by Government thereon during the last three years; and

(e) whether the Institute proposes to restart training in acting, if so, the details thereof?

Foreign investment in news channels uplinking

2806. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rules restrict foreign

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share holding in news channels uplinking from India to 26 per cent;

(b) if so, whether any news channel uplinking from India has not yet fulfilled the above condition;

(c) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether there is any broadcast regulatory framework prescribed by law;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether the competent authority is making *ad hoc* decisions on foreign media houses which are not following the foreign investment norms and rules?

High Frequency Studio of Doordarshan in Uttaranchal

†2807. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a High Frequency Doordarshan Studio is proposed to be set up in Uttaranchal during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, by when and its location;

(c) whether some of the Doordarshan Telecast centres presently operating in the State are also proposed to be upgraded; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Women judges in Family Courts

2808. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women judges

appointed in Family Courts *vis-a-vis* the Family Courts in the country;

(b) whether representation of the women judges in Family Courts is adequate;

(c) whether despite provision 13 of the Family Courts Act 1984 to the contrary, parties to a suit or proceedings before a Family Court, are being represented by a lawyer;

(d) whether Government feel that the presence of lawyers in Family Courts would vitiate the ambience of the Court and thereby adversely affect the process of settlement; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to amend the Act and if so, the details of the proposed amendments?

Personal law reforms

2809. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as expressed by him, Government recognize the need for accelerating personal law reforms as a means for empowering women, while inaugurating a seminar on the 'Women Property Rights, a Gender Perspective';

(b) if so, the steps, if any, which have been and are being taken in this direction; and

(c) the plan of action, if any, drawn out for the purpose?

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Achievement and deficiencies of FTC

2810. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the scheme of Fast Track Courts was introduced together with the details of its aims and objectives;

(b) the extent to which the scheme has proved successful in achieving its objectives over the years; and

(c) the deficiencies, if any, observed in the scheme and the corrective steps to be taken to meet the same?

Compliance of SC directives on FTCs

2811. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the judgements/directions/rulings of the Supreme Court on setting up of Fast Track Courts and their working have been communicated to the State Governments and High Courts for their compliance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies

2812. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delimitation of the Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies is expected to be completed before the next General election; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in the delimitation process, State-wise?

Declaration of records of candidates

2813. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision on the Election Commission's directive regarding the announcement of assets, past criminal records, educational qualifications of the candidates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether the matter is under Government's consideration?

Delegations sent abroad

2814. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:
SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the delegations sent abroad by her Ministry during the last four years, countries visited and composition of the delegations; and

(b) whether these delegations were in response to invitations from abroad?

Budhiraja Committee recommendations

2815. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received and examined the recommendations made by R.B. Budhiraja Committee on the land policy to be followed by the major port trusts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) the details of the areas available under the Customs Board and outside Customs Board, Major port-wise;

(e) the revenue to be assessed by each port after leasing land under their command; and

(f) by when guidelines would be issued as per the Committee's recommendations?

Agreement on Vadinar Port

2816. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement was signed and approved *vide* Government of India's letter dated 10th October, 1977 between the Government of Gujarat and the Central Government that Vadinar would be an oil import terminal for Indian Oil Corporation only;

(b) whether it is a fact that Kandla Port Trust has granted permission to put a SBM and Jetties to Essar Oil Ltd. at Vadinar;

(c) if so, whether it is not a clear violation of the agreement entered into on the 10th October, 1977; and

(d) Government's views regarding

handling over of Vadinar port to the State Government?

Utilization of approved outlay for projects

2817. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had not utilised the approved outlay in time during 2002-03;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to evolve some institutional mechanism to ensure better implementation, control and monitoring of projects so that the plan outlay is utilised in higher proportions and the accountability is fixed for the lapses, if any, in this regard; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof ?

Clamping age restrictions on ships

2818. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of clamping age restrictions on ships, on its territorial waters, aiming at averting tragedies like sinking of vessels, etc.;

(b) if so, the impact of such restrictions on crude imports and rice/wheat/sugar exports, etc. has been studied fully; and

(c) whether it would be possible to evolve an effective mechanism to implement and monitor such orders both in case of the Indian-registered and the foreign-registered vessels?

**Assistance for upliftment
of dalits**

†2819. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have still not obtained the assistance given by the Centre for the upliftment of dalits;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government are going to take for betterment of those States, who are deprived of these facilities?

**Economic condition of
Muslims**

2820. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the economic condition of Muslims in the country has deteriorated during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to ameliorate their condition?

