

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: Development of North Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total number of questions—135

Financial crisis in the North-Eastern States

1. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the States of North-Eastern Region are now facing financial crisis and are not able to pay the employees' salaries even;

(b) if so, the different measures taken by Government to meet the present financial crisis in the North-Eastern States; and

(c) the existing financial position of each State of North-Eastern Region?

Integrated development plan formulated for NER

2. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of integrated development plan formulated for North Eastern Region during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the amount allocated, utilized and achievements made, so far, year wise;

(c) the details of investment proposed for development of tourism Infrastructure during the Ninth Plan in the NER; and

(d) the details of programmes being executed for manpower development in the tourism sector of the region, including training of tourist guides?

Assistance to North-Eastern Region for electrification of villages

3. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government through their agency, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) have provided loan assistance to North-Eastern Region/States for electrification of villages by installing energy meters;

(b) whether loan assistance provided under "Special Loan Portfolio-Capital SL (Meters) Scheme" has been misutilised and not disbursed to the SSI manufacturers of energy meters; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officers responsible for misutilisation and misappropriation of Government funds?

**Plan for development of roads in
North Eastern Region**

4. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of action taken by
Government to develop the Roads in the
North-Eastern Region in connection with
comprehensive economic development;

(b) whether the Dhodar Ali, a 17th
century road, connects many towns of
Assam as well as connects Chanslang and
Tirap Districts of Arunachal Pradesh and
Mon and Mokakchung Districts of
Nagaland through link roads; and

(c) whether Government would consider
to propose to convert it into a National
Highway as an infrastructure for
development of vast areas of Assam,
Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland?

**Decision to speed-up disinvestment of
PSUs**

5. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the
Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased
to state:

(a) whether, as indicated at the meeting
of the Council on Trade and Industry held
in New Delhi on September 7, 2001,
Government have decided to hasten
privatization of specified PSU;

(b) if so, the details of these PSUs; and

(c) the steps since taken for privatization
thereof?

**News-item "Separate law for
disinvestment"**

6. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the newsitem captioned
"Separate Law for disinvestment needed:
Expert," which appeared in the Hindustan
Times, dated 10th September, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto
and whether Government share the
perception of the experts with regard to
the lackadaisical approach of Government
to disinvestment process so far; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the
affirmative, the steps proposed to be taken
to ensure a satisfactory fulfilment of the
disinvestment programme?

**Financial bids for privatisation of
PSUs**

7. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited
financial bids for privatising a number of
Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs); and

(b) if so, the names of the PSUs and the
procedure adopted to invite financial bids
for these PSUs?

Disinvestment of PSUs

8. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved
disinvestment of several Public Sector
Undertakings (PSUs) recently; and

(b) if so, the names of the PSUs
approved for disinvestment and by when
the process of disinvestment will be
completed?

Setback to AI disinvestment

9. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan for the disinvestment of AI has suffered a setback due to Singapore Airlines pulling out of the bid due to their unhappiness over the political opposition to the disinvestment process of Air India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while Tata & Sons are carrying out a re-evaluation of the situation in terms of financial viability, they wish to continue and are in search of a willing international partner; and

(c) if so, the latest position of the case?

Disinvestment process *vis-a-vis* global economy

10. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the present situation, with the stock market indices hovering around a ten years low levels and the global economy on the brink of recession, the decision to push for disinvestment process is not economically sound; and

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

Need for separate law for disinvestment

11. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Separate law for disinvestment needed," which appeared in the Hindustan Times,

dated 10th September, 2001, highlighting, *inter alia*, reasons for limited success to Government's disinvestment programmes;

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is proposed to establish some independent machinery to handle and speed up the disinvestment programme, as has been proved by the success models of some other countries who have embraced open economy; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposals being worked out, if any, with their present status?

Review of disinvestment of AI

12. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the dwindling prospects of disinvestment of Air India in the wake of tough phase of low profitability for the aviation industry after the recent terrorist attacks in the USA on 11th September, 2001 and general erosion of value of the company due to delayed decision; and

(b) if so, the details of the new strategy worked out, if any?

Achievement of disinvestment target

13. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment of achievement, so far, made by Government regarding their ambitious disinvestment target of Rs. 12,000 crore in Budget 2001-2002; and

(b) the reasons for unsatisfactory results, so far?

Monitoring of progress on disinvestment of PSUs

14. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to closely monitor on a monthly basis the progress made on disinvestment of 13 PSUs selected for the current financial year;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the administrative Ministries under whose jurisdiction these PSUs fall would sort out issues adhering to the timeframe; and

(c) the improvement made, so far, in regard to these PSUs?

