

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the December 18, 2002/Agrahayana 27, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—155

Phasing out manual jobs in underground mines

2824. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited plans to phase out manual jobs in underground mining to raise productivity through mechanisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether underground coal mining through manual systems have been proved to be risky and expensive; and

(d) if so, by when underground coal mining through manual system is likely to be abolished?

Foreign collaboration for the development of mines

†2825. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the countries with whom agreements have been entered into for collaboration in mining works;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) the details of benefits to the country out of these agreements; and

(d) the details of cooperation in mining, India has with other countries?

Mineral exploration by MECL in AP

2826. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) is conducting mineral exploration activities in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the MECLs activities in the State for the last three years;

(c) whether mineral deposits were found in the State during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Forest degradation by mining operations in Orissa

2827. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale degradation of forests by the mining operations in Orissa;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the guidelines sent to the mine owners to stop any further degradation; and
- (d) the steps taken to restore the ecology in the mining area by each mine owners?

illegal mining and theft of coal in the Coal Mines continues unabated;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what remedial measures Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard?

Production by Coal India Ltd.

†2828. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism for the assessment of the quantum of coal being produced by the Coal India Ltd.;
- (b) the quantum of coal produced by each company during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;
- (c) the dates when the verification of the same was carried out; and
- (d) the company-wise details of the shortage or surplus found in the said verification?

Allotment of Captive Coal Block to Karnataka

2829. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for allotment of Captive Coal Block; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

Illegal mining and theft of coal

2830. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the contrary claims of CIL and its subsidiaries

Import of coal

2831. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coal is imported, if so, the names of those countries with details of imports over the last two years;
- (b) how far it is cost-effective and more useful to our consumers; and
- (c) whether it has any effect on home market, if so, the over-riding compulsions to import?

Exploration of methane gas

2832. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of coal mines identified, till date, for the exploration of methane gas;
- (b) the private companies going to be involved in the exploration;
- (c) the amount of money already invested in the process; and
- (d) by when the exploration of methane gas is planned to begin in the country?

Expenditure by the officials of CIL on foreign travel

2833. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether expenditure by the officials

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of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries on foreign travel during the year 2000-2001 has come under severe censure by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the year 2002;

(b) if so, a gist of comments made by the CAG in this regard; and

(c) what is the extent of loss to the national exchequer on account of these foreign visits by the officials of the CIL/ subsidiaries as estimated by the CAG in his report?

Revision of coal royalty within a time frame

2834. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no specific time frame within which Government is expected to revise the rates of royalty on Coal due to which States where Coal is produced have to suffer;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when the royalty rates on coal were last revised; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take to make it mandatory to revise the royalty on coal within a time frame?

Production and export of diamonds

†2835. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of the diamonds produced in the mines located in Panna, Madhya Pradesh every year and whether these diamonds are being exported;

(b) whether any possibility exists regarding more areas of diamond reserves in the State; and

(c) the total quantum of diamonds found in Panna mines?

Production and demand of gold

2836. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production and value of gold in the country;

(b) what is the total annual requirement of gold in the country;

(c) what is the total value of import of gold; and

(d) what is the total reserve of gold in the country?

Cases of fire and accidents in coal mines

†2837. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of fire and accidents in coal mines/headquarters have increased during the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details of losses to life and property particularly in respect of Bihar; and

(c) what are the details of measures taken to avert these accidents?

Accidents in coal mines

†2838. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the zone-wise number of fatal and non-fatal accidents in coal mines during the last one year and the relief provided to the injured persons in such accidents; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent such accidents and to ensure responsibility for the same and the details of corrective measures?

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Closure of unviable mines

2839. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Coal and Mines has approached the Cabinet for permission to close down unviable mines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Coal washeries in PSUs

†2840. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal washeries are in public sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the washing capacity of all such washeries;

(c) the percentage of the capacity utilized for coal washing during the years 1999, 2000 and 2001; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on coal washing processing per tonne in the each year mentioned above?

EEI for eastern and western coasts

2841. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has finalised a road map to set up exclusive economic zones along eastern and western coasts with active participation from the private sector;

(b) if so, whether any concrete scheme has been worked out in this regard under which creation of a royalty fund to finance development of infrastructure in coastal areas would be under taken; and

(c) if so, to what extent legislation in this regard has been successful in achieving this objective?

Issue of commercial licences by IAF

2842. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IAF has started issuing commercial licences from its training academies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Defence co-operation with France

2843. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the first week of November, 2002, a high-level defence delegation left for France to attend the annual meeting of the Committee for Defence Co-operation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of co-operation that India seeks from France?

Production of Light Combat Aircraft and its components

2844. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether successful testing of prototypes of Indigenously built Light Combat Air craft reached production stage;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Praga Tools Ltd. at Secunderabad, Andhra Pradesh is having technicians and suitable technical equipment to manufacture any component/parts pertaining to light Combat Aircraft;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if so, the reasons for the Defence Ministry in not making use of Praga Tools Ltd. for the production of component/parts of Light Combat Aircraft?

Relief to displaced persons at LoC

†2845. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons displaced by the deployment of army at large scale on Line of Control and international border in Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the details of the villages;
- (b) the details of the arrangements made for the displaced persons for their shelter and food etc. since the time of displacement and whether there is any scheme to send them back to their homes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of arms and aircrafts on Geo-political strategic consideration

2846. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have recently decided that all major international purchases such as arms and aircraft will now be awarded on the basis of geo-political strategic consideration and not on price consideration; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Families affected by Pakistan's shelling on the border

2847. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of families affected adversely and injured on account of Pakistan's shelling on the border/LoC, the State-wise and year-wise details during the last three years;
- (b) the details of houses damaged and instances of loss of life and property on account of deployment of the army on the border during the same period State-wise; and
- (c) the amount of compensation given to families therefor and measures adopted for their rehabilitation?

