

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 : Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy; Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology; Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 155

Employment under PMRY

†2504. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths who have been provided loan under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether any target has been fixed to make loans available during this period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

PMRY in Uttar Pradesh

†2505. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the target of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who have been sanctioned loans by banks during the said period against the target in the State;

(c) whether it is a fact that banks are not co-operating in achieving the targets in the State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Schemes for development of ARIs

2506. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes are being implemented by Government for the development of Agro and Rural Industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made as a result of implementation of those schemes, State-wise;

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(c) whether it is a fact that India still lags behind in "Agricultural Mechanization"; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Promotion of ARIs

‡2507. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken by Government to promote the rural/agriculture based industries;

(b) the details of rural industries in the agriculture sector;

(c) the amount allotted by Government to these industries for exporting the products from these industries; and

(d) the details thereof, State-wise?

Projects under REGP

2508. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress which are under progress under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in various States, district-wise;

(b) the amount of funds allocated and spent during each of the last three years, year-wise, district-wise; and

(c) the number of people benefited through this scheme since its inception?

Agreement between Atomic Institutes of India and Europe

‡2509. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Atomic Institutes of India and Europe have signed an agreement;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement between the two Institutes; and

(c) the basis of this agreement?

Increase of nuclear power generation

2510. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generation of electricity from different nuclear power plants during 2004-05 was about 16,500 MUs;

(b) if so, the details of installed capacity and generation of electricity during the year and planned for 2005-06;

(c) whether Government have any plan to increase capacity of nuclear power generation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor

2511. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India plans to join the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor Project; and

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(b) if so, the nature of our participation including the financial implications?

Augmentation of harnessing Atomic Energy

2512. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether electric power derived from atomic power stations, besides Hydel Power, provides cost effective and quality source of electricity as compared to thermal power;

(b) whether industrialized countries viz., the USA, UK and others in EU and some in the pacific region are harnessing Atomic Energy to meet their power demands more than on thermal power;

(c) the present status of India in this regard *vis-a-vis* these countries;

(d) whether Government are contemplating augmentation of harnessing Atomic Energy;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, principle constraints therefor; and

(g) the details of steps contemplated to overcome them?

Funds allocated for atomic power plants

†2513. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up atomic power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be allocated by Government for this?

Synthetic Rutile Plant at Chavara

2514. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of Joint Venture proposal of IREL, NMDC and KSIDC for setting up a Synthetic Rutile Plant at Chavara, Kollam District;

(b) whether application of IREL for extension of mining lease for 20 years to ensure required raw material for the project has been approved by the Kerala Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether KMML has agreed for the tie-up with the project for using the Synthetic Rutile as feed stock for their TiO₂ pigment expansion; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Uranium reserves in Himachal Pradesh

†2515. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an indication of uranium reserve in Jakhuni village of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for its confirmation; and

(c) by when it would be confirmed?

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Investment by CIL in foreign countries

†2516. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited has taken a decision to make investment in the coal mining in some foreign countries;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the names of the countries the proposals of which are still under consideration for making investment in the coal mining;

(c) the maximum amount proposed to be invested therein; and

(d) the reasons for giving priority to the foreign mining instead of domestic mining?

Gevra Opencast expansion project

2517. SHRI RAASHID ALVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the Gevra Opencast expansion project of the South Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(b) if so, whether the total capital investment is of Rs. 1,667.55 crores;

(c) if so, whether the completion cost would be Rs. 1,897.80 crores;

(d) the total production of tonnes of coal to be purchased from this project;

(e) the period of completion of this project;

(f) to what extent, it would raise coal output; and

(g) the States where the coal would be supplied from this project?

Setting up coal-based pithead power plant in Orissa

2518. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN
PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Neyveli Lignite Corporation proposes to set up a coal-based pithead power plant in Orissa in joint venture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of power that would be generated by this plant; and

(d) how far would this help to bridge the gap between demand and supply of power in Orissa?

Agreement between CIL and trade unions

2519. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been reached between the Coal India Ltd. management and five major central trade unions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coal companies have taken a decision to rehabilitate wards of deceased workers?

Import of coal

2520. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a

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decision to import coal to meet the requirement of power companies and other industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity and grade of coal to be imported and from which countries;

(d) the efforts made by Coal India to increase production of good quality coal in the country; and

(e) if so, the results thereof?

**Loss due to non-clearance from
Department of forest**

†2521. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-clearance of approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, there has been a shortfall in the production of coal of around 27,93,324 tonnes by the Mahanadi Coalfield Limited from the last April to February this year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that State Government, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited and Central Government suffered a loss of Rupees, 23,74,35,000/- 118,25,10,000/- and 25,89,99,000/- respectively; and

(c) who is responsible for this loss and concrete measures taken by Government for stopping the recurrence of the same?

Policy to allot coal for captive use

†2522. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating a change in the present policy of providing coal for captive use through coal linkage;

(b) if so, whether the new policy would also be applicable to the companies which already have availed coal linkage;

(c) if so, whether it would make coal costlier for small companies; and

(d) if so, how would small companies compete market system with the big companies which have received coal block?

Land sliding due to mining

†2523. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to mining work carried out in the coal areas of Jharkhand, the threat of land sliding has arisen therein;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any scientific study to determine the area affected by this mining work and the details thereof;

(c) the total number of incidents of land sliding during the last four years and the number of people lost their lives in these accidents; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to prevent these accidents and the details thereof?