Disinvestment of profit making PSUs

†15. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to hand over profit making Public Sector Undertakings to Private Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are turning a blind eye towards the interests of labourers employed in these undertakings;

(d) if so, whether Government have formulated/are considering to formulate any scheme to provide better living conditions to these labourers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Achievement of targets of disinvestment

†16. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target of disinvestment earmarked for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the target achieved upto second quarter of the year 2000-2001 and the details thereof;

(c) if the target has not been achieved, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for achieving the target?

Delinking of PSUs to be disinvested

17. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 11 Public Sector Undertakings are to be disinvested in the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the names thereof;

(c) whether Government have since decided to park such PSUs with the Finance Ministry delinking them from the nodal Ministry and the departments; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Upgradation of CGHS units of ISM & H

18. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current guidelines/criteria for upgradation of CGHS units of ISM & H have become outdated and need revision;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether any study, of SIU of Ministry of Finance has been done for the upgradation of the units of ISM & H;

(c) if so, the outcome of the work study; and

(d) if not, by when, the report of the SIU will be finalised?

Safe Injection Policy

19. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to undertake a study to document scientifically the existing injection practices in the country;

(b) if so, the time by which the outcome of the study is likely to be available; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to formulate and implement a meaningful Safe Injection Policy?

Use of restricted medicines for treatment of cancer

20. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cancer hospitals use restricted medicines for treatment of cancer in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by Government against the culprits in this regard;

(d) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to check such incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Suicide cases due to psychiatric sufferings

†21. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is consistent increase in the suicide cases due to psychiatric sufferings;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any step to prevent the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

New code of conduct for medical practitioners

†22. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to frame a new code of conduct for medical practitioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when, it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and in what manner Government propose to improve the quality of medical treatment?

Anthrax cases in the country

23. SHRI S. S. CHANDRAN: SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the Anthrax cases in several parts of the country recently;

(b) if so, the number of persons affected by Anthrax reported in the country, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have chalked out any scheme to tackle spread of Anthrax cases in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Anthrax exposures

24. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT
RAO:

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

(a) the action taken in India to fight Anthrax exposures reported internationally;

(b) whether drugs are stock piled in abundance; and

(c) the instructions given to the postal authorities and to the public in general for being alert over bio-terrorism?

Dengue and Malaria Cases in Delhi

25. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

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

(a) whether a large number of dengue cases have been reported in Delhi on account of breeding aedes mosquitoes spreading dengue and malaria;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in Delhi during the last six months; and

(c) the action taken by Government to control this dreaded disease?

Amount utilised for family welfare programme

26. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount his Ministry has been

utilising for the family welfare programmes for the last eight years;

(b) the amount that has been allocated for contraception for the last eight years; and

(c) the rate of couple protection in the country?

Anthrax cases reported from Karnataka

27. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Anthrax infection cases reported in the country, so far;

(b) the number of cases reported from Karnataka;

(c) the amount, if any, released to Karnataka as special grants to tackle Anthrax cases; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure Anthrax is not spread to other places in the country?

Introduction of genes from one organism to another

28. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the vectors used for introducing genes from one organism to another to make a Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are highly infectious and virulent biological agents;

(b) if so, whether the risks of the use of virulent vectors for engineering novel life form have been assessed; and

(c) if not, how is it possible to create a bio-safety network since their use for bio-terrorism becomes easier as they spread commercially around the world?

Bio-warfare

29. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that bio-warfare or bio-terrorism is the deliberate use of living organisms to kill people;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that economic policies based on trade liberalisation and globalisation deliberately spread fatal and infectious diseases such as AIDS, TB and Malaria and by dismantling health and medical systems, they too become instruments of bio-terror; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

Impact of GMOs

30. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that since the Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) have not existed in nature, their impact on the environment and on human health;

(b) whether Government are also aware that ignorance of the impact is being treated as proof of safety, which is totally unscientific approach; and

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

Prevalence of AIDS / HIV

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently released report of U.N. puts India, besides

Africa, in the prevalence of AIDS / HIV;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of people living in the country with HIV/AIDS, State-wise;

(d) the budget that Government have allocated for this deadly disease during the current year; and

(e) the programmes undertaken by the NACO for AIDS / HIV patients?

Transfer/ posting of doctors in CGHS Depots of ISM & H in Delhi

32. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the transfer/posting of some doctors twice in the CGHS store depots of ISM & H in Delhi;

(b) whether these doctors have been given any special training to work in the store depots;

(c) whether there are no doctors capable to look after the store depots of ISM & H at present with the result, the doctors who have already completed their one normal tenure of stay are posted twice to work there to fulfil their vested interests; and

(d) by when Government will do justice to the doctors?

