

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: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 155

Progress of fencing along Indo-Pak border

1469. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the wire fencing of the
entire International Border between India
and Pakistan and along the line of control
on the border, has been completed; and

(b) if not what is the length fenced so
far and the length that still remains to be
fenced; and

(c) if not, when the above work is
likely to be completed?

Non-completion of barbed fencing along Indo-Pak border

1470. SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the barbed
wire fencing of three Indian villages-
Hethlanga, Chironda and Silikut, spread
over merely 565 hectare area in Uri sector
on the Indo-Pak border in northern
Kashmir had been left near No Mans land
and between India and Pakistan is not
being done;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to
cover the said area with barbed wire
fencing to ensure the security of the people
of above said villages; and

(d) if so, by when?

Ship reporting system

1471. SMT. JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to have a better
coordination in search and rescue missions
on the high seas and overcome threat of
piracy, Indian Coast Guard officials have
discussed with American and Japanese
counter-parts, the possibility of linking its
ship reporting system with that of the two
countries;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this
regard has been reached;

(c) if so, whether US-Japanese and
Australian reporting system are already
inter-linked but the Indian system and those
operated by South Korea and China are
independent;

(d) whether Indian Government have
discussed this with the US and Japan; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the same?

Development of A-7 rifle by ordinance factory, Dehradun

1472. SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordinance Factory in Dehradun developed a A-7 rifle which is at par with AK-47 rifle;

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

(c) whether Government propose to give it only to CRPF and BSF Personnel; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Need to increase Army's strength

1473. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army needs its strength to be increased commensurably; and

(b) if so, the action taken for immediate expansion of elite forces?

Loss of pistol surrendered by General Niazi

1474. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pistol surrendered by Pakistani General Niazi to the Commander-in Chief of the Indian Army in 1971 War, has been found missing;

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

(c) the steps taken to recover the pistol and the present status of the same?

Missing spares of Army Helicoptors

1475. SHRI PYARELAL
KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint regarding missing spare parts of Army Helicoptors has been lodged with the Juswania Police post of Badwani district of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether these spare parts were being transported to Bangalore via road; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

Merger of secundrabad cantonment Board with Municipal Corporation of Hyderband

1476. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry to merge Secundrabad cantonment Board with the Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, when such a request was received in the Ministry; and

(c) the action contemplated by the Ministry in this regard?

Casualties in demining operations

1477. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Army Personnel/ civilians killed in De-Mining operations on the Indo-Pak Borders and LOC during the year 2002-2003 and as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the casualties during De-Mining operations were moer mainly due to the lack of advanced De-Mining equipments;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide the Army with advanced De-Mining and safety equipments for expeditious and safe completion of De-Mining operations; and

(d) if not, the reasons for casualties in De-Mining operations?

Delay in arrival of Hawk AJT's

1478. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tht inspite of signing agreements, the Hawks Advanced Jet Trainers are expected to reach India in September, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) how Indian Air Force will train their pilots meanwhile?

Explosion at Ammassa Godown of Air in M.P.

1479. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a major explosion has taken place at Amassa based godown of Air force in M.P., ercently;

(b) whether there is a possibility of the involvement of terrorists in the said explosion; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the said explosion alongwith the estimated loss incurred due to the same?

Policy for defence procurements

1480. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be plaesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that henceforth defence procurement policy and

programmes can be finalised only after the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)'s and CAG's nod;

(c) whether this method will not hamper the smooth procurement process in Defence deals?

Publication of seniority lists in AFHQ

1481. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the seniority lists of various grades in the AFHQ Civil Service and the AFHQ Clerical Service has not been published for the last five years or moer;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken/proposed to be taken for ensuring their publication within a fixed time-limit; and

(d) by when Government propose to complete the task of publication of annual seniority lists of above erVICES?

Test fire of Agni-I

1482. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact tht recently the Indian Defence Scientists have successfully test-fired the medicum range nuclear capable ballistic missile;' Agni-I;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when is the missile scheduled to be inducted into the Indian Army?

Checking of ships causing for the extremists

1483. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any ban on the

Indian Navy to check the ships sailing across Bay of Bengal to ensure that they are not carrying arms from abroad for the extremists operating in the north-eastern region from hide-outs in neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, how many times the supply of arms has been stalled and destroyed by the Indian Navy during the last five years along the Bay of Bengal; and

(d) what steps Government contemplate to take to prevent illegal flow of arms through Bay of Bengal?

Financial grants to Cantonment Boards of Uttaranchal

1484. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial grants provided to various Cantonment Boards in Uttaranchal under various heads during the last two years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to paucity of funds almost all the Cantonment Boards are not able to provide civic amenities like link roads, drains, toilets and road lights etc.; and

(c) the amount proposed to be given to various Cantonment Boards in Uttaranchal under various heads during 2004-05 keeping in view the above?

Payment due to H.P. Sainik Kalyan Board

1485. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Himachal Pradesh had requested the Director General, Bandobast, Minister of Defence, Government of India,

vide its letter dated 14th May, 2003, to make an early payment of Rs. 51.85 lakhs due to Himachal Pradesh Sainik Kalyan Board, Hamirpur on behalf of Central Sainik Kalyan Board, Government of India as its share of 50 percent;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon and the reasons for its lying pending so far; and

(c) by when the remaining amount would be released to Himachal Pradesh Sainik Board, Hamirpur?