Fire in coal mines

†2524. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some mines of Bharat Coking Coal Limited and Central Coal Field Limited have caught fire for decades;

(b) if so, the total number of sites caught fire and since when the sites caught fire alongwith reasons therefor;

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(c) whether his Ministry has claimed that these fires would soon be brought under control; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to extinguish these fires and prevent recurrence of fire in future?

Deficiencies in NLC

2525. SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B.KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been major deficiencies on the part of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) in formulating the budgetary proposals and their budgets are lapsing year after year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there has been considerable mis-match between the financial targets and achievements in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) and the track record of the NLC in achieving financial targets has been far from satisfaction; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government to project only realistic and achievable budget?

Coal workers not covered by CMPFO

2526. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 83,304 workers engaged in Coal Mines by contractors, 52, 304 remained uncovered up to March, 2003 by the Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation (CMPFO);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CMPFO failed to exercise its powers to realize outstanding dues amounting to Rs. 314.22 crores on account of PF and pension arrears; and

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

Common Service Centre in Andhra Pradesh

2527. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Postal Department proposes to Start Common Service Centres to issue Birth and Death certificates;

(b) whether it is also true that one lakh such centres are proposed in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, the number of Common Service Centres proposed to start in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether Government think of adding some value added services to the proposed centres?

Setting up of Hardware Park

2528. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Hardware Park near Bangalore International Airport in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the Karnataka Government have sought financial assistance;

(c) if so, the amount of financial assistance sought for;

(d) whether Karnataka Government have also sought declaring the proposed park as Special Economic Zone; and

(e) if so, the action, if any, taken in this regard?

PCO facilities in Nagaland

2529. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PCO facility has been granted in all post offices of Nagaland State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all post offices are likely to be provided with the above facility?

Developing Mohali as IT hub

2530. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Punjab Government has decided to invest Rs. 200 crores for the infrastructural growth and development of Mohali in Punjab to make it Information Technology hub; and

(b) if so, what sort of help Central Government propose to provide to Punjab in this regard?

IT employees losing their jobs

2531. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gartner Consultancy has surveyed about the IT services in India and China, recently;

(b) if so, whether they have released any report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to outsourcing the employees of IT were losing their jobs; and

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

Tele-density in rural areas

†2532. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

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

(a) what is the average of current telephone density in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether Government are working on any plan to increase tele-density in rural areas;

(c) if so, the complete details thereof;

(d) whether Government have held discussions with private companies in this regard; and

(e) the target set by Government to increase tele-density in rural areas?

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New Post Offices in Maharashtra

2533. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS*
BAL APTE:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for
opening up new Post Offices in
Maharashtra during the current financial
year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

National Telecom Policy, 2005

2534. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the
Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is
preparing a 'National Telecom Policy, 2005';

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;
and

(c) by when this 'National Telecom
Policy' is likely to be announced?

**Provision of mobile service in rural
areas**

†2535. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the
Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile
service is yet not available in rural areas
and small towns;

(b) if so, whether Government propose
to take any step for providing mobile service
in rural areas;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Employment through
e-infrastructure/e-learning groups**

2536. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have created a
separate productivity and employment
center division under the existing
e-infrastructure/e-learning group;

(b) whether the division will play a
nodal role in identifying the various sectors
where the information communication tools
can be extended to enhance productivity of
the sector and consequently generate more
employment;

(c) the main proposals that are being
considered; and

(d) to what extent it has been able to
generate more employment as desired by
the Prime Minister?

ATM services in post offices

2537. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

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

(a) the details of steps taken or proposed
to be taken for improving the current postal
services in the coming years in the field of
money deposits and transactions;

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(b) whether Government has decided to open ATM-Banks like services in post offices; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof?

(b) the details of Government's plan to computerize the rest of the post offices, district-wise; and

(c) the time period by which the work would be completed?

ILD business by BSNL

2538. SHRIMATI KAMLA
MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL
SABHARWAL:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that International Long Distance (ILD) business is a very complex and dynamic with settlement rates changing even on hourly basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ILD business require tie-ups and contracts with multiple international parties and require great deal of skill and experience;

(c) if so, whether BSNL possess skills to enter ILD business and run operations efficiently; and

(d) if not, the reasons for entering ILD business by BSNL?

Computerisation of post offices in Maharashtra

2539. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BALAPTE:

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

(a) the number of post offices computerized in Maharashtra, district-wise and location-wise;

Revenue drop of BSNL

2540. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA
TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp declining of revenue of BSNL is about to 6,500 crores in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL's revenue drop due to its inability to take timely and market friendly decision; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have initiated any action to control such huge revenue drop?

TRAI's approvals for concessions

2541. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that certain mobile phone companies such as Reliance India Mobile entice the people of free downloads and charge for such downloads later;

(b) whether Government would direct the companies to honour their commitments in the interests of consumers; and

(c) whether Government would make it mandatory to get the approval of TRAI

before announcing/withdrawing any concession by mobile companies?

Scheme to increase the revenue

‡2542. SHRI BALAVANTALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under the consideration of Indian Posts and Telegraph department to raise its revenue;

(b) if so, whether any new scheme is proposed to be introduced to compete with courier services;

(c) if so, the features of the new scheme; and

(d) the details thereof?

Annual spectrum charges

2543. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI recommended for lowering the ceiling of annual spectrum charges payable by service providers to Government from the existing 6 per cent to 4 per cent on annual gross revenue;

(b) whether it is also a fact that TRAI has also recommended for constitution of Group of Ministers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) in what manner, Government are going to ensure availability of adequate spectrum to achieve the target of 20 million mobile subscribers by 2007?