Danger from bio-chemical warfare

33. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) his assessment of the danger that India faces from bio-chemical warfare that may be unleashed by terrorist groups; and

(b) the steps taken to deal with this threat?

New medical college for undergraduate course at Safdarjung Hospital

34. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new Medical College for undergraduate course will be opened at the Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, by when it will start admission of students and how they will be selected; and

(c) the names of Medical colleges which have central quota in admission for undergraduate courses?

Centrally sponsored Health schemes

35. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Centrally-sponsored schemes—National Family Welfare Programme, National Malaria Eradication Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National TB Control Programme, National Programme of Prevention of Blindness, National AIDS Control Programme and Drug Inspectorate in various States / UTs;

(b) the criteria for allocating funds under each scheme to the States and corresponding Central share;

(c) whether this fund is given to the States as 100 per cent grant or does it follow the usual 70/30 (loan/grant) formula for plan assistance; and

(d) the details of proposals received, funds released and utilisation for the last three years, State-wise?

News-item "In the face of bio-terror, Government talks of more action plan"

36. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "In the face of bio-terror, Government talks of more action plan", which appeared in the Times of India dated 30th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the samples of the medicines tested by Government to face disaster and Anthrax; and

(c) the details of such samples found correct and the number of samples found fictitious and the action taken/proposed to be taken against the manufacturers to protect the public?

National Health Policy

37. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of finalizing a National Health Policy to ensure adequate standards of public health care;

(b) whether the policy aims at establishing a regulatory mechanism to provide facilities for diagnosis, treatment and infrastructure for extending medical services to all;

(c) whether the insurance schemes are to be introduced to cover all aspects of medical services; and

(d) if so, the details of this policy and the timeframe of its implementation?

Opening of Kargil Memorial Medical College in Delhi

38. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Kargil Memorial Medical College in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the project is being held up;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to start it?

Financial assistance for Government Medical Colleges

39. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to extend financial assistance to improve the condition of Government Medical Colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the number of colleges selected for the purpose and the amount released, so far, to each of them; and

(c) the number of colleges selected from Karnataka?

Conversion of Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore as National Cancer Institute

40. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has requested to convert Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore as National Cancer Institute;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Institute is catering to the patients of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and other States; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

Proposals for establishment of New Medical colleges in Kerala

41. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of proposals for establishment of new Medical colleges in the State of Kerala are pending with Government for clearance/approval;

(b) if so, the names of trusts/ societies/ institutions whose proposals are pending along with details of reasons in each case, for withholding the approvals; and

(c) by when these proposals would be processed and approved by Government?

Revised Scheme for Extra Mural Research in ISM&H

42. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a revised scheme for Extra Mural Research in Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Yoga, Naturopathy and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for focus of the scheme on life style related diseases like diabetes, hypertension, obesity, etc.?

Disaster Management Plan to check outbreak of certain diseases

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

(a) whether any disaster management plan has been formulated to meet the immediate challenge of possible outbreak of diseases like small pox, brain fever etc. in the context of the military operations, arms build up and tension in the subcontinent following the terrorist attack on USA on 11th September, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether and to what extent and effective speed would it be possible to reach and nurse the different far-flung areas of the country; and

(d) the details of the regional or State level plans drawn up, if any?

Kidney transplantation in the Capital

44. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that kidney transplantation market thrives in the Capital as reported in the Times of India, dated the 10th September, 2001; and

(b) the number of kidney transplants done in India during the last three years?

Study on the working of the Traumatic Centres in the City hospitals

45. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any recent study about the working of the Traumatic Centres in the City hospitals to

know how far they are equipped and capable to deal with emergency cases of accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the hospitals lacking the essential requirements for the emergency department to deal with such cases; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

Anthrax vaccine

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Anthrax scare has struck public during the last few months;

(b) if so, the steps taken to combat Anthrax;

(c) whether any vaccine/drug is available to treat Anthrax patients;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to produce vaccine for prevention of Anthrax?

Death due to non-availability of timely medical treatment

47. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-availability of timely medical treatment turned fatal to a Delhi Police Constable late on Sunday night, the 19th August, 2001 when he bled to death in the casualty ward of the premier Central Government Safdarjung Hospital;

(b) if so, how can anyone expect anything better when a policeman on duty can be left to die in a City hospital;

(c) the details of the case; and

(d) the steps taken that such incidents do not recur in future?

**Treatment by doctors and hospitals
etc. in emergency cases**

48. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to make it obligatory on the part of Medical Practitioners and specially for the Nursing Homes/Hospitals not to refuse treatment to persons in emergency and trauma-related situation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

**Development and upgradation of
Government hospitals**

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

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan to develop and upgrade all the Government hospitals in the country, particularly in the rural and backward areas of the country;

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

(c) the details of financial assistance given for the various health projects under implementation in the country during the last three years?