Allowing women to participate in ground combat missions

1486. SHRI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govt. propose to assign jobs for women in ground combat missions, apart from allowing them to serve in engineering, medical, signals, at;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Manufacture of armoured car

1487. SMT. SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the initiative of Defence Research and Development Organisation (D.R.D.O.) its DMSRDE laboratory has succeeded in manufacturing a car which remains completely unaffected from terrorist attacks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the manufacturing of the said car; and

(d) by when the large scale production of the said car is likely to be undertaken?

Armymen in Pakistani jails

1488. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of Indian Army' Commissioned and non-commissioned officers and soldiers currently in Pakistan Jails;

(b) whether these also include some soldiers, who were mistakenly declared as absconders by the Army authorities during the Kargil Conflict; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken to secure their release?

Accidents of MIG-21 Aircrafts

1489. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG-21 aircrafts that met with accident so far;

(b) the factors responsible for accident of these aircrafts;

(c) the number details of MIG-21 aircrafts still included in the fleet; and

(d) the details plan Government have formulated to check such accidents in future;

(e) the details thereof?

Cheetah helicopter crash

*1490. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 'CHEETAH' helicopter of the IAF crashed on 22nd April, 2004, near LOC in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the cause of crash as established in the statutory inquiry conducted into the accident;

(c) the extent of loss caused due to the crash; and

(d) the number of helicopters of this category IAF which met with accidents and were lost during the last five years, year-wise and how the loss was made up?

International Airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore

*1491. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given clearance for the proposed international Airport at Devanahalli near Bangalore; and

(b) if so, whether the Defence Ministry has put pre-conditions for closure of its HAL Airport consequent on the proposed International Airport becoming operational?

Request for independent inquiry into lapses in Kargil War

*1492. SMT. VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether requests have been received for independent enquiry up to the lapses in Kargil war; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

Purchase of arms from an overseas company

*1493. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of rifles and other weapons were purchased for the Indian Army from an overseas company recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the source of supply, the quality of the weapon

and their price, leave much to be desired; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether the deal is proposed to be reviewed?

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

*1494. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has built up its own unmanned defence system like unmanned aerial vehicles and unmanned underwater vehicles so that our country gets closer to building up its own assemble of unmanned defence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such system is likely to be developed in the country?

Upgradation of Jaguar fighters and trainers

*1495. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status with regard to upgradation of deep penetration Jaguar Fighters and jaguar Trainers indigenously by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore;

(b) the details of present status with regard to upgradation of Jaguar proto-type with the Navigation and weapon attack sub-system, indigenously by HAL and Defence Avionics Research Establishment;

(c) whether the government has released sufficient funds for these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, thereasons therefor?

Shortage of bullet proof jackets

†*1496. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army is facing acute shortage of bullet proof jackets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of bullet proof jackets required by the Army along with the number of such jackets available with them at present; and

(d) the number of such jackets made available to the Army during the last three years?

Infiltration from Bangladesh

*1497. SHRI BALVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of infiltration from across the border, specially Bangladesh, is making the women near the border areas vulnerable;

(b) if so, what action is being taken to prevent infiltration; and

(c) the action taken to prevent human trafficking across the National borders with Nepal and Bangladesh?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Rape of a minor girl in Safdarjung hospital

*1498. SHRI BALVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of an alleged rape of a minor girl by an intern of Safdarjung hospital recently;

(b) whether the hospital administration failed to provide safety and security to women patients, visitors and nurses;

(c) whether there was any delay in investigation process resulting into loss of vital evidence and if so, the responsibilities fixed against the investigating officer for dereliction of duties;

(d) whether the National Commission for Women inquired into the case and if so, the action taken by Government to implement the recommendations; and

(e) the action taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in the hospital?

Agricultural land rendered waste due to barbed wire fencing

*1499. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agriculture land rendered waste by putting barbed wire fencing along with indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and criteria adopted

to compensate farmers whose lands have been affected?

Internal security system

†*1500. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the internal security system of the country has collapsed;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to contain growing criminal incidents in the country including in the national capital territory;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the administration has failed, so far, to check the recurrence of all such incidents; and

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

Custodial deaths in Maharashtra

*1501. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of custodial deaths in Maharashtra in last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware that a woman in good health and stable condition allegedly died recently in police custody at Shivaji Park Police Station, Dadar, Mumbai;

(c) whether the national Commission for Women had made an inquiry into the alleged death of women in police custody;

(d) if so, the recommendation made by the New; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Use of gelatine in making explosives

*1502. SMT. VANGA GEETHA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gelatine is being used mostly by the P.W. Naxalites for preparation of explosives; and

(b) the action taken to monitor that the ban made w.e.f. 1st April, 2004 is effective?

Police excesses in Kerala

*1503. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an inquiry by the CBI has been sought for the alleged police excesses that took place on October 5, 2003 at Killi, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Women's Commission and State Human Rights Commission submitted its report/order regarding the alleged police excesses that took place on October 5, 2003 at Killi, Kerala;

(d) if so, the details including the action taken on the above reports;

(e) whether any action has been taken against the police officials associated with the above incidents;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the present status of the investigation on Killi Case?

Separate development Board for Konkan region

*1504. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of backwardness of the Konkan region, Government of

Maharashtra has been persistently pressing for constitution of a separate development Board for the Konkan region;

(b) whether Konkan is considered as backward as Vidarbha and Marathwada;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has submitted a draft report for constitutions of such a board for Konkan in the light of experience in respect of the existing 3 Development Board in Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, what decision has since been taken for constitution of the Konkan Board in the light of the Planning Commission study?