**Participation of handicapped team in
the World Summer Games**

2821. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a team of 105 handicapped/mentally retarded children, coaches and managers went to Dublin, Ireland to participate in the World Summer Games;

(b) whether the team won 110 medals out of which 34 were gold; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government to reward the children who have brought credit to the nation?

Criteria for senior citizens

2822. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are different criteria at different places for senior citizenship;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to put a uniform criteria for the senior citizens; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Development of Wakf properties

2823. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the disbursement by the Central Wakf Council for development of Wakf properties during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of the beneficiary Wakf estates, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) the number of old projects completed and the number of new projects initiated during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the break up of the beneficiary Wakf estates, State/UT-wise since the inception of the scheme?

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Equity participation in NMFDC

2824. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the equity participation by Government and the State Governments in the National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) the amount of loan given for self-employment during the last three years alongwith the number of beneficiaries, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the amount of loan given for education alongwith number of beneficiaries during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

Statutory commissions for dalits and STs

2825. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up separate statutory commissions for dalits and Scheduled Tribes in place of the National Commission for SCs/STs; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Problems of social justice

†2826. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the States on the basis of the number of persons suffering from the problems of social justice; and

(b) if so, the assessment of the number of the persons suffering from the problem of social justice in each State?

Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme

2827. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. Ambedkar Scholarship Scheme is being implemented to give scholarships to the meritorious students from SC/ST communities;

(b) if so, details of the scheme and the scholarships given during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 (till now) to male and female students, State-wise;

(c) whether the scheme is being extended to OBC and poor students also; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Determination of age of senior citizens

2828. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no uniformity in definition of senior citizens in the country resulting in a lot of confusions;

(b) whether as per the railway concession fare, the age for senior citizens is 60 years and for income tax purposes a senior citizen has to be of 65 years and similarly in the forthcoming LIC scheme the senior citizen has to be of 55 years; and

(c) whether Government would consider this issue and bring about a uniformity in the matter of age of a senior citizen?

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Reservation for OBC in Tripura

2829. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the States where reservation for OBC people has not been in force;
- (b) the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Tripura can not introduce reservation for OBC as 50 per cent quota has already been exhausted; and
- (d) whether Government would decide upon bringing an amendment in the Constitution to provide reservation for OBC people in the State services of Tripura?

Eviction of tribals

2830. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the large scale eviction of tribals from their land;
- (b) whether Government propose to bring a legislation in order to check such eviction;
- (c) if so, by when; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Eviction of tribals from forests

†2831. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a plan is being implemented for eviction of tribals from the forests; and
- (b) the impediment in accepting the rights of the tribals on the forests whereas

forests have been in possession of the tribals for centuries and both are nourishing each other?

Scholarships to tribal students in Andhra Pradesh

2832. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the Central funds released to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years for granting pre-matric and post-matric scholarships to the tribal students of the State, year-wise;
- (b) the number of tribal students benefited therefrom giving separate data for pre and post-matric scholarships, district-wise; and
- (c) the number of tribal students in the State who joined college education after availing the post-matric scholarships?

Fraud ST reservation by Tibetan nationals

2833. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some Tibetan nationals have obtained employment in Government sector by taking advantage of the reservation policy of SC/ST, falsely declaring themselves as ST Indian nationals and have thus enjoyed admissions in schools and obtained Government services on a regular and not under *ad hoc* basis;
- (b) if so, the number of such instances which have come to Government's notice; and
- (c) the action being taken by Government to punish such persons?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Funds for low cost housing in
Rajasthan**

2834. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

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

(a) the funds allocated to the State Government of Rajasthan for the year 2002-03 for providing low cost urban housing for the poor;

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned by Government, district-wise; and

(c) the number of projects completed and the funds utilized, till date?

Pressure on CBI in DDA scam

†2835. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI appears to be in defensive posture due to pressure mounting from all quarters in the case of D.D.A. scam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CBI Director has been directed that the officials should maintain all care while interrogating the officials belonging to the Vice Chairman's office and that the employees of the DDA office be treated with all humility and humanity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Poverty Alleviation Programme

2836. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

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

(a) the details of the urban poverty alleviation programmes under implementation;

(b) the funds allocated to the States for implementation of such programmes;

(c) whether Government have given priority to the backward regions of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how these are different from the programmes in the other regions?

**Preparation of third
Master Plan**

†2837. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

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

(a) whether Government, while observing the guidelines issued for the third Master Plan for Delhi, have given the responsibility of preparing the draft for the Master Plan to an institution;

(b) if so, the name of the said institution and the reasons behind the selection of the said institution for the said responsibility; and

(c) by when the said task is likely to be completed?