Delay in approval of applications for opening of Liaison Offices of arms supplies

†2848. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many applications referred to Defence Ministry by Reserve Bank of India for giving permission to open Liaison Offices for arms supplies are pending with the Ministry for a long time;
- (b) if so, what is the reason for the delay in disposal of applications;
- (c) how many such cases are pending; and
- (d) what is the time frame by which they will be cleared?

Increase of personnel in Army, Navy and Air Force

2849. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed

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the officer and personnel strength of the Armed Forces and proposed appointment over 400 new Generals; and

(b) if so, the details of the existing and the proposed increase in strength of officers and men in each wing, Army, Air Force and Navy indicating the reasons for such increase?

Defence agreement with Indonesia

2850. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had signed a defence agreement with Indonesia last year;

(b) whether as per the terms of the agreement, India would supply spare parts and other equipment for Indonesian armed forces;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Electronics Ltd.,(BEL) has failed to provide spares for Indonesia radar system causing embarrassment to India; and

(d) the action taken to resolve the problems in this regard?

Pilferage of Aviation Turbine Fuel

2851. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that lakhs of litres of Aviation Turbine Fuel is being stolen during transportation with the connivance of Defence personnel and company officials authorised for receiving the products on locations;

(b) if so, whether such thieves also

adulterate the ATF during transportation period and further causes accidents of flights;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct enquiry against transport operators involved in this act; and

(d) if so, by when the enquiry shall be conducted?

Destroying terrorist hideouts in PoK

†2852. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned as "PoK mein hathiaron ka jakhira banaya atankvadiyon ne" published at the page 12 of the 'Rashtriya Sahara' dated the 31st July, 2002;

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

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to destroy the hideouts of the terrorists and their stock of arms located in PoK;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the terrorists have started sneaking into India through Bangladesh; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction and the outcome thereof?

Coping with nuclear and terrorism disasters

2853. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made in a recently held seminar "Disaster-Management and the Armed Forces" that

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India should train people to cope with nuclear and terrorism related disasters; and

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

Test-fired of Hatf-IV missile by Pakistan

2854. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan recently test-fired a medium range surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Hatf-IV;

(b) if so, whether these missiles carry warheads which could be nuclear, chemical and biological; and

(c) if so, what steps Government is taking to protect its armed forces and population from this type of warfare?

Disbanding of special operations group

2855. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per army authorities the proposed decision of new Jammu and Kashmir Government to disband the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the police will weaken counter-insurgency operations;

(b) whether Central Government was consulted before implementation of above decision; and

(c) if so, what was the reaction of Government in this regard?

Release of Defence Land to AP Government for the construction of a Hospital

2856. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has agreed in the past for release of 10 acres of Defence Land under G.L.R. Survey No.367, situated just opposite Hanuman Temple, Trimulgherry in favour of A.P. Government for the construction of Hospital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to release said land?

Threat posed by open Indo-Nepal border

†2857. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about one thousand five hundred K.M. Indo-Nepal open border could proved to be a serious threat in view of the present Terrorist activities;

(b) whether there is need to re-consider the Indo-Nepal Trade and Transit Treaty;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to be vigilant towards the rising threats and the plan formulated by Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not considering the matter seriously?

Setting up task force for prevention from nuclear and biological warfare

†2858. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise a task force for protection from nuclear and bio-attack;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) by when the task force is likely to be raised?

Prevention of civilian Sportsmen from practising on Defence play grounds

2859. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence authorities are preventing civilian Sportsmen from practising on the Play Grounds of Defence cantonment areas in several parts of India and specially in Andhra Pradesh at Lal-Bazar (Trimulgherry of Sec'bad cantonment) and other places; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of ECHS

2860. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to introduce Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in how many cities/towns it would be launched;

(d) by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(e) whether all the servicemen throughout the country would be covered?

Acquisition of KRIVAK CLASS frigate

2861. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to acquire first KRIVAK CLASS frigate from Russia for the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, what are the special over-riding capabilities of this State of the art Russian frigate; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to acquire an Aircraft carrier, if so, the details thereof?

Action against army officers in Tehelka Tapes

†2862. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on account of non-completion of investigation by the Tehelka Inquiry Commission, the action against the military officers could not be taken by the Ministry of Defence;

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

(c) the reasons due to which further action on the basis of the defence department could not be taken?

Defence co-operation with Israel

2863. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team led by the Defence Secretary recently visited Israel on a defence purchase mission; and

(b) if so, the details of the arms and equipments sought to be purchased and the agreements for purchase, if any, finalised?

Increase of sanitary staff-strength in Secunderabad cantonment board

2864. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sanitary staff-strength

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of Secunderabad cantonment board has increased proportionately to meet the heavy demand of 500 civilian colonies;

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

Joint exercises with US and France

2865. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the IAF has entered into an agreement with the US and France to conduct joint exercises in air and ground warfar;
- (b) if so, whether this represents a major strategic shift in India's Defence policy; and
- (c) if so, the details of this cooperation and their long and short-term objectives?

Opening of defence production to private sector

2866. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence production would be open for private sector;
- (b) if so, whether the security aspect have been assessed before opening of Defence production to private sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Stopping of conversion

2867. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a demand has been made in the country that the Central Government should enact a law to stop conversion by allurements or force; and

- (b) Government's reaction in this regard?