Persons residing in India without valid documents

*1505. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people from the neighbouring countries have infiltrated into the country and had obtained Ration Cards and Voter Identity Cards; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to identify these persons who are residing in India without any valid documents?

Compensation to the dependents of those killed during terrorist attacks

*1506. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in jammu and Kashmir that have occurred in the last four years and how many civilians and security persons have died; and

(b) the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to compensate their dependents?

Raids carried out by CBI

†*1507. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI have recently carried out raids against Government Departments and Institutions during the country-wise move; and

(b) if so, the names of such Departments and institutions and the details of money and documents recovered from them during the said raids?

Expansion of CISE

*1508. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.I.S.F. is being expanded too rapidly to take on diverse and widely different duties;

(b) what are the limits of growth put on C.I.S.F.;

(c) whether it is a fact that the C.I.S.F. is fast becoming a low calibre, large number security guard agency; and

(d) what steps are proposed to restrict the unplanned expansion of the C.I.S.F.?

Formulation of laws for disaster management

†*1509. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to formulate laws, at the Central and State such for disaster management; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Declaration of Tamil and Kannada languages as classical

1510. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Tamil, one of the 27 Dravidian languages, as classical;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and tulu were known as Pancha Dravida languages; and

(c) whether in view of the recorded history of Kannada language dating back to look Government will take steps to declare Kannada language as classical?

Establishment of Disaster Management System

1511. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are plans of Government in establishing a disaster management system for the country;

(b) whether the inputs from space systems of India are factored into such plans;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what is the projected schedule for declaring the system operational; and

(e) whether the progress is as per the planned schedule?

Sexual harassment of women in police custody

†1512. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of cases relating

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

to the sexual harassment of women in police custody have increased; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details the extent of increase therein and the number of accused who have been punished during last five years?

Welfare measures for inhabitants at the international borders

1513. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India have a definite policy and programme for development and welfare of the inhabitants who are on the actual international borders say, Indo-Myanmar, Indo-Nepal, Indo-Bangladesh, Indo-Pakistan and Indo-China etc;

(b) if answer to (a) be affirmative, the possible areas to be covered by this policy and programme;

(c) the size of fund normally set apart under the policy and programme; and

(d) the mechanism for effective implementation of the policy and programme?

Re-opening of militants training camps in PoK

1514. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that interrogation of some recently arrested militants has revealed that ISI has re-opened militant training camps in large numbers in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) including Northern Areas (NA);

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

(c) whether there is a fear of heavy infiltration in the coming months; and

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

Vacation of Kangla fort by Assam Rifles

1515. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had entered into an agreement with the Government of Manipur around 1987-88 for vacation of KANGLA FORT, Imphal by Assam Rifles;

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

(c) whether token vacation was performed by vacation of the said Fort by a contingent of Assam Rifles;

(d) if so, how the matter stand now and when total vacation of the Fort will be accomplished?

Expenditure incurred on Justice Mukherjee Commission

1516. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Justice Mukherjee Commission enquiring into Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose demise or otherwise is facing problems of funds;

(b) if so, the amount released for Commission work in the last two years along with its progress and the time schedule for completion of the enquiry; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred so far?

Mode of execution of death sentence

1517. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended that lethal injection should

be provided as an alternative mode of execution of death sentence; and

(b) if so, the action taken to accept the recommendations immediately?

Integrated mobile surveillance System

1518. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cental Zone Police of Hyderabad under DCP Anand, finalised launching of the world's first Integrated Mobile Surveillance System, to monitor on Video, agitations, criminal activities, VIP Convoys etc;

(b) whether it is a fact aht this Surveillance Project could be developed at a low cost of Rs. 14.5lakhs, compared to very high cost of Satellite based system;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take interest in this low-cost effective system of surveillance and release sufficient funds for adopting the Project, in all the important and sentitive places in India; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Expansion of Indian Reserve Battalions (IRBS)

1519. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Indian Reserve Battalions (IRB) have been set up;

(b) the state-wise number of battalions now available;

(c) the financial burden of the Centre and the States in setting up and maintaining the IRBS; and

(d) the future programme for expansion of the Force?

Abolishing of capital punishment

1520. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to abolish capital punishment in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the viewpoints of Supreme Court of Indsia, various High Courts, Bar Council of India and Law Commission have been solicited for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if answer to (a) above is in the negative whether Government would take any initiative in throwing the subject matter for a public debate at various fora so that an informed public opinion could be formulated with regard thereto?

Automobile thefts

1521. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of automobiles stolen from Delhi and other cities in India are sent to Nepal and in North-Eastern States by criminals;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported in Delhi during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to check this menace and the number of persons apprehended in this regard?

ISI and Al-Qaida activities

1522. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to stop the ISI and Al-Qaida activities

in different parts of India and its nexus with the different militant groups;

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

(c) if not, alternate measures Government plan to take in this regard?

Re-settlement of displaced Kashmiri Pandits

1523. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what the Government is doing for the re-settlement of the Kashmiri Pandits in the valley;

(b) whether Government have any economic and financial package for the displaced pandits of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what measures Government intend to take?