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Strengthening of GoI Stationery Office

2838. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three different Committees formed by Government in 1991, 1996 and 2000 recommended strengthening of the Government of India Stationery Office; and

(b) if so, the action taken to implement the recommendation of the above Committees?

Galiara Yojana Project for Golden Temple

2839. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

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

(a) whether Government have taken over the work of the remaining two phases of the Galiara Yojana (corridor action plan for the beautification of the surroundings of the Golden Temple);

(b) the amount earmarked for the project;

(c) the present status of the work; and

(d) by when the entire project is likely to be completed?

Conversion of commercial properties from leasehold to freehold

2840. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided any policy for converting commercial properties from leasehold to freehold;

(b) the amount to be charged in different zones of Delhi for allowing such conversion and other details;

(c) whether this policy is applicable even in case of DDA shops with restricted use; and

(d) whether allottees of DDA shops with restricted use are required to pay both on account of conversion from leasehold to freehold and also for change of use from restricted to general in order to enable them to use their shops for any legal purpose of their choice?

Employment scheme to check population in Metropolitan cities

†2841. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether, keeping in view the exodus from villages, Government have introduced any employment scheme for providing job opportunities in the small towns and cities in order to check the ill-effects of explosion of population in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the outlines of the scheme; and

(c) the target for creating additional job

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opportunities annually under the said scheme?

DDA Housing Scheme for retiring employees

†2842. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA is going to float any housing scheme during the current year for the Government employees who are due to retire during the ensuing five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Workshop on Urban Lakes, conservation and management

2843. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international workshop on Urban Lakes, conservation and management was organised in Hyderabad recently;

(b) if so, whether lakes in Hyderabad are being revived;

(c) if so, whether Netherland has given grant for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the amount thereof?

Central assistance to Rajasthan under IDSMT

2844. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance released to

Rajasthan under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) the details of the districts benefited by the Scheme; and

(c) whether the entire allocation of funds has been released?

Complaints in CPWD Enquiry, Laxmibai Nagar

2845. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complaints registered in the CPWD Enquiry Office, Laxmibai Nagar for replacement of damage/rusted G.E. Pipe lines since January, 2002 onwards;

(b) whether the estimate for this work has been prepared and approved by the Competent authority;

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

(d) by when replacement of damage/rusted G.E. Pipe lines work would be executed?

Land acquired by DDA in Basant Gaon

2846. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA acquired land in Basant Gaon, New Delhi *vide* Khasra No. 32 and 33 and paid compensation for 50 Bigha-2 biswa for

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khasra No. 32 and 136 bighas-14 biswa for khasra No. 33;

(b) whether the actual land acquired for khasra No. 32 and 33 is 74 bighas-11 biswa and 153 bighas-4 biswa respectively; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to re-demarcate the acquired/unacquired land and return the remaining unacquired land to the owners?

Funds for low cost housing in Chhattisgarh

2847. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Chhattisgarh for providing low cost urban housing for the poor during the year 2002-03;

(b) the details of the projects sanctioned by Government, district-wise; and

(c) the number of projects completed and the funds utilized till date?

Dual pipeline system for Dwarka

2848. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority is installing dual pipeline system for Dwarka sub city flats;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of sweet water used for drinking purpose in Dwarka;

(d) if so, the steps to augment the supply of water in the area; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that no mixing of water to be supplied takes place in the two type of pipes?

Electrical wiring in Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar

2849. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the electrical wirings of Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar, New Delhi are in a bad shape;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to replace these wirings;

(c) whether it is a fact that the installation of MC board, power points and tube light points are not provided in that colony; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the MC board and power points be provided in this area?

CPWD Service Centres in Delhi

2850. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many Service Centres/Sewa Kendras are at present being run by CPWD in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) whether all the above said Service Centres/Sewa Kendras are having 'Enquiry Clerk' or equivalent post to attend telephone call, maintain Complaint Register etc.; and

(c) if not, the action taken by Government to provide 'Enquiry Clerk' or equivalent post in each Service Centre/Sewa Kendra?

**Survey report of T&P
articles**

2851. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the CPWD survey report of T&P article of Electrical/Civil of any amount can be sanctioned by the authority who has accorded administrative and financial approval;

(b) if so, the details of the rules/orders in this regard; and

(c) if not, the authority competent to sanction survey report of T&P articles?

Conservation of monuments by DDA

2852. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA, which is already conserving eight monuments in Delhi with the help of INTACH, is also launching a scheme to conserve the 13th century monument—Sultangarhi Tomb;

(b) if so, whether DDA possesses necessary expertise, skilled manpower, financial allocation, etc. for such assignment; and

(c) whether this would not in any way compromise with their role of providing dwelling units in Delhi?

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