Reduction of pulse rate

2544. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MTNL, Delhi has since reduced telephone pulse rate between Delhi and towns of NCR namely Ghaziabad, Noida, Faridabad and Gurgaon from 3 minutes to 2 minutes, which is against the concept of National Capital Region, which stipulates that the whole region be treated as one city;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct MTNL, Delhi to revert to the earlier arrangement; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Criteria for nomination of member of TAC

2545. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for nomination of members for TACs of Telecom district;

(b) whether the persons recommended by the Members of Parliament are considered for nomination; if so, how many members, each MP can recommend in his home district;

(c) whether it is a fact that in many TACs the names of capable and competent persons recommended by the MPs have been ignored and in their places persons recommended by the highly placed political functionaries have been included; and

(d) if so, how many such persons recommended by the political functionaries have been accommodated?

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Spectrum policy

2546. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when India is going to launch spectrum policy;

(b) whether any discussions by the Wireless Planning Commission with operators in this connection have been held; and

(c) the feedback that Wireless Planning Commission has got from the operators?

Shortage of staff quarters

2547. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of quarters for MTNL staff in Cuddapah;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to construct more staff quarters for which land is already available at Almaspet area; and

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

Release of commemorative stamps

2548. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested for release of a commemorative stamp in the memory of Sri Siddanagowda Sannaramanagowda Patil who is the founder President of the

country's first ever Agricultural Cooperative Society in India; and

(b) by when the proposed commemorative stamp is likely to be released?

GSM service by BSNL

2549. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that GSM telephone subscriber base is fast increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the GSM lines currently in operation and anticipated increase during the next three years, both in respect of private players and PSUs;

(c) whether it is a fact that BSNL propose to float a global tender shortly for adding 60 million GSM lines at a cost of over Rs. 20,400 crores; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with details of features proposed to be added to the GSM service by BSNL?

Waiting list for telephone connections in Jammu

2550. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the persons in the waiting list for telephone connections particularly in Tehsil R.S. Pura under Jammu Telecom Circle for the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the people living in R.S. Pura, Bishna, Kathua,

Gangyal, who have deposited money for telephone connections for several years ago, are on waitlist as on date;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of people whose names are recommended by Member of Parliament's discretionary quota but telephone connection are not installed till now?

e-post offices

2551. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up one-in-all e-post offices with the state-of-the-art technology including ATM facility and retail sale of phones, software and hardwares on cheaper prices in every districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details also on modernization process of post offices in the country?

Mobile number portability

2552. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI has initiated the process of bringing in mobile number portability in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the complexities involved in the process; and

(d) by when the number portability would be applicable?

Waiting list of mobile services of BSNL in Bihar

†2553. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise latest position of waiting list of applicants interested in mobile service installed by BSNL in Bihar Telecom Circle including Patna; and

(b) the scheme of Government to provide mobile service to the applicants registered in waiting list and the action taken so far in this regard?

Functioning of Phulparaas Telephone Exchange in Bihar

†2554. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Phulparaas Telephone Exchange under Madhubani Telephone District in Bihar is situated in flood prone area and often becomes inoperative and faulty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Phulparaas Telephone Exchange is not functioning as per its total installed capacity and the disruption in its service and connection has become a common feature; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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Training to BSNL employees

2555. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that BSNL has not been able to improve its repair services in the rural areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that BSNL has not been able to motivate its employees to give proper response to 197 enquires and complaints on repairs etc.;
- (c) the steps BSNL would take in Andhra Pradesh to motivate its employees to give better service and offer competition to the private telecom operators;
- (d) whether any compulsory short training session are planned for BSNL employees in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of steps planned by BSNL in this regard?

Revival of Speed Post Service

2556. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to scrap the Speed Post Service;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal to scrap this service;
- (c) whether it is a fact that vast losses have been incurred by Government in continuing this service;
- (d) the cause for the failure of Speed Post Service;
- (e) whether any steps are proposed to review the functioning of this service and revive it; and

(f) the steps proposed in this regard?

Percentage of FDI inflow

2557. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of investment made in the financial years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 in the telecom sector including the amount of inflows of FDI and the percentage thereof;
- (b) the significant developments made during this period and the position of tele-density of different States as on 31st March, 2005; and
- (c) the programme in brief to expand networks in different States?

Local dialing facility in U.P. and Uttaranchal

†2558. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the local facility of calling from landline to mobile and from mobile to mobile has been provided to consumers in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal by B.S.N.L.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the consumers of Ghaziabad and NOIDA coming under N.C.R. have been deprived of this facility;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government would provide the said facility to the districts of N.C.R. also?

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Collapse of telephone exchange building in Bihar

2559. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tower which had fallen some months back on the Telephone Exchange building at Supaul, Bihar has still not been removed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether non-removal of the tower may lead to collapse of the Exchange building during heavy rains causing extensive damage to life and Government property;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against officers responsible and by when; and

(e) what steps Government would take to ensure that the tower is removed at the earliest?

Upgradation of telecom services in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh

2560. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

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

(a) the details of works relating to progress, expansion and upgradation of telecommunications in the urban and rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the progress in the rural areas is very slow compared to that of urban areas;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to improve the functioning at a fast rate in this regard in rural areas?

Submission of passport applications through District Collectors

†2561. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the system to make application through District Collectors of the States for getting passport, was introduced in the country;

(b) the details of persons who submitted their applications for passport to the District Collectors during the years between 2002-03 and 2004-05 under the system year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons to whom passports were provided in each of the States during above period?