Bifurcation of National Commission for SCs/STs

2868. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to bifurcate the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the reasons for taking this decision; and
- (c) the details in this regard?

Constitution of National Centre for Calamity Management

2869. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering to constitute a National Centre for Calamity Management under the National Calamity Contingency Fund Scheme, if so, the decision taken in this regard; and
- (b) whether Government have taken a decision to provide special assistance to the States facing natural calamities of rare severity by levying surcharge on taxes as provided under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) Schemes, if so, the details thereof?

Assistance to Rajasthan under NCCF

2870. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether while assessing the assistance to be made/provided to Rajasthan under para 6.1 of the National Calamity

Contingency Fund Scheme, Government would take into account the balance of unutilised funds under CRF of the previous year; and

(b) in case the State has incurred excess expenditure under CRF in the absence of adequate assistance under NCCF, during that year whether such excess expenditure would be adjusted against the accrued of CRF in subsequent year, if not, the reasons therefor?

Drought in Rajasthan

2871. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers the present drought situation in Rajasthan to be worse than that in 1987-88; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) what financial assistance was provided by the Union Government to Rajasthan during 1987-88 for drought relief;

(c) what would be the estimated expenditure on similar relief activities at the current prices for the current drought; and

(d) what assistance Government propose to provide to Rajasthan under NCCF?

Request from Assam Government for flood control projects

2872. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Assam has submitted any proposal to the Government for initiating flood control projects in the State; and

(b) if so, the steps taken thereon?

Norms for sanctioning financial assistance from National Calamity Relief Fund

2873. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the norms for sanctioning central assistance from the National Calamity Relief Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise account of damage due to flood and erosion in the current financial year and the amount of relief claimed by the respective States;

(d) the State-wise grant recommended after assessment by central team and release, so far, showing date of assessment made; and

(e) the amount of fund released and utilisation status of FDR fund granted to Assam during each of the last three financial years showing infrastructure created and achievement made for actual prevention of flood and erosion?

Difficulty in getting medical certificate for Physically challenged

2874. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that physically challenged are being deprived of the benefits they are entitled to under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities and Protection of Rights and full participation) Act of 1995 due to non-issuing of certificates by the medical authorities in the Government; and

(b) if so, the number of such people are facing difficulty in getting medical certificate from the Government for the purpose of employment, relief or admission to educational Institutions?

Tension at Indo-Bangla Border

2875. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'Bangla border holting up: BSF' which appeared in The Times of India dated the 30th November, 2002;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the problems of Indo-Bangladesh border highlighted in the news-item?

Atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis

2876. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidences of atrocities against Dalits and Adivasis have been increasing in recent past;

(b) the number of such incidences, State-wise during the last five years (including 2002) and the number of Dalits and Adivasis killed in each incidence;

(c) whether all the culprits involved in these incidences have been arrested and punished;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

PIL regarding Jama Masjid

2877. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any notice from the Delhi High Court seeking replies to the points raised in a Public Interest Litigation in the court regarding the Jama Masjid in Delhi being a den for terrorists and criminals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the position taken by Government with regard thereto?

Al-Qaeda in Assam

2878. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared on page 9 of the Hindustan Times dated the 21st October, 2002 captioned 'Al-Qaeda find safe haven in Assam';

(b) if so, the reaction and assessment of Government in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that Al-Qaeda men are not allowed any shelter on the Indian soil?

Prohibition of Chinese companies in certain industries

2879. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Security has decided to insert national security clauses which could prohibit Chinese companies from participating in border regions and in certain strategic industries;

(b) if so, what are the strategic industries which will be prohibited; and

(c) whether the Centre, State Government Ministries and Departments as well as public sector undertakings are to include with immediate effect, a security clause in all national and global tenders by them?

Attack on police

†2880. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bangladeshion Ka Police par hamla, 12 girafar" which published in 'Dainik Jagran' dated the 26th June, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of times such incidents of attacking the police took place in the last two years; and

(c) the concrete steps Government propose to take to tackle the same?

Cross-border terrorism in North-East Region

2881. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security agencies have submitted a report to the Government detailing the activities of North-Eastern insurgent groups with active support from the Pakistani militant outfits based in Dhaka;

(b) if so, the main highlights of the report;

(c) whether Government have decided to take up the matter with Government of Bangladesh/Pakistan;

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

(e) the other steps proposed to be taken to combat effectively the cross-border terrorism in the N.E. Region?

Extradition of LTTE Supremo

2882. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the recent 200 years sentence handed down to the LTTE Supremo by a Srilankan Court;

(b) whether in the wake of above verdict, the Indian Government are likely to review its stand on the extradition of LTTE Supremo wanted in the Rajiv Gandhi murder case; and

(c) whether India would continue to press ahead with the extradition request?

Militant's hide outs in Bangladesh

2883. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many militant groups operating in the North-East have hide outs in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details and names of those organisations;

(c) whether Government have received a list comprising the names and details of militant organisations who had set up base camps in Bangladesh territory from the CM of Tripura; and

(d) whether Union Government pursued this matter with the Bangladesh authorities including the extradition of militants who are wanted in the country for various crimes committed?

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Remarks on the acts of extremist groups in Gujarat

2884. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the remarks made by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom classifying India among the countries of particularly concern;

(b) whether the commission has cited the violence against the religious minorities in Gujarat early this year in its comment;

(c) whether the US commission has also cited the evidence discovered by Indian National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of premeditation by members of majority extremist groups, Gujarat State Government and Police in action; and

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

Inclusion of Hyderabad-Karnataka region in Article-371

2885. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested the Government to include the Hyderabad-Karnataka region in Article 371 to ensure special status to the people of this region in education and employment opportunities;

(b) if so, when the proposal was sent to Government; and

(c) the present status of the proposal?