Solar energy projects

1524. SMT. AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to come out in a big way to promote Solar Energy Projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Non-conventional energy sources power plants

1525. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many power plants with conventional energy sources and how many plants with Non-conventional energy sources are under operation now;

(b) how many applications were received for starting non-conventional energy sources power plants during 2003-04 and how many of them were cleared; and

(c) what are the non-conventional energy sources. State-wise under operation at present and what are the State-wise potential sources?

Adoption of Photo-voltaic technology

1526. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken, or is proposed to be taken on the request of Andhra Pradesh seeking incentive and concessions, for encouraging adoption of Photo-Voltaic Technology in the country to solve electricity problems on a massive scale in villages and in urban areas through Non-Conventional sources of Energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Aid to Madhya Pradesh for construction of stadia

†1527. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of central aid provided to Madhya Pradesh, so far, for construction of stadia and the number of such stadia; the amount of central aid to be provided to them this year for their completion; and

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(b) whether the delay in sanctioning the proposal sent by Government of Madhya Pradesh for organizing activities meant for youth and which has adverse; and

(c) whether Government propose to work approve affects organising such proposal in time to avert such difficulties in future?

Constuction of Indoor stadia in each District

1528. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct at least one indoor stadium in each district of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with number of indoor stadiums constructed during the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for construction of an indoor stadium in Dharwad; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ad the present status of the proposal?

Providing free solar lanterns

†1529. SMT. KUM KUMRAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide free solar lanterns as an alternative to power, in the distant areas and rural areas in proximity to the forestes, in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering to provide solar lanterns free of cost in the flood prone areas where

power supply is disrupted every year due to floods;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Villages electrified in Karnataka with solar energy

1530. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Karnataka that have been electrified with the help of solar energy schemes during the last three years;

(b) what is the potential of electricity connections using solar energy in the State; and

(c) how much funds have been allotted to the State under the Solar Village Electrification Scheme during the last year?

Funds for wind energy projects in Andhra Pradesh

1531. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds sanctioned by Government for the wind energy projects in Andhra Pradesh for the last six months;

(b) whether any special scheme was introduced or implemented during the last year to tap the wind energy resources in Andhra Pradesh and other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is thinking of utilizing wind energy to its optimum level to lessen the burden of electricity shortage in the country?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Non-conventional energy projects in
Uttaranchal**

1532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-conventional energy projects operating in Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government have proposal to set up more such projects in distant and interior areas of the state in the year 2004-05; and

(c) if so, the details of such projects, District-wise and the families and villages likely to be benefited by these schemes?

Setting up a bio-diesel plant in Andhra Pradesh

1533. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's first bio-diesel plant is planned to set up in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any similar proposals; and

(d) if so, the details and status of those proposals?

**Use of Non-conventional energy in
advertisement**

1534. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to get promote use of non-conventional energy (source) in advertisement, neon sign boards, decorations, hoardings etc., in various cities of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Power generation through N.C.E.S.
during Ninth Five Year Plan**

1535. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for generation of power through non-conventional energy sources during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the power generated in comparison to the target; and

(b) the total number of villages in Uttar Pradesh targetted to be supplied with power through these non-conventional resources during the current year?

**Setting up regional test Centre of
integrated Rural energy programme in
TN**

1536. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up regional Test Centre of Integrated Rural Energy Programme at Chennai or suitable location in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up energy parks in the country

1537. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to set up Energy Parks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and locations identified in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) by when the parks will be set up?

Potential of NCES in India

1538. SMT. MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether country India has a huge potential of non-conventional energy sources;

(b) if so, whether government propose to constitute a technology mission for popularization and expansion of non-conventional energy sources;

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

(d) in what manner Government propose to encourage people especially in rural areas to adopt non-conventional energy sources?

Biomass resource atlas for India

1539. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project "Biomass resource atlas for India" is being undertaken;

(b) by when the project will be completed; and

(c) the benefits that would accrue out of the project?

Non power projects in Rajasthan and Punjab

1540. SMT. AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether new power projects are proposed to be started in Rajasthan and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Sale of shares of NTPC

1541. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have taken a decision to sell the shares of the National Thermal Power Corporation in the market;

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

(c) the percentage of shares of National Thermal Power Corporation with the public sectors and the private sectors respectively; and

(d) what will be the change in the ownership of the shares of Corporation in the wake of the recent decision?

Higher installed capacity than the demand of power

1542. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installed capacity of electricity generation in many parts of the country is higher than the demand of electricity in the areas;

(b) if so, the details of such areas;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the areas have sufficient capacity of electricity generation but devoid of electricity can not be declared as electricity deficient area electrified in the absence of adequate arrangement for electricity transmission in the country;

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

(e) the extent of installed capacity which could not be utilised due to this reason?

Loss of power due to Faulty T & D system in the country

1543. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of power is lost due to faulty transmission and distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of loss assessed on annual basis in 2004 on national level;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the loss is more than the average loss assessed at international level; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Shortfall in electricity generation due to scanty rainfall

1544. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a shortfall is expected in electricity generation in the country due to scanty rainfall in the monsoon season;

(b) if so, the percentage of the estimated shortfall in the year 2004-2005 together with the names of the units in which less electricity generation is expected;

(c) the reasons for this less generation of electricity; and

(d) the names of states which are likely to be affected due to this less generation?

Nuclear power generation by Reliance and NTPC

1545. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance and NTPC propose to go for Nuclear generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this will help to tide over power shortage in the country and provide power at affordable rates?