Personal attendance for submission of passport application

2562. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made personal attendance mandatory for presentation of application for passports and collection thereof;

(b) if so, the details of the revised arrangement and the reason therefor;

(c) whether keeping in view difficulties of the people, Government would consider entrusting the job to the licensed agents; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Appointment of Tamil knowing High Commissioners in Singapore and Malaysia

2563. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Tamils are in association with Singapore and Malaysia for more than 150 years and Tamil language had been given official language status there, whereas the Ministry never seems to have given any weightage at all in appointing Tamil knowing High Commissioners in these countries with the result the local Tamils have no local rapport at all with our High Commissions; and

(b) whether in the light of trade and commerce for which top priority being given, would there be a move hereafter to appoint Tamil knowing High Commissioners in these countries?

Seizure of fishing boats and fishermen

2564. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any plans to discuss with the Pakistani authorities the issue of seized fishing boats and arrested fishermen;

(b) whether Government have done any study of how many fishing vessels have been seized by neighbouring countries during the last two years;

(c) if so, the details of the findings of this study;

(d) what help is being given to the owners of such seized fishing vessels;

(e) whether any scheme would be drawn up to help the fishing sector meet the

problems caused by neighbouring countries; and

(f) if so, the details of steps proposed in this regard?

Indian fishermen detained in foreign jails

2565. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Indian fishermen languishing in the jails of foreign countries;

(b) the steps taken by Government for their release; and

(c) whether Government are informed by the appropriate foreign Governments when Indian fishermen are apprehended and put in jail?

Indo-Iran cooperation

2566. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint declaration between India and the Islamic Republic of Iran issued on 25th January, 2003, in New Delhi, envisaged various bilateral measures for furthering of mutual socio-economic interests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of steps taken by both sides towards implementation of the same, so far;

(d) whether any assessment of the status of the joint declaration made following the change of regime in Iran recently; and

(e) if so, the conclusion thereof?

Indo-EU partnership

2567. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether EU have finalized plan for partnership with India;
- (b) if so, whether the EU and India have agreed on a strategic relationship and partnership;
- (c) if so, whether action plan is being finalized so that both countries go ahead with the operations; and
- (d) if so, to what extent agreement between India and EU has been finalized?

Torture of Indians abroad

2568. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:
SHRI C.
RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Indian workers working in Gulf countries, Singapore and Malaysia are tortured brutally and Indian Embassies have failed to take any action;
- (b) if so, the details of torture, beheading, whipping mercilessly of Indian workers reported during the last one year;
- (c) whether Government have taken up the matter with these countries; and
- (d) if so, the response of these countries so far?

Proposals on terrorism in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

2569. SHRIMATI SUKHBUN KAUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) what proposals were mooted by India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit meet held in Astana, Kazakhstan in July this year for common security of the region and for dealing with cross border terrorism;
- (b) what consensus was reached in regard thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken and are being taken by Government in the light thereof?

Membership of OIC

2570. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Organisation of Islamic countries had invited Russia to join it with an observer status; and
- (b) if so, whether Government would consider to seek membership for India with the said Organisation?

Participation of Indian Navy in Proliferation Security Initiative

2571. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Navy would participate in the United States sponsored Proliferation Security Initiative;
- (b) whether Government had conveyed its decision to participate in the said initiative; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

G-8 Global Arms Exporters' report

2572. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across a report titled 'The G-8: Global Arms Exporters' released by Amnesty and Oxfam, on the alleged export of arms by G-8 countries to oppressive regimes are used to suppress human rights;

(b) whether India has any on-going contracts for supply of arms with any of these G-8 nations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Visit of Afghan Foreign Minister to India

2573. SHRI E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the details of the outcome of visit of Afghan Foreign Minister recently in India?

Terrorist training camps in Pakistan

†2574. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has stated in an interview with BBC while attending the meeting of G-4 countries held in London recently that our country has proof of training camps running for terrorists in Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Pakistan had denied this report;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have apprised the world community about the said proof; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken/ proposed to be taken?

Relations with Sri Lanka

2575. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are giving an impression that it is more yielding rather than asserting our rights and sovereignty while negotiating and agreeing with neighbouring countries particularly with Sri Lanka including the issue of Katchatheevu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sri Lanka Government has raised certain environmental issues in respect of Sethu Samudram Canal Project suggesting joint monitoring; and

(c) the policy initiative of Government on this project?

Fund allocation for a school in Nepal

2576. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has agreed to provide Rs. 8 Million for the construction of a school in Nepal's Udaypur district;

(b) whether Government have signed any Memorandum of Understanding in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ULFA camps in Nepal

2577. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ULFA has again set up camps in Nepal following operation All Clear in Bhutan;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that Nepal Maoists are sharing these camps with ULFA;

(c) what steps had been initiated to desist Maoists to co-operate with North-Eastern insurgent groups; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

British ban on transfer of nuclear technology

2578. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has refused to relax the ban on the transfer of nuclear technology to India until the signing of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty;

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

(c) whether the Prime Minister during the recent visit to England, last month raised the issue with British Prime Minister and impressed upon him to remove the ban keeping in view India's credibility as a nuclear power; and

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

Abolition of child labour

2579. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any initiatives to abolish child labour in the country on the lines of the initiatives taken and success achieved by the Government of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented so as to abolish child labour in various States?

Amended version of EPS and EPFS

2580. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) and Employees Provident Fund Scheme (EPFS);

(b) whether the EPS, which was introduced in 1995, was amended by the EPS Act, in 1996;

(c) if so, the salient features of the amended version of the EPS;

(d) whether there is any bar on the employees opting and contributing to the revised EPS, which is stated to be beneficial to them in the long run; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard including guidelines, if any, issued by Government in the matter?