Floods in Manipur

2886. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manipur was ravaged by on unprecedented flood during the last monsoon;

(b) the damages caused by the flood in paddy fields crops, properties, human lives and cattles;

(c) the financial assistance sought by the State Government for relief and other works; and

(d) the funds released by the Central Government so far and to be released later?

Strength of BSF personnel in Tripura

2887. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of BSF required and the strength existing in Tripura to cover 856 km. border with Bangladesh;

(b) the steps taken upto get the hide-outs of militants of Tripura in Bangladesh demolished;

(c) the steps to expedite the construction of barbed wire fencing along the boundary between Tripura and Bangladesh; and

(d) the period by when at least one battalion of army will be sent to Tripura to contain terrorism effectively?

Strength of BSF Personnel in Tripura

2888. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the international border between India and Bangladesh;

(b) the length of this border with the State of Tripura;

(c) the number of BSF battalions required for this length of border with the State of Tripura;

(d) the number of BSF battalions existing at present in Tripura; and

(e) the steps the Central Government propose to take to remove inadequacy in the strength of BSF in Tripura?

Smuggling of lion skin and claws

†2889. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have arrested 19 tribals recently with skin and claws of lion and other wild animals;

(b) whether any proof of links of these tribals with international smugglers have been found;

(c) whether the Ministry has taken notice of this incident and the steps taken for serious investigation in the matter;

(d) whether Ministry are considering to set up any Integrated Monitoring Agency for other States affected with such incidents; and

(e) the precautionary steps taken by the Ministry so that such incidents do not take place in future?

Relief and shelter to victims of Orissa cyclone

2890. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the victims of 1999 Orissa cyclone have not been provided shelter and relief money so far;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of shelter/houses provided so far, yet to be provided, money spent so far and required for the remaining relief work; and

(d) by when all the affected persons will be given relief money and by when rebuilding work is likely to be completed?

Bill pending for clearance from Karnataka

2891. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of Karnataka for the Karnataka taxation Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is pending for clearance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the proposal?

Approval for setting up State SCs/STs Commission in AP

2892. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for presidential approval for setting up State Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes Commission in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) by when the approval is likely to be accorded?

Meetings of National Integration Council

2893. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons of not calling the meeting of National Integration Council in last few years; and

(b) whether Government intend to reorganise NIC in near future and convene its meeting?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Seizure of pen/pencil pistols

2894. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force and/or other police or para-military organisations have recently arrested same militants in the Kashmir Valley and seized same pen/pencil pistols from them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to counter the threat of such small but highly dangerous arms?

Suicides cases

2895. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicides during the year 2002-2003 upto 31st October, 2002;

(b) in which age-group the suicidal deaths are magnificently large in number;

(c) the number of suicides by women; and

(d) the prime causes of suicides by the women?

Health survey by CIA

2896. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Intelligence Agency has conducted a health survey in India recently;

(b) if so, who has permitted them to conduct such survey; and

(c) in how many sectors CIA is carrying such surveys?

Harassments by MS in MCD run Kasturba Hospital, Delhi

2897. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical and health care facilities to public is being deliberately hampered, mismanaged by whimsical deployment/posting of doctors of one branch of specialization to a job requiring different specialization by medical Superintendent/Incharge of MCD run Kasturba Hospital, causing undue harassments to public and to doctors;

(b) whether due to mismanagement by MS there had been breakdown of even emergency services to public during monsoon; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or proposed to take to inquire spending of hospital for last three years and to transfer MS in public interest outside Kasturba Hospital of MCD?

Civilian awards

2898. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of recipients of civilian awards namely Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri for the year 2002;

(b) whether Government have framed any guidelines for awarding these awards;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the facilities provided to these awardees?

ST candidates in MCD as Junior Engineers

2899. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total strength of Junior Engineers (Civil) reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to U.P.S.C. is 675;

(b) whether as per Government instructions, 7 1/2 per cent posts are to be reserved for S.T. candidates;

(c) whether M.C.D. all along failed to recruit the S.T. candidates against reserved quota;

(d) whether persons of other categories have been put against the vacancies of S.T.;

(e) if not, the names of all S.T. candidates who are on roll; and

(f) the efforts made by M.C.D. to fill up S.T. quota?

Nigerian Citizens visiting India on fake Visas

†2900. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Nigerian Citizens are coming to India on fake visas;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that their sole motive is smuggling;

(c) whether immigration officers have been contacted to arrest such Nigerian Citizens; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard and by when?

Theft and robbery cases in Delhi

2901. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of theft and robbery cases in the capital during the last six months;

(b) what is the number of persons arrested in these cases and how many of them belong to Bangladesh; and

(c) how many Bangladeshi nationals involved in crimes have been convicted during the last three years?

Plan to curb begging by children in Delhi

2902. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large network of professional beggars operate all over the national capital and because of lucrative business they train their children to join them in it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are mostly drug addict and the begging business happens to be an easiest way for them;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check the rising menace of beggars; and

(d) what strict measures are being planned to curb begging by children on a permanent footing?

Noise pollution in Delhi

2903. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sound/noise pollution in the vicinity of new Delhi and Delhi

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Residential areas constitute offence under any law;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the punishment prescribed for committing such offence;

(c) whether the laws are strictly implemented; and

(d) if so, the number of cases and punishment given for committing such offences in the National Capital Region during the last three years?