Permission to NTPC to raise funds from open market borrowing

1546. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to allow the N.T.P.C. to raise funds by way of open market borrowings etc., to meet the situation caused by accumulated losses incurred by SEBs;

(b) if so, Government's decision in this regard and how much of funds are to be so raised by NTPC;

(c) the position of outstanding amounts from various SEBs and how much each SEBs owes to NTPC; and

(d) what efforts are being made to ensure that outstanding amounts from SEBs are recovered in a time-bound programme, i.e. within coming three years?

Revamp of National Electricity Policy

1547. DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR
SANGHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drastically revamped the National Electricity Policy, prepared by the N.K. Singh Committee earlier this year;

(b) if so, the main points that have been revamped by the present Government;

(c) by when these amendments are likely to be introduced; and

(d) to what extent power by 2012 will be achieved?

National Electricity Policy

1548. SHRI BALAVANT ALOAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National electricity Policy is being prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the States have been consulted in this regard; and

(d) whether the policy is likely to take into account the regional compulsions of States?

Teesta Hydro electric project

1549. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

the price escalation in the Teesta hydro electric and irrigation project in northern part of West Bengal;

(b) whether the issue came up at any Government meeting in recent past; and

(c) if so, what was the outcome and whether the Centre has released its share of the project?

Integrated National energy Policy

1550. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to formulate an integrated national energy policy including feed stock for use in power and energy fertilizer;

(b) whether coalgassification technology is be considered as a major option for fertilizer and power sector;

(c) if so, the detailed planning for the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Agreement between REC, PGC and NTPC for electrification villages

*1551. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rural Electrification Corporation has signed an agreement with Power Frid Corporation and NTPC for taking up the electrification of villages on an ambitious scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the areas to be covered by the agreement have been finalised and if so, by when the work in this regard is likely to be initiated?

Recommendation of NCAER

*1552. SHRI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has submitted a report to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission containing suggestions ways and means for enabling power consumers to select power distribution company of their choice and also to generate more competition among power suppliers;

(b) if so, salient features of the report; and

(c) whether as per the recommendations of NCAER ordinary households consuming less than 1 MW will also be given choice to select their power supplier?

Implementation of Loktak Down Stream and Tipimukh Power projects in Manipur

*1553. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power projects in Manipur namely TIPAIKUKHDAM and LOKTAK DOWN STREAM are going to be implemented;

(b) if answer to (a) is affirmative the names of the agencies and the time schedule of implementation of the projects; and

(c) if answer to (a) above is in the negative the reasons therefor?

Requirement of power in the country

*1554. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power requirements in the

country and its break-up State or region-wise;

(b) the present capacity to meet the total requirements and what is the shortfall; and

(c) the step being taken to ensure that total power requirement of the country is met and what is the time-frame for this?

Agreement between NTPC and BSNL for communication facilities

†*1555. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the N.T.P.C. has arrived at any agreement with the B.S.N.L. for the provision of communication facilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Nagarjuna Power Project as Mega Project

*1556. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Power has approved the Nagarjuna Power Project as mega Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concessions being offered by Government if this project treated as Mega Project?

Task Force to work not National Power Policy

†*1557. SMT. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 134 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th December, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the Task Force constituted to work out the national power policy, has

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

finalised the same after obtaining opinion of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken so far proposed to be taken?

Units production has power than then installed capacity

†*1558. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified those power generating units in the country, which generate less power than their installed generation capacity;

(b) the number of State Electricity Boards, institutions of Central Government and institutions of private sector to which these units belong;

(c) the quantum of power generation which is less than their average installed generation capacity; and

(d) the number of institutions out of the above sought to be revamped during the 10th five year plan?

Additional technical Assistance for reforms and re-structuring of power sector in Karnataka

*1559. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for Additional technical Assistance Loan (TA Loan) of US \$2 million for the reforms and re-structuring of Power Sector in Karnataka is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the approval will be given by Government?

Ranga Nadi Power project in Arunachal Pradesh

*1560. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of Ranga Nadi Power Project which is being executed by Hindustan Power Corporation Ltd. in Arunachal Pradesh; and

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

New sites for Hydel projects

*1561. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 68 new sites have been identified for hydel projects in the country;

(b) if so, their location and amount of power that would be generated;

(c) what is the present hydro power projection in the country; and

(d) what will be the additions during the tenth and eleventh Plan periods in hydro power generation?

Power Crisis in States

*1562. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are facing severe power crisis at present;

(b) the steps taken to remove the power crisis in the States;

(c) the programmes pending in the States; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Capital subsidy to private sector for rural electrification

*1563. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide substantial capital subsidy and other finances to the private sector in the area of rural electrification after revising the National Electricity Policy;

(b) the projected benefits of this proposal; and

(c) the details regarding the safeguards put in place by Government for its capital subsidy to the private sector?

Additional power to Karnataka from eastern region

*1564. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had requested for additional allocation of power to the extent of 337 MW from Eastern region to offset the high cost of power generated by liquid fuel as was done in the case of Kerala and Tamil Nadu;

(b) the reaction of Government to the proposal; and

(c) by when the formal approval to the proposal is expected?

Action plan to improve T & D Sytem

*1565. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan during Tenth

Five Year Plan period to improve transmission and distribution system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the percentage of T&D losses targeted to be reduced during Tenth Plan period?

Gap between supply and demand of electricity

*1566. SMT. MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find out the gap between the supply and demand of electricity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what efforts Government propose to make to bridge this gap; and

(d) by when demand and supply gap will be eliminated?