Increase of shifts in factories

2581. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to increase from three shifts to four shifts in factories to reduce unemployment problem to some extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ILO's rate for employment opportunity

2582. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any strategy to bring the workers in the main stream due to hardship/challenges being faced by the unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the ILO has undertaken any projects to bring into the developing countries, including India, with the objective of creating more employment opportunities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Number of unskilled labourers

2583. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any statistics related to the number of unskilled labourers working all over the country;

(b) whether Government undertake any welfare measures to safeguard the interest of unskilled labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government consider to implement the insurance and pensionary benefit to those sectors?

Funds allocated under Child Labour Welfare and Rehabilitation Scheme

†2584. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of child labourers in the country is increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the number of child labourers in the country in the years 1991 and 2001;

(c) the details of the amount allocated by Government under Child Labour Welfare and Rehabilitation Scheme during last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether the said amount is being fully utilized by the States; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government for checking the growing number of child labourers?

Check on contract labour

2585. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government despite their promises from time to time to keep a check on hiring contract workers, are increasing their staff strength over the period;

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

(c) whether any efficiency is increasing by increased staff strength; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Employment Commission

2586. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration with Government to set up an Employment Commission in the country to generate employment avenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the existing mechanism to create employment avenues is not adequate; and

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(d) if so, the extent to which the setting up of Employment Commission is going to solve unemployment problem in the country?

(c) the steps taken by Government to find out the members whose fund has been lying unclaimed?

Downsizing of work force

2587. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost all the major trade unions and federations have demanded stoppage of downsizing of work force and lifting of ban on recruitment; and

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

Curtailing of interest rates on EPF

†2588. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared 9.5 per cent interest on EPF for the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for curtailing the interest rate for the financial year 2004-05 inspite of giving approval of 9.5 per cent interest?

Unclaimed deposits with Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)

2589. DR. M. A. M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount lying unclaimed with the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) classified as Unclaimed Deposits (UCDs);

(b) the reasons for this unclaimed deposits; and

Unlicensed employment agencies

2590. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in four metro cities of India, members of unlicensed agency houses are operating as employment agencies;

(b) whether it is a fact that agency houses are luring teenage girls from poor families and throwing them to all sorts of exploitations; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to regulate these agencies?

Creation of employment opportunities

†2591. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any additional scheme for creation of additional employment opportunities after mid-term review of Tenth Five Year Plan in order to achieve the target of employment generation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Women deserted by NRI husbands

2592. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are many women deserted by their NRI husbands in several Indian States;

(b) whether Government are also aware that their spouses have obtained ex-parte divorce in the US and other countries without informing them;

(c) if so, how many such cases have been detected by Government and in what manner Government propose to deal with the problem of conflict of laws relating to divorce, maintenance etc.;

(d) whether Government propose to take up the cases of such women with the concerned countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Facilities to NRIs

†2593. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities provided to NRIs for setting up industries in India;

(b) the names of States where application for setting up industries were made by them and approval accorded thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that they have misused the facilities provided by Government and made off with sanctioned loans and advances; and

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

Exploitation of Indian workers abroad

†2594. SHRI R. S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons go abroad for small works like labourer, domestic servant, driver, sanitation workers, cook etc.;

(b) whether a large number of women also go with them for such jobs;

(c) whether it is a fact that such people have to face sexual exploitation/inhuman behaviour/tortures such as has happened in Kuwait, recently;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to make any arrangement/investigation in foreign countries to contact them for preventing miserable conditions of Indians there;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Independent cadre for All India Services in States

2595. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal or any communication regarding formation of an independent cadre for All India Services in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the response of the Ministry;

(c) whether smallness of the States is a bar for formation of such a cadre; and

(d) the details as regards rules governing the same?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Corruption cases

2596. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of corruption and disproportionate assets registered by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Indian Penal Code, during the last three years;

(b) how many of them are against Gazetted Officers and non-Gazetted Officers, category-wise;

(c) how many of them have been challaned, and what is challan percentage, category-wise;

(d) how many of challaned cases have resulted in conviction, and what is conviction percentage, category-wise; and

(e) out of total number of convicted Gazetted Officers, what is their break-up, service-wise (IAS, IPS, IRS, etc.)?

Abolition of posts

2597. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of abolition of thousands of posts and optimization of direct recruitment in the Central Government in a situation where the country face severe unemployment crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government while abolishing lower-level posts in large numbers, create simultaneously new posts for higher officers by creation of new departments; and

(d) the details of posts abolished and departments created during the last five years?

Public friendly administration

†2598. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is first and foremost need to make the administration active public friendly;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a need to make the administration available in the villages as last unit of administration and to make it public friendly;

(d) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme on national level for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Cadre management of Central Secretariat Services

2599. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 3rd October, 2003 Government had decided, *inter alia*, to centralise the cadre of CSS from Grade of Assistant to Director and to operate the management of the cadre by the CS Division in DOPT;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that, necessary Gazette Notification for transfer of cadre management of CSS from EO Office to CS Division has not been made;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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(e) by what time all Gazette Notifications concerning decisions, including amendment of Central Staffing Scheme, taken on 3rd October, 2003 would be carried out?