Illegal Travellers from Bangalore airport

2904. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passengers attempting to travel abroad with forged passports and other documents from Bangalore International Airport during the last one year;

(b) the number of Immigration violation cases registered during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken to tighten security at Bangalore International Airport to curb illegal travellers flying out of the country?

Separate immigration counters for Indian Passport holders

2905. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any directive of government to establish separate immigration counters for the passengers holding Indian Passports;

(b) how many airports have separate immigration counters for Indian Passport holders; and

(c) what steps are taken to speed up the clearing of NRIs and other Indians at the immigration counters?

Violation of LOAC by China

2906. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Tibetan Boarder Police has noticed certain violations of the line of actual control by China; and

(b) if so, the number of cases such violations during the last two years?

Foreign funds to mosques and madararas

2907. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared under the titled "Foreign Funds for new mosques, madarsas in J & K" in web portal namely jammu-kashmir.com;

(b) whether it is a fact that Indian mission in Saudi Arabia had submitted a report to Government about the activities of WAMY;

(c) if so, the details of the report; and

(d) what action Government have taken on the report or recommendations submitted by the Indian Mission in Saudi Arabia?

Full statehood to Delhi

2908. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state by when Government will grant full statehood to Delhi?

Modernization of Police force in Orissa

2909. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proposed plan for modernization of police force in Orissa State;

(b) whether government have approved Rs. 305 crores for the above purpose, if so the details thereof, and whether this amount has been disbursed to the State Government; and

(c) the progress so far made in this direction?

Accidents due to ignorance of traffic rules

†2910. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the reasons for most of the accidents are over speeding, negligence, drunken driving and ignorance about the traffic rules;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the same and also to create awareness among the people about the traffic rules; and

(c) the outcomes thereof?

Naxalism in various States

2911. SHRI MOTILAL VOTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the states effected by naxalism;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that these naxalists have now links with foreign based terrorists and possessed the State of art weapons;

(c) whether Government have taken note of the news item captioned "Do Rajya ke liya sirdard ban gaye hain Naxali" appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara page 9, dated 2nd July, 2002;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the P.W.G. have threatened to kill the Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand; and

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

Crisis of Governance all over India

2912. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Human Rights Commission has opined that 'crisis of Governance all over India lies on roof of rapidly falling human index; and

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

Road accidents

2913. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India bears a heavy social cost of Rs. 5500 crore annually in terms of fatalities and injuries in road accidents;

(b) whether with 85000 fatalities and 1275000 serious injuries every year, India accounts for 10% of road accidents and fatalities world-wide and 90% of the accidents in India are because of driver's negligence; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to cultivate road-culture and proper road usage throughout the country?

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Study undertaken by centre for media studies on corruption in public service

2914. SHRI C.T. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of recent study undertaken by Centre for media studies on corruption in public services;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith key findings of the survey; and

(c) the action proposed by Government thereon?

CBI raids on official residences of Government servants

2915. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI conducts raids on officials residence of government servants from time to time; if so, the details of raids conducted since January, 2001; and

(b) the details of the departments whose officials are targeted and the details of the properties seized from such raids?

Raids under anti-corruption drive

†2916. SHRI B.P.APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government conducts raids under anti-corruption drives;

(b) the number of such raids during the last three years and the amount seized during the same; and

(c) the number of persons penalised during the last three years out of the accused persons apprehended during raids?

Attendance of Ministers in their offices

2917. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Ministers do not attend their offices regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for not attending offices by the Ministers are their touring official engagements; and

(d) the record of the Ministers attendance in their offices?

Meeting of NSAB with NSC

2918. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Security Advisory Board met the National Security Council in October, 2002 for the second time in nearly five years; and

(b) if so, what were the decisions taken at the meet?

Extension of VIth Schedule to Hilly Districts of Manipur

2919. SHRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the decades old demand of the hill people for extension of the VIth Schedule of the constitution to Hilly Districts of Manipur;

(b) whether Government are also aware that election to the Hill Autonomous District councils were by cotted since 1990 or so;

(c) the reason for delay for extension of VIth schedule to Hilly District of Manipur; and

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(d) the action plan, if any, to extend the such schedule to Hill Districts of Manipur?

Corruption cases om banks

2920. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frauds and other type of corruption cases in banks that were dealt with by the Central Vigilance Commission during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of cases in which guilty persons were identified and the Commission recommended action against them; and

(c) the details in this regards?

Arms licence racket

2921. SHRI ARJUN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the CBI over 100 additional district magistrates and sub-divisional magistrates and large number of arms dealers are allegedly involved in the inter-state arms licence racket;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has arrested number of persons including arms dealer for issuing bogus arms licenses;

(c) if so, what action has been taken against those held responsible; and

(d) what are the steps being considered to check the arms licence rackets operating in the country?

Communal riots in the country

2922. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of communal riots that took place in the country since January this year till date;

(b) the details of loss of and life property therein;

(c) the details of compensation paid to the victims/dependents of victims;

(d) the details of relief and rehabilitation measures taken in each case and whether the same have been fully satisfactory;

(e) the action taken against the persons/bodies indulging in riots; and

(f) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of riots?

Deputationist in the MCD

2923. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 percent of the top posts in the MCD are manned by deputationists;

(b) if so, what is the criteria or norms for filling-up the top posts; and

(c) what is the normal tenure of a deputationist and details of those who have crossed this prescribed period, with reasons therefor?