Hydel power projects

*1567. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has identified 162 projects spread across 16 States for hydro power generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the work has started in those sites;

(d) if so, the details thereof and progress thereon; and

(e) if not, by when?

Conference of State Ministers of Rural Development

*1568. SHRI BALAVANT alias BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of the State Ministers of Rural Development was called on June 29, 2004;

(b) what specific issues were raised by the Maharashtra Minister and what decisions were taken thereon in the Conference; and

(c) what other important issues were taken up therein?

Provision of Potable water

†*1569. SHRI JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact there is a provision for providing potable water to 83 per cent households in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of households in each state of the country till end of 2003 for which there was a provision for providing potable water;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the problem of potable water is getting severe due to deterioration in the quality of potable water;

(e) if so, the names of the State adversely affected; and

(f) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

Action plan submitted by FICCI for creation of employment opportunities

1570. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FICCI had submitted an action taken plan to rejuvenate the economy and to create employment opportunities in rural sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government have taken thereon?

Step to manage funds for rural development

1571. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank in its report has pointed out that Panchayats should adopt hire and fire policy to enable local administration to deal with resource crunch so as to control their budget better and give more powers to gram panchayat;

(b) whether this question was discussed recently during the meeting of the Chief Ministers of States in Delhi on 30.6.2004;

(c) if so, whether transfer funds to district and local Governments proposed rural big hubs; and

(d) if so, what was the outcome of talks and whether States have urged more funds for rural developments?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Direct Funding to Panchayat Raj
Institutions**

1572. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate funds directly to the Panchayat Raj Institutions for rural development schemes;

(b) whether Government required any complaint relating to the manner adopted by the District Rural Development Agencies DRDA to implement central schemes; and

(c) whether Government propose to change the existing criteria for allocation of funds and review the proposed direct funding to Panchayats?

Re-Survey of Government Lands

1573. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has sought Central Financial Assistance for undertaking re-survey of Government lands; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the Centre's reaction thereof?

**Centre Assistance to Rayalseema Seva
Samithi (RAS) in A.A.P.**

1574. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rayalseema Seva Samithi of Andhra Pradesh has received assistance from Government in the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereto;

(c) the purpose for which such grants were given;

(d) what steps are proposed to review the activities of RAS;

(e) whether any complaints have also come against this organisation; and

(f) if so, details thereof?

Steps to alleviate the lot of BPL people

1575. SHRI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mandatory reduction in poverty ratio by five percentage points during the Tenth Plan and another 10 percent during the Eleventh Plan would still leave more than 11 percent population about 130 million people below the poverty line, in 2012;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have demanded higher allocation of funds for rural development?

**Identification of true backward
districts in the country**

1576. SMT. VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the true backward districts in the country where economic growth rate is near zero;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof, zone-wise; and

(c) the action taken to improve the socio-economic conditions of people living below the poverty line in these districts which are mostly flood prone?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Construction of Toilets for Ladies in Villages

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

(a) whether the Rural Development Ministry has a scheme for construction of toilets for ladies in the villages of the country;

(b) what is the cost of this toilet and where has any standard toilet for use by ladies in rural areas been developed; and

(c) what is the time-frame for providing this toilet facility in rural areas all over the country?

Drinking water project of Andhra Pradesh awaiting clearance

1578. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project for drinking water supply, costing Rs. 58.97 crores and supported by the Government of Netherlands, of the Government of Andhra Pradesh is pending before the ministry;

(b) if so, when such a proposal for clearance has been received in the Ministry; and

(c) the action that has been taken on the request?

Enhancement of budgetary allocation for rural development

1579. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enhance budgetary allocation for rural development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has identified some specific region based schemes in the State of Uttaranchal for rural development; and

(d) if so, the break up of the allocation for such schemes?

Implementation of PMGSY in Uttar Pradesh

†1580. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money made available to different States for 'Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana' till 31st July, 2004 and the length of the roads constructed in kms separately in each State;

(b) the total length of the roads (in kilometre) constructed in different districts of Uttar Pradesh especially Azamgarh under Pradhan Mantri gram Sadak Yojana and the total amount spent for the same;

(c) the details of the roads about which complaints of bad conditions have been received from the representatives of the people; and

(d) the details of the action taken or being taken on the complaints received during the last two years?

Acute shortage of drinking water in Karnataka villages

1581. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the villages of Karnataka due to persistent drought in the State for the last three years;

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(b) the steps Government have taken during the last three years to solve the drinking water problems in rural Karnataka, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom?

Drinking Water Scheme Proposals of Uttaranchal

†1582. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received under various drinking water related schemes from the State of Uttaranchal during last three years alongwith the details of the schemes sanctioned and the amount released by Central Government thereunder;

(b) whether some of the above proposals of State Government are pending with Central Gvoernment; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in sanctioning these proposals and by when these will be approved?

Laboratories in Karnataka to test quality of water

1583. SHRI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up modern laboratories in various rural parts of Karnataka to test and monitor the quality of water supplied in villages;

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

(c) how many of them are functional of on date, district-wise?

Schemes to impose rural drinking water supply;

1584. SHRI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes for improvement of rural drinking water supply;

(b) the allocations made therefor during the current year, State-wise; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure that resources available for the purpose are fully utilised?