CBI cases against Delhi Police officials

2600. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. has recently, registered cases of disproportionate assets to the tune of several crores against Delhi based Government officials including an A.C.P. of Delhi Police who was a recipient of gallantry award;

(b) if so, the details of such cases; and

(c) whether complaints of corruption against these officials were also received earlier and if so, what action was taken against them and if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand for reservation for SCs/STs

2601. SHRIB.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes has demanded reservation in armed forces, judiciary and autonomous bodies and initiation of penal measure against bureaucrats failing to implement such rules;

(b) whether the Commission has also sought suitable amendments to the reservation of posts and services for SC/ST and OBC Bill, 2004 now under consideration of the Parliament; and

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

Cadre review of CSSS (Stenographers service)

2602. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had approved the cadre review proposals of CSSS on 16th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof including decision on lateral entry of CSSS to CSS;

(c) whether no definite cadre strength in senior PPS and PPS Grades of CSSS has been proposed for decision by Government;

(d) if so, the reason therefor; and

(e) by what time Gazette Notifications in respect of Government decision dated 16th June, 2005 would be issued?

Plans for combating corruption in public life

2603. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that committing itself to an international covenant under the United Nations, Government could set in motion measures to combat corruption in public life;

(b) if so, whether India would consider to be signatory to the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) of which there are already 123 countries around the world; and

(c) whether Government plan to set up any other institution for combating corruption in public life?

**Frequent transfer of IAS/IPS officers
in U.P.**

2604. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in some of the States like Uttar Pradesh, IAS and IPS officers are transferred frequently;

(b) if so, whether Central Government would frame a uniform policy to fix a minimum tenure for All India Service Officers so that they are able to concentrate on development aspects and law and order problems better; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

CBI raids

2605. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has conducted a nation-wide raid at about 200 places of corrupt officers of various departments on the 30th June, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of senior officers of various departments of Government of India at whose places the raids were conducted by CBI;

(d) the amount of unaccounted cash, jewellery and incriminating documents seized in the raid; and

(e) the departmental action taken against these Government officials so far?

**Transfer policy of employees of CSS
and CSSS**

2606. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing transfer policy for the employees of Central Secretariat Service and Central Secretariat Stenographers' Services;

(b) the circumstances under which a person is retained in the same Ministry or Department on promotion;

(c) the reasons for not implementing the transfer policy in respect of the Under Secretaries belonging to the Select List of Section Officers of 1983 to 1987 batches; and

(d) the number of posts of Under Secretaries lying vacant as on 1st August, 2005 and the number of vacancies likely to arise in the next six months and the mechanism for filling up these vacancies?

Raids conducted by CBI

2607. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has made large scale raids in different parts of the country during the period from 1st January, 2003 to July, 2005 and nabbed corrupt persons;

(b) if so, the number of raids conducted by the CBI during the above period and the total number of persons found connected to such raids;

(c) the details of 100 top public sector/private sector/companies found guilty, particularly in Maharashtra and Punjab; and

(d) the number of persons punished till date and number of persons released after the initial enquiry, company-wise and State-wise?

Meetings of the Departmental Council (JCM)

2608. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether meetings of the Departmental Council (JCM) of the Department of Personnel and Training has not been held during the last 3-4 years;

(b) whether the same is held up for want of agenda from the staff side;

(c) if so, the details of correspondence exchanged with the staff side so far in this matter;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken to convene the meeting of the Council for discussing even the pending items already on the agenda; and

(e) the likely time limit by which the aforesaid meeting would be convened?

Legislation to protect whistle blowers

2609. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently informed the Supreme Court that the Central Vigilance Commission would protect, those exposing corruption in Government departments, till a legislation is enacted on the subject;

(b) if so, the details of suggestions made by Government, before the Bench of Supreme Court and whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner would be given autonomous independent powers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are seriously

contemplating to bring a Bill in this connection; and

(f) if so, by when?

Non-reporting of vacancies by DOP&T

2610. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-reporting of vacancies by Department of Personnel and Training, the UPSC has decided against holding of Section Officers, Private Secretaries Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons behind withholding of vacancies for these examination;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for safeguarding the interests of candidates servicing in other Departments including Ministry of Defence, Armed Forces Head Quarters and Ministry of External Affairs; and

(d) in what manner the vacancies for this Exam would be dealt with in respect of these Departments?

Proposal under Right to Information Act, 2005

2611. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Central Bureau of Investigation and Central Vigilance Commission for immunity under Right to Information Act, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

Task force on rural infrastructure

2612. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the task force on rural infrastructure had announced to release Rs. 1,74,000 crores for rural infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of villages that don't have telephone, electricity or drinking water facility; and

(d) by what time, they would be provided with these basic necessities?

Economic package for Orissa

2613. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sought a report from the Governor of Orissa on the need for a special economic package to the cash-strapped debt-ridden Orissa State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has asked for a special economic package of Rs. 13,096 crores to be implemented over a period of six years from 2004-05 to 2009-10, and also to write off the heavy debt of the State; and

(c) if so, the status of the above proposals?

Doubling of per capita income

2614. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has set out a road map to double per capita

income by 2012 and to start with, design programme for a yearly 8.1 per cent GDP growth in year 2002 to 2007;

(b) if so, the main features suggested by the Planning Commission to achieve the GDP growth of 8 per cent; and

(c) the steps that are being considered in this regard?

Funds for education to Orissa

2615. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa Government has asked for higher plan outlay for education;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made by the State Government of Orissa; and

(c) the status of the case and the time-frame within which the State would be allocated additional funds for higher education?

Special package for Mumbai

2616. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received number of representations/suggestions regarding grant of special package for the development of Mumbai particularly during the recent monsoon havoc which has surpassed record of last century rains and ruined the city;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government especially after the recent aerial visit by the Prime Minister of the affected areas of Mumbai?