Low rate of conviction in rape cases

†2924. SHRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1999, 2000 and 2001 in the State of Delhi, the rate of conviction by the court in rape cases is only two per cent;

(b) if not, the year-wise details of the rape cases which have been convicted by the court; and

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(c) what are the reasons for which accused have been acquitted by the courts?

Fake quality certificate of meat in Delhi

2925. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there were reports captioned '4000 animals are killed illegally daily in the city capital Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that fake;

(c) if so, the factual position of the case and action taken to control this meance?

Sale of liquor with fake labels

2926. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duplicate labels were found on liquor bottles during the raid, on Delhi State Industrial and Mineral Development Corporations vend in Karol Bagh, New Delhi in September, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken against the official concerned; and

(c) whether similar raids were conducted on any other Government vend in other areas of Delhi and if so, the details thereof?

Population as per Census 2001

2927. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that population of Hindus, Christians and Muslims in the country have increased manifold as per the Census of India, 2001; and

(b) if so, what are the details of population of these communities as per the Census of India, 2001, State-wise and District-wise?

MCD's initiatives for a healthy capital city

2928. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the MCD's new programme for a healthy capital city Delhi; and

(b) the action plan of Delhi authorities to provide clean drinking water, control plague, malaria, dengue and other infectious diseases and control of HIV virus among the residents of Jhuggi clusters and most congested walled city areas?

Killing of innocent persons

2929. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of inquiry report of Dr. Sonali Bose's death;

(b) whether it is a fact that the police acted in haste, rather than confirming their identity the police party opened fire on Dr. Sonali and her colleagues

(c) if so, whether this was a similar case that occurred in Connaught Place, Delhi firing by the Delhi Police some years back where innocent businessmen were shot as a result of mistaken identity;

(d) whether Police parties have got authority to open fire before confirming the identity of any person; and

(e) the reactions of Government thereto?

**Position of Delhi Police refaring attack
on Parliament case**

2930. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi
Police has weakened its case by producing
telephonic conversion as admissible evidence
against people charged for conspiring for
the attack on Parliament;

(b) if so, whether the honorable Delhi
High Court has dismissed this evidence;

(c) whether the Delhi Police has got any
other concrete evidence to produce in the
court to charge the people behind the
Parliament attack conspiracy; and

(d) what were the excerts of the Delhi
Police charge sheet filed in the honorable
court against these Conspiraters

**Terming murder as suicide by
Delhi Police**

2931. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the article "Court summons
cops in murder case appeared in The
Hindustan Times on August 10, 2002;

(b) whether this is a common practice
by the Delhi Police to term Murder as Suicide
in their preliminary investigation in order to
lessen their workload;

(c) if so, the details of such cases in
Delhi were such practices has been brought
to the notice of Government; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the
above mentioned case and the similar cases
reported?

Road accidents in Delhi

2932. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of
road accidents in NCT of Delhi has increased
during the last one year causing death and
grievous injuries to the victims;

(b) if so, how many accidents have taken
place/reported during the last one year; and

(c) whether Government have tried to
find out the reasons for such accidents which
have generally occurred at night and if not,
the reasons therefor?

**Setting up renewable energy projects
eith assistnace of Dutch**

2933. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of NON
CONVENTIONAL SOURCES ENERGY
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmetn propose to set
up renewable energy projects with Dutch
assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Import of wind power machines

†2934. SHRI MUNAVVAR : Will the
Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to wind power
machines imported from abroad between
1st January, 1999 to 30th November, 2002;

(b) the price of each machine alongwith
the details with regard to exemption on each
machine;

(c) the names and addresses of firms
importing the wind power machines;

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(d) the gap between the price of indigenously manufactured wind power machines and wind power machine imported from abroad; and

(e) the steps taken for initiating the use of manufactured machines by discontinuing the imported machines?

Assistance for the establishment of power project and villages electrification in AP

2935. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank, REC and Power Finance are providing financial assistance for the establishment of power projects and electrification of villages in the state of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of grants already received and likely to be received during the next one year from the above agencies with the details of projects in Andhra Pradesh?

One time settlement of outstanding dues of SEB

2936. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the scheme of one time of outstanding SEB dues payable to Central PSUs; and

(b) what is present rate of success of this scheme?

Grant given to Tata Power and BSES

2937. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much grant in aid has been given by the Government of India to Tata Power and BSES;

(b) whether this grant is given for any technological upgradation of the power sector, if so, the details of the technological upgradation planned;

(c) how much money has already been used by; these companies; and

(d) how are the consumers going to benefit by the Government's giving grant to these companies and the details thereof?

Creating Momentum for change in India

2938. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether global consultant firm McKinsey & Co has observed in their report 'creating Momentum for change in India that India can save \$12 billion by 2005 by improving efficiency in power generation and removing transmission bottlenecks and distribution breakdowns as reported in the Financial Express of 26th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made; and

(c) what is the reaction of thereto?

Reducing consumption of Energy

2939. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan proposed to reduce energy consumption by Government during the next five years; and

(b) the measures taken to impress upon state and Union Territories to take similar action?

Hydroelectric Projets by NTPC

2940. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTPC proposes to

undertake Hydroelectric Projects in the country;

(b) whether the NTPC identified any places in Kerala to setup hydroelectric projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the NTPC had any discussion with the state of Kerala for the same?

Allocation of Power to the States

2941. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total power capacity available with the central Generating stations with details of allocations made to various States out of the unallocated share and the criteria for such allocations;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for allocation of power from the Central Generating stations and the Eastern Region; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Central thereto?