Steps to make wasteland and arid/ semi arid land productive

1585. SMT. KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of total area of wasteland arid/semi arid in the country with state-wise break-up thereof;

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to make such potential lands productive;

(c) whether Government propose to give such lands to the landless poor in order to empower them; and

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

Funds under PMGSY for N.E. States

1586. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minsiter of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise sanction of funds udner Pradhns Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY sicne its inception for the Seven Sister States of the North East;

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(b) the Financial and physical achievement or failure of each State; and

(c) whether this programme (PMGSY) will continue with greater or less importance in future?

Acute scarcity of Potable Water in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

†1587. SM, T. MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the problem of rural potable water has taken a serious turn in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan as a result of drought during the recent months;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided to the state; and endeavors to ensure the availability of potable water;

(c) whether State Governments have furnished any calamity management scheme under emergent circumstances to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action Government have taken thereon?

Steps to Provide pure Drinking Water

1588. SMT. PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under various rural drinking water schemes implemented under Central Schemes of Government in rural areas mostly unfiltered and un-treated ground water is supplied to the rural masses for domestic use;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or proposed to take to supply contamination free water to the rural masses in the country particularly in Karnataka?

Utilisation of M.P.LADS Funds in Schemes for Providing Pure Drinking Water

†1589. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide pure drinking water under 'Swajaldhara Scheme';

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to provide pure drinking water to villages by contribution of money from MP Local Area Development Fund in it;

(c) if so, whether any guidelines have been issued to States in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Availability of bitumen

1590. SMT. KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether roads are metalled under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, what is the provision to ensure easy availability of necessary Alkatra (Bitumen) for metalling of roads; and

(c) whether it is a fact that non-availability of bitumen in time affects quality of roads?

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Special grant sfor construction of good rural roads

1591. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to provide special grants to the states to construct good rural roads with new technology at the earlies?

Funds sought by Himachal Pradesh for drinking water Projects

1592. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that under the Accelerated Rural Water supply Programme of his Ministry, the Government of Himachal Pradesh had sent a proposal on 31st March, 2002 for granting an amoung of Rs. 207.60 crores for the construction of various drinking water supply projects for the unlgged population of 12 district in Himachal;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard and the reasons for its lying pending so far; and

(c) by when, a final decision would be taken in this matter?

Winding up of EAS

1593. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) which was continuing till the end of ninth Five Year Plan, has been given up from Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Flow of rural credit to the rural population

1594. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of a doubling over the next three years of the flow of rural credit to the hard-pressed bulk of the rural population;

(b) if so, the details including the State-wise proposals; if any;

(c) the details of proposals from State Government regarding more flow of rural cradit if any, State-wise, category-wise as on today; and

(d) the details of the present rural credit, State-wise, category-wise?

Merge of centrally sponsored rural development scheme

1595. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to merge most of the 208 centrally sponsored rural development schemes to ensure that the funds reach the district level bodies direct and not through the State Government; and

(b) if so, how will it be more efficient from the past practice?

Funding for PMGSY

1596. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has urged the Prime Minister's office to expedite the release of additional funds, raised through

a 50 paise cess on every litre of diesel sold, for funding the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has also urged the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to resume the funding of the rural roads programme under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund; and

(c) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Proposal of Madhya Pradesh for providing during water

1597. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to Central Government regarding providing drinking water in rural areas for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal would be sanctioned and required funds provided?

Foodgrains under SGRY to Maharashtra

1598. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has requested the Central Government to fix the rates of foodgrains to be sold/ distributed under the Sampoora Gramin Rojgar Yojana to people below the poverty line;

(b) whether similar requests have also been received from other State Governments; and

(c) if so, what is Government's decision thereto?

Issue of sanction order for IWDP proposal of Madhya Pradesh

1599. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Project Sanction Committee set-up in 2002-03 had granted its sanction to the proposals received for the nine district of Madhya Pradesh under Integrated Waste Land Development programme but no order have so far been issued in this regard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would issue the sanction order?

Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana

1600. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to provide a fillip to the textiles sector especially the weaver community, the Government has introduced a new scheme-Indira Gandhi Hathkargha Vikas Yojana;

(b) if so, whether an outlay of rs. 300 crore for this scheme will provide employment to 1 lakh Weavers;

(c) if so, whether this scheme has been prepared and finalized; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced and the amount allocated for implementation by 2004-05?

India's utilisation quota

1601. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's utilization quota during first four months of the calendar

year has slowed as there is a modest improvement in unit value realization of exports;

(b) whether according to Apparel Export Promotion Council during period January-April, 2004 the utilization of quota vis-a-vis January-April, 2003 went down by 13.80 percent from 46.74 percent to 39.74%;

(c) if so, whether in the case of US, the single biggest export outlet to India shows a decrease of 11.27 percent and in European years the total utilization was an increase of 22.37 percent and in Canada a decrease of 11.97 percent;

(d) if so, what are the steps that Government propose to improve textile exports quota utilization which has shown a downward trend in January-April, 2004?

Functioning of testing Laboratories under CSB IN Karnataka

1602. SHRI K.B. KRISHAN MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Testing Laboratories under Central Silk Board are functioning in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more Testing laboratories to avoid delays in the mandatory testing of silk imported from China; and

(c) if so, how many new Testing Laboratories proposed to be set up in Karnataka?

New Scheme for Textile workers

1603. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a new scheme aimed

at development and welfare of the textile sector workers and augmenting the employment opportunities in the sector;

(b) if so, what are the details with allocations made for implementation of the scheme; and

(c) whether people engaged in silk industry will receive special focus under the scheme as they are suffering maximum on account of the Chinese silk adversely affecting the Indian silk market?