Shortage of scientists in pure sciences

2617. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is likely to face shortage of scientists in pure sciences;

(b) if so, the reasons for such shortage and what measures are being taken to reverse the trend;

(c) whether Government agree that the research facilities in pure sciences are lacking in the country;

(d) if so, the steps that are being taken to equip the laboratories; and

(e) the steps that are being taken to encourage scientists to build international academic and research linkages in pure sciences?

Schemes/projects from Uttar Pradesh

†2618. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent some schemes/projects concerning science and technology to the Central Government seeking their approval in the year 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said schemes are likely to be approved?

Heavy rains in Mumbai

2619. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Meteorological

Department failed in pre warning the people of Mumbai about likely heavy rains highest in a day in the history of India; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to make weather forecast in India more trust worthy?

Institute of Seismological Research in Gujarat

2620. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have taken any measure to establish an Institute for Seismological Research in Gujarat/all over India to give precautions to the public of devastating earthquake/Tsunami waves near the coastal areas which would in future be a R&D Institution of international repute;

(b) if so, the decision on the proposal by the Central Government; and

(c) the provisions of funds for the project?

Road accidents in Delhi

2621. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1800 people, majority of them pedestrians, were killed in road accidents in Delhi alone during 2004;

(b) if so, with the spread of urbanization and vehicle revolution whether this spiraling death count needs urgent attention; and

(c) what effective comprehensive steps Government are proposing to adopt so that road accidents could be reduced to the minimum, not only in the urban regions, but on the Highways also?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Termination of contracts by NHAI

2622. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highway Authority of India has terminated seven contracts during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the legal action taken by the NHAI against the contractors, in case they failed to discharge their contractual obligation according to the terms of the contracts; and

(c) the additional cost likely to be incurred by NHAI to get the affected works completed and extra time likely to be taken thereon?

Goods transportation by Shipping

†2623. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage that shipping accounts for in the total goods transportation;

(b) the percentage of increase that is aimed at by Government in this field in the ensuing three years; and

(c) the names of rivers that have been earmarked by Government for developing as waterways for transportation?

Improving of cruise shipping

2624. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cruise shipping in India is in a poor state as compared to its status in

countries in Caribbean, Latin America and South East Asia;

(b) the present strength of cruise ship both in the public and private sectors in the country with passenger capacity in each sector; and

(c) the specific steps proposed by Government to appreciably improve the position of cruise shipping in India by the turn of this decade?

Acquisition of ships by SCI

2625. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to give block approval to the Shipping Corporation of India for acquisition of vessels;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help the Corporation to address the problems of ship acquisition?

Conversion of Highways into National Highways in UP

†2626. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh have sent any proposal to convert some State Highways into National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of State Highways out of them for which Government have agreed to convert them into National Highways; and

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(d) by when the remaining highways would be converted into National Highways?

Highways in Punjab and Bihar

†2627. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the highways in the States of Punjab and Bihar have separate identity;

(b) if so, the total length of highways in both the States;

(c) out of this, the length of highways of six lanes, four lanes and two lanes separately in these States;

(d) whether Government have decided to convert at least two lane highways into four lane highways; and

(e) if so, by when the said work would be completed in each of the abovesaid States?

National Highways in Bihar

2628. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHAI propose to repair the NH-28 in Hajipur, Muzaffarpur, Pipra Kothi and Raksaul;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-maintenance of this road the plying of vehicles has become extremely difficult thereon; and

(c) if so, the steps that are being taken for its immediate repair and proper maintenance?

National Highways in Kerala

2629. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of National Highways passing through the State of Kerala;

(b) the extent to which it has been converted into four lane;

(c) the details of the plan, if any, to convert the entire National Highways in Kerala into four lane; and

(d) by when the plan is expected to be implemented?

National Highways development in Assam

2630. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways development involving four laning under the road development plan is still non-starter in Assam portion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the position of progress of the work where it stands at now; and

(d) whether the works would be completed by the targeted year?

Four-lane National Highway in Goa

2631. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a four-lane National Highway in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the project?

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Work on NH-31

2632. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Finance Committee note on the 2nd Revised Cost estimate for realignment on NH-31 from Falakata to Pundibari has been circulated for comments of the appraising agencies;

(b) if so, whether the agencies have submitted their opinion; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to ensure time-bound completion of the realignment?

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the number of accidents on highways is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents that occurred during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured in these incidents, year-wise;

(d) total loss of property suffered in these incidents;

(e) the reasons for rise in the number of road accidents; and

(f) the remedial steps taken by Government?

Proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways

2633. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted thirteen proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways, costing about Rs. 118.04 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of them that have since been approved indicating their approved cost; and

(d) the details of these proposals which are still pending and the progress made so far in respect thereof, when their proposals were mooted and the reasons for the delay?

Rising number of road accidents

2634. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

Karwar Port in Karnataka

2635. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Karwar Port is under the care of Karnataka Government; and

(b) if so, to develop Karwar Port, whether the Karnataka Government have sent any proposal to hand over it to the Central Government?

Loans for roads in NER

2636. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided as loan from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank for National Highways development projects in the country particularly in NER; and

(b) the present status and progress of the various national highways development project in NER?

Vehicle tracking Pilot Project

2637. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a vehicle tracking Pilot Project is being implemented in Delhi-Gurgaon national highway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to implement a pilot project in Tamil Nadu also;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Completion of NHDP

2638. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of completion targeted by end of 2005 of second phase (NHDP) of road development plan-involving upgradation of 7,300 Km.-North-South and East-West Corridors connecting Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Silchar to Porbandar;
- (b) the percentage of work remains to be done and its location; and
- (c) the steps Government are adopting to achieve completion by the targeted period *i.e.*, 2007?