Production of electricity and bio-gas from Mahakaleshwar temple at Ujjain

2942. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to generate electricity and a substantial amount of bio-gas from the offering made at Mahakaleshwar Temple at Ujjain;

(b) if so, how much electricity and bio-gas is likely to be produced;

(c) how much expenditure would be incurred on the project; and

(d) whether Government would consider the feasibility of production of electricity

and bio-gas from the offerings made at other temples all over the country?

Electrification of villages in HP

2943. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Villages, per district proposed to be electrified during the current year in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of budget allocated and the amount of money spent on the same;

(c) number of villages still to be electrified in the state; and

(d) the steps taken to electrify all the villages in Himachal Pradesh?

First batch of CEAs operating under BEE

2944. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is likely to have the first batch of Certified Energy Auditors (CEAs) operating under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) by the year 2003;

(b) whether this scheme is designed to reduce/eliminate waste in electricity, especially in large industries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the expected percentage of saving in consumption?

NTPC units in Chhattisgarh

†2945. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units of NTPC operating in Chhattisgarh;

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- (b) the production capacity thereof;
- (c) the number of new projects planned to be set-up and
- (d) the details of the action being taken for the setting up of Sipat plant?

Mouse of unallocated quota to various bulk users

2946. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC power from Central unallocated quota which has been provided to various bulk users such as Steel Manufacturers, Ferro Alloys Manufacturers etc. has been misused by some of the units by selling a part of the production in the domestic market as against the requirement of physical export of this 100 percent production; and

(b) if so, what action Government has taken against such erring units?

Loan for power reforms by PFC to Orissa State

2947. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa State has asked for Rs. 1200 crore loan from the Power Finance Corporation for power reforms as reported in the Business Standard of 26th August, 2002; and

(b) if so, the details of the reforms to be carried out and the present status of the proposal?

Funding energy efficiency projects by Financial institutions

2948. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sought support of banks and financial institutions to fund the massive energy efficiency projects being undertaken in next five years;

(b) if so, whether Government has called the meeting of banks and financial institutions to finalise the funding arrangements for the projects;

(c) if so, what was the outcome of the meeting; and

(d) to what extent the banks and financial institutions have agreed to fund these projects?

Investment in DPC by Indian and foreign financial institutes

†2949. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN": SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous and foreign financial institutes have made capital investment in the 318 mega watt power project of Dabhol Power Company;

(b) if so, the names of the companies along with the details of the amount invested by each of them; and

(c) the outstanding amount of each company as on September, 2002 against this project?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Vast sea-bed resources for generation of power

2950. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) that with the chronic power shortage in the country adversely affecting the industrial and agricultural production, whether Government are thinking of harnessing sea waves and tidal currents for generating power on experimental basis initially as is being done in Norway, and has already been successfully experimented in France, Canada, Russia, etc;

(b) if so, whether preliminary study been made in this regard and India's vast sea-bed resources could be profitably utilised for this purpose; and

(c) the other alternative source of power being thought of by Government?

Fluoride presence in drinking water in Madhya Pradesh

†2951. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has come to the notice after inspection of the ground water for the rural drinking water supply, that in many Districts in Madhya Pradesh, the water contains fluoride; and

(b) if so, the District affected by that phenomenon and the arrangements being made by the State Government and Central Government for supply of drinking water in these Districts?

Finalisation of rural development proposals according to prescribed norms

2952. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Members of Parliament are not involved while various project proposals of his/her constituency under PM's Gramin Sadak Yojana, are finalised by Zila Parishads violating the prescribed guidelines;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to ensure finalisation of proposals according to prescribed guidelines?

Release of food to Manipur

2953. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice released to Manipur under food for work programme during 2002-2003;

(b) the number of releases made with quantity of rice per release; and

(c) the work programme implemented for which food rice was released?

Roads for tribal villages

2954. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many tribal villages in the country have been connected by Road;

(b) how many tribal villages are yet to be connected by road;

(c) whether Government have any plan to construct new roads to the tribal villages;

(d) if so, when are they going to be connected; and

(e) the details of the plan in this regard for the next three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Connecting Rewari, Gajeli, Kagdi villages under PMGSY

2955. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Pauri Garhwal District of Uttaranchal State;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the population of Rewari, Gajeli, Kagdi, Khankrion, Silaketu, Kandoli, Khadla Villages of Khirsu Block, Patty-Chalansiyan, Pauri Garhwal do not have any facility of motor road;

(c) whether Government had received any representation from the people of the Gram Panchayat Gajeli, and also reference of Member of Parliament on this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken to start the construction work of the road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on urgent basis and by when the work is likely to be completed.

Connecting villages in Mau district in UP by PMGSY

†2956. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of villages under district Mau in the State of Uttar Pradesh proposed to be connected with highways under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana (PMGSY) alongwith the number of villages connected with the cities so far; and

(b) the provision made by Government for the year 2003-2004 to connect rest of villages with the cities?

Change in funding pattern of schemes

2957. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering changes in the funding pattern of some schemes by which the States will have to contribute a part of the cost;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some states are changing the nomenclature and guidelines of various Central Schemes and telling the people that the schemes are States Schemes;

(d) if so, the details of such schemes and the States which have changed the names of the Central Schemes; and

(e) the action initiated against such errant states?

Funds for construction of primary school building in Orissa

2958. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary school buildings constructed in Orissa under Operation Black Board during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of proposals from Orissa for construction of school buildings which are at present pending with the Government for sanction; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for early release of required funds for construction of primary school buildings in Orissa?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Central assistance for drinking water projects in Orissa

2959. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of central assistance to state Government of Orissa during last three years for implementing drinking water projects in the rural areas in the state;

(b) whether Government of Orissa has sought additional amount of central assistance for provision of drinking water in that state; and

(c) if so, the details of allocation made to Orissa during 2002-2003?