Welfare of weavers

1604. SMT. KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various schemes of Government for weavers; and

(b) the steps taken for welfare of weavers?

Scrapping special Textile duty

1605. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the EU has conveyed to India of scrapping its discount on import duties on textile exporters of China and India to ensure that block market stays open to some of the world's poorest fabric producing countries;

(b) if so, to what extent this decision has been welcomed by India;

(c) whether global trade in textile and clothing will become fully liberalized from 2005;

(d) to what extent the EU scrapping special textile duty will benefit India; and

(e) to what extent it will help in improving its trade in Textile with EU?

Sick handloom units

‡1606. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made by the Government to the effect that handloom units have been closed due to increasing in the handloom industry in the country during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the year 2003-004 there has been reduction in textiles production in handloom sector as compared to 1988-99; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Hand woven clothes

1607. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to promote traditional hand woven clothes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to promote the export of the said clothes?

Promotion and development of coir industry

1608. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering for the promotion and development of coir industry in the country specially in the state of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in textiles sector

1609. SHRI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps/plan Government have taken to attract F.D. Investment to the tune of Rs. 60,000 crores and create one million jobs in the next five years as envisaged by the Textiles minister;

(b) whether Government is thinking of protection small and medium textile units from 1st January, 2005 when quota system ended, apart from Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme;

(c) whether any action plan has been prepared by Government to meet post 2005 regime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Concessions to powerloom sector

1610. SMT. S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the powerloom sector has demanded more concessions;

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

(c) whether it is also fact that the Indian Cotton Mills Federation has urged the Government to ensure a level palying held for different segments of the textile industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Financial assistance to revival of Textiles sector

1611. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr any proposal has been

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received from the Government of Kerala seeking financial assistance to revive the textile sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to grant assistance to Kerala for the above purpose;

(d) whether Government have extended or propose to extend financial assistance to the State for reviving textile sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Tax benefits at par with SEZs for apparel exporters

1612. SHRI K. Rama Mohanan Rao: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the apparel exporters are demanding tax benefits at par with the Special Economic Zones and liberalising the building rules, to compete with their counterparts in other countries;

(b) whether any representation has been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action contemplated thereon?

Plight of weavers

1613. SHRI Motilal Vora: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight of the weavers in of adequate protective legislation for them; and

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has any proposal to introduce any comprehensive scheme to give them adequate protection and to save them from exploitation by employers and middlemen?

Production of textiles through handloom industry during the Tenth Five Year Plan

1614. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have devised any action plan the Tenth Five Year Plan, to promote the production of textiles through handloom industry in country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of textiles output fixed to be manufactured by the handloom industries by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan consequent upon implementation of this action plan; and

(d) how it compare the quantity of the targeted output at the beginning of the Five Year Plan?

Silk Export Promotion Council

1615. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any plans from the Silk Export Promotion Council to increase exports of silk;

(b) if so, details of such plans;

(c) whether it is a fact that a delegation of silk exporters had met the government recently with their suggestions;

(d) which are the countries offering maximum competition to Indian silk exporters; and

(e) what steps does Government propose to take to encourage silk exports from India?

Standard of sports Institutes

1616. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) which of our sports and games are up to the International Standard;

(b) whether our Sports Institutes are possessing equipment and accessories of international standards to support training inputs of these sports and games; and

(c) whether the individual players of proven international standard are allowed to import equipment/accessories required to sustain or improve their standard of skills relating to games without payment of custom duty and in a hassle-free system?

Doping by Indian weightlifters

1617. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian weightlifters have tested positive in doping tests abroad even after being cleared by the SAI doping center in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to upgrade the doping center to bring it at par with other leading doping centers?

Expenditure on preparations for 2004 Olympics

1618. SHRI S.M. LALI JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on preparation for the 2004 Olympics;

(b) the details of the item-wise expenditure;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been no effort to select schools going youth for future Olympics;

(d) whether Government is putting too much emphasis on older athletes; and

(e) The details of the strategy which depends on old timers rather than new blood?

Assistance to Uttaranchal for construction of sport stadia

†1619. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether targets have been fixed to construct big and small sports stadia in various States;

(b) the number of big and small stadia proposed to be built in Uttaranchal during the present plan period along with locations thereof; and

(c) the details of the economic assistance being provided to the State of Uttaranchal for the construction of stadia?

Construction of physical training centres/new stadia in Nagaland

1620. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct any new physical training centres/new stadium in Nagaland during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken for employment of the scheme/planning in the State of Nagaland?

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**Development of sports infrastructure
in Nagaland**

1621. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to develop sports infrastructure in the State of Nagaland during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any grant has been sanctioned for the same during this period for the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if no, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the details of projects pending with Government?

Drug misuse by Indian sportmen

1622. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign athletics experts are using top Indian

athletes to test their medicines and drugs on them;

(b) if so, what steps the Ministry has taken to stop the drug misuse by Indian sportsmen and their coaches; and

(c) whether bio-chemical test are being done regularly on the athletes preparing to go to Athens Olympics?

**Proposals received from the D/o Sports
and Youth Welfare, Madhya Pradesh**

1623. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare of Madhya Pradesh during the last five years along with the details of proposals pending approval of Government;

(b) the reasons for not approving the said proposals so far; and

(c) by when approval would be given to all the said pending proposals?

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