Proposals from Kerala

2639. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many work submitted from Kerala State, for administrative sanctions, works under Inter-State Importance Scheme, proposal submitted under Economical Importance are under the consideration of Competent Authority;
- (b) if so, the details including the number of schemes submitted and the total amount requested for works submitted for obtaining administrative sanction, works submitted under Inter State Importance Scheme and proposal submitted under Economical Importance as on today, category-wise, project-wise;
- (c) if so, the status of the proposal in details, category-wise;
- (d) if so, whether there is any delay in disposing the above proposals; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

National policy for roads in NER

2640. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have drawn up a National Policy to improve and upgrade the National Highways and State Highways in the North-Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan to secure speedy execution of the policy;
- (c) the details of the project in each of the North-Eastern State separately; and
- (d) the estimated quantum of employment to be generated in the region?

Four laning of roads in Rajasthan

†2641. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four laning of the Jaipur-Ringus-Sikar (NH-11), Jaipur-Kota-Jhalawar (NH-12) and Byavar-Pali-Sirohi-Abu Road (NH-14) has been proposed under National Highway Development Project-III; and

(b) if so, by when the work would get started by granting the sanction?

IID for SSIs

2642. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements of the 1994 launched Integrated Infrastructure Development (IID) scheme for Small Scale Industries to facilitate the location of industries in rural/backward areas, to promote stronger linkages between agriculture and industry;

(b) the number of industries that have thus been located in backward areas with location thereof;

(c) whether the said scheme was to include technological backup services;

(d) if so, whether they have been included; and

(e) the details thereof?

Setting up of SSIs in NER

2643. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to set up Small-Scale Industries in rural, backward, tribal and hilly areas of NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Promotional activities by SIDO

2644. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the promotional activities undertaken by SIDO in the North-Eastern Region in the years 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the number of proposals put forward by different States of the North-Eastern Region in respect of Small-Scale Industries in the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 to the Central Government and also to the North-Eastern Council; and

(c) the status of these proposals?

Revival of sick SSIs

2645. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for revival of sick Small Scale Industries in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to give any financial package for revival of these industries; and

(c) if so, the total amount allocated for this purpose by Government during the current year?

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Profit of ISRO

2646. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government are taking to capture 10 per cent share in the global market for launch vehicles and related services;

(b) the amount that has been earned by ISRO in 2004-05 on providing the facility of launching and other related services; and

(c) the details of countries which have evinced interest in using services of CARTOSAT?

Bridging the gap between rural and urban areas through Satellites

2647. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what way CARTOSAT, INSAT and EDUSAT are meeting the societal needs of the country;

(b) whether there are any plans before Government to bridge the digital divide between the people living in rural areas and urban areas with the help of satellites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Implementing Rangarajan Commission recommendations

2648. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have set up eight Special Technical Committees to draw roadmap for implementing the Rangarajan Commission recommendations, seeking to strengthen the statistical system and data collection in the country;

(b) if so, whether these Committees would expedite the implementation of the remaining 389 recommendations of the Rangarajan Commission;

(c) if so, the total recommendations made and how many recommendations have so far been considered; and

(d) by what time these Committees are likely to implement the plans of these recommendations?

Sports Sub-Centres in Chennai

2649. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sports Sub-Centres in Chennai as on date;

(b) the details of position of Sports Sub-Centres under construction at present, location-wise and district-wise;

(c) the amount allocated for the said Sub-Centres; and

(d) by when the construction of Sports Sub-Centres are likely to be completed?

Funds for Commonwealth Games

2650. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount earmarked for the Commonwealth Games to be held in 2010 in India; and

(b) the total funds released by the Central Government so far?

FIR against SAI

†2651. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI had registered an FIR

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

against four officers of Sports Authority of India in the year 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action had been taken against the accused officers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the latest status of the case as on date?

Allocation of funds

2652. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation made to the Ministry for excellence in sports is only Rs. 400 crores;

(b) if so, in what way Ministry would help compete at the international level; and

(c) the efforts taken by Ministry to get more funds?

Institute of adventurous sports

†2653. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of people trained in Mountaineering Institute Uttarkashi (Uttaranchal) every year;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the capacity of this training institute and develop it as an institute of adventurous sports; and

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

Increase in Grant-in-Aid

2654. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes in force to develop play fields, constructing swimming pools, stadiums indoor and outdoor by Educational Institutions at District and Taluka levels;

(b) how many proposals for the projects mentioned at (a) was sanctioned to State of Gujarat and to NGO's working in the field of Sports and Education in Gujarat during the last three years from 2002-03 to 2004-05;

(c) whether it is a fact that because of high sharing percentage of the project grant, less proposals are entertained and sanctioned; and

(d) if so, whether the review is being made to increase grant-in-aid percentage to the proposals from Educational Institutions?

Construction of Regional Centre for SAI

†2655. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the reasons for slow progress in the construction work of Central Regional Centre of Sports Authority of India and by when it would be completed?

Grant for sports complex

†2656. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide any grant for the sports complex being constructed by AUDA in Ahmedabad;

(b) if so, the grant proposed to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Refusal of visa to participants of Asian
Junior Boxing Championship**

†2657. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has refused to issue visa to the members of proposed Indian team participating in Asian Junior Boxing Championship to be held in Karachi in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) Government's reaction thereon?

NIS trained coaches

†2658. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India used to provide the services of NIS trained coaches for the Central as well as State schemes in the past which has been stopped now; and

(b) whether the same would be restarted?

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