Funds to Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

†2960. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount provided to Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh Government during 2001-2002 by Ministry;

(b) how much amount has been given as loan and grant-in-aid separately;

(c) the names of plans and works for which amount has been provided; and

(d) the details of utilization of this amount alongwith the details of achievements thereof?

Rain water harvesting in Andhra Pradesh

2961. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the success of the implementation of rain

water harvesting through watershed Management programme in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and shortcomings noticed; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by Government to remove the shortcomings?

CAPART grants to blacklisted MGOs

†2962. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of the Non-Governmental organisations blacklisted during the last three years;

(b) whether "CAPART" has provided financial assistance to these MGOs; which were put in the blacklist and kept in the category of those organizations which are not to be funded;

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

(d) the action taken against the officers responsible at CAPART?

Pending drinking water in Azamgarh and Mau districts in

†2963. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that clean water is not available to the poor living in the rural areas of Azamgarh and Mau districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have formulated any policy for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 with a view to provide water to all the villages; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Number of educated/uneducated/
skilled/unskilled unemployed
persons in the country**

2964. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken so far by Government to assess the number of educated/uneducated/skilled/unskilled unemployed persons in the rural areas of the country at the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and what strategy is being adopted by Government to solve the unemployment problems in the country?

**Four lakh IAY houses to cyclone
affected in Orissa**

2965. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned 4 lakh (3rd phase) additional IAY houses to the cyclone affected perform in Orissa;

(b) if so, whether Government have released Rs. 330 crore houses meant for completion of 2 lakh IAY houses; and

(c) whether the balance amount of 330 crores for the remaining 2 lakh houses is yet to be released to the State Government of Orissa and if so, time by when it is likely to be released?

**Construction of cyclone proof record
room and additional courts
in Orissa**

2966. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has written to Government for 100% central assistance for construction of 93 cyclone proof record room and 99 additional courts;

(b) if so, details of the project and the amount of grant asked for; and

(c) whether the Technical Committee of Government has, in principle, approved the proposal and this has been included in the Central Plan Scheme?

Income of rural poor

†2967. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Stateman' dated 27 October, 2002 under the caption "A third of India goes hungry every night";

(b) if so, whether it is fact that 36 percent persons residing in rural ageas have their monthly income Rs. 300 p.m. or even less; and

(c) if not, assessment of Government in this regard?

**Release of funds for IAY houses in
Orissa**

2968. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned 1 lakh IAY additional houses for the victims of 24 flood affected districts of Orissa during the year 2001-02;

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(b) if so, whether Government has released only 50% amount for the above project; and

(c) whether the balance amount is yet to be released, if so, the time by than this amount would be released to the State Government?

Beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana

2969. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI N. R. DASARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleases to state:

(a) whether the identification of beneficiaries of antyodaya Anna Yojana, have been completed in all the States;

(b) if so, the number of beneficiaries in each state;

(c) what was the criterion, on which the beneficiaries were decided;

(d) what was the agency which had identified the beneficiaries; and

(e) what is the quantum of cereals required per month for giving to the beneficiaries in each state?

Privatisation of rural development sector

2970. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleases to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that keeping in view the failure of states to provide even minimum facilities for State Institutes of rural development when 100 per cent recurring central grant was available, Government proposes to privatise rural development sector;

(b) if so, whether States have been sounded in this regard;

(c) what is their response; and

(d) the details in this regard?

Discussion in the WTO Meet

2971. PROF. M. SANKARALIN-GAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) the details of the discussions in the WTO, so far, in regard to the textiles;

(b) whether the same proved beneficial or detrimental to our textile industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) who are out international partners in the field of textiles;

(e) whether any agreement been signed with those partners; and

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

Export of textiles to developed countries

2972. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up a plan to open up in a big way the textile exports to developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is aware the that the textile sector has to face a big challenge in the international market in the form trade defence measures like anti-dumping and countervailing duties; and

(d) if so, steps proposed to be taken to take care of these measures?

Factors effecting silk industry

2973. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) what are the factors effecting silk industry in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that price of silk cocoons and raw silk has fallen drastically recently thereby adversely effecting sericulture sector in the country; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to provide relief to the sericulture sector?

Assistance to H.P. for development of handicraft

2974. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) the details of amount granted to the state of Himachal Pradesh for development of handicrafts in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether any effective scheme has been chalked out for the state in this regard; and

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

Insurance Scheme for weavers in Himachal Pradesh

2975. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) the details of special contributory insurance scheme for weavers in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the numbers of weaving centres in the State; and

(c) the facilities and help have been given to those who want to adopt this method of earning?

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Sick Textile Mills

2976. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) the number of sick Textile Mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to modernise the existing Textile Mills; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to make the existing mills economically viable?

Selling assets of NTC

†2977. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to collect Rs. 39000 crores required for revival of sick mills of National Textile Corporation selling its assets;

(b) if not, the fact in this regard; and

(c) the details of assets Government propose to sell and the amount likely to be collected by sale of each of the property?

Minimum export price for Coir and Cori products

2978. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleases to state:

(a) whether Government received memorandum to fix up the Minimum Export price for Coir and Coir products and to give rebate for the coir and coir products; and

(b) if so, whether Government initiated any action in this regard and the details thereof?

YOGENDRA NARAIN,
Secretary-General.

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