**Encephalitis and Anthrax diseases in
Southern States**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are prone to deadly Encephalitis and Anthrax diseases;

(b) if so, the details of cases which came to notice during the last three years, State-wise and disease-wise; and

(c) the precautionary measures Government have taken to contain these diseases in these States, particularly Anthrax which is spreading terror throughout the globe?

AIDS Vaccine

51. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scientists have made available an AIDS vaccine and they are confident that this vaccine will control the AIDS disease;

(b) if so, whether this vaccine will be introduced soon and will be 100 per cent effective;

(c) whether in the International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, it was informed that results from the most promising trial will be available in the month of November, 2001;

(d) if so, the total number of AIDS patients at present in the country; and

(e) to what extent, it will benefit them?

**Implementation of National Health
Programmes**

52. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the concrete steps Government have taken during the last two years for implementation of national programmes in the health sector and also to improve health status of the population throughout the country including rural areas;

(b) the achievements under disease control programmes in respect of (i) AIDS (ii) T.B. (iii) Cataract-operations (iv) Malaria/Dengu (v) Diabetes indicating actual budgetary allocations, expenditure with internal/external sources State-wise, year-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to open free camps for check-up/ treatment of senior citizens in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Population Policy

53. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what concrete steps Government have taken to stabilize the unregulated growth of population to give incentives to persons with small families and to undertake half-yearly or yearly survey of increase/decrease in population after adoption of a comprehensive National Population Policy, State-wise;

(b) whether any campaign has been launched, so far, against the practice of female foeticide in order to arrest the adverse sex ratio in certain States; and

(c) by when the Pre-Natal Diagnostics Act, 1994 will be amended/ brought before Parliament for approval?

Oral cancer

54. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 70,000 new cases of oral cancer are coming to light every year in the country;

(b) whether in view of above fact, dental experts have demanded ban on 'Gutka' and

'Pan Masala', the main cause of increasing oral cancer; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Meeting with the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation from the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry called on him sometime back in Mumbai in connection with the difficulties being experienced by the Industry for carrying out research and experimentation on animals;

(b) if so, the details of the points raised by the delegation; and

(c) the details of assurance given by him to the delegation and the follow up action, if any, taken to fulfil the assurance?

Bill for monitoring guidelines in medical research

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to bring forward a Bill during the Winter Session of Parliament making provision for monitoring guidelines in medical research;

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

(c) whether Government would take care to ensure that the proposed legislation does not contain too many restrictions which would curb the already limited value of medical research currently carried on in the country?

Funds provided by foreign financial institutions to Assam

57. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by the foreign financial institutions to the Government of Assam for eradication of Malaria, Polio, Cancer, AIDS, Hepatitis-B etc.;

(b) the details of amount spent on these diseases in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the details of achievements made by Government in this regard?

WHO warning on Anthrax

58. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation (WHO) has urged individuals and organisations to handle mail with care following cases of Anthrax scare in the US and other countries;

(b) whether certain guidelines have been issued in this regard;

(c) the nature of the same;

(d) whether Anthrax cases have been reported during the months of September and October, 2001 in India; and

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

Anthrax bacteria

59. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of Anthrax bacteria have been reported in the capital recently and sent to NICD for investigation;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to fight with the Anthrax bacteria;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of preventive measures Government propose to take to check its spread in the country?

Increasing demand of Physiotherapists

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

(a) whether Government are aware that the demand of Physiotherapists in the country has been increasing because patients fail to make any recovery even after undergoing various types of surgery and as such the necessity for getting physiotherapy treatment is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment with regard to the required number of physiotherapists in the country in future;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Recommendations of Internal Work Study Report

61. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Internal Work Study of his Ministry had submitted a Report on 28th May, 1993 on work measurement study of Department of Cardiology in RML Hospital (technical posts);

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and recommendations contained therein;

(c) whether one of the recommendations was for the creation of 23 additional posts in the cadres of STO/STA and ECG Technicians in Cardiology Department;

(d) whether above recommendations pertaining to that Department have not been implemented, so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and present status of the report particularly in Cardiology Department and by when these will be implemented?

Constitution of High-powered action group

†62. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision to constitute a high powered action group to implement Central schemes like HIV, Malaria, T.B., and Family Welfare etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action, so far, in this direction; and

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

News-item, "Diabetes rules: Screen early, treat quickly"

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Diabetes rules: Screen early, treat quickly" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 23rd August, 2001;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of Indians particularly at the old age are suffering with diabetes, which put people at high risk; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to propagate about the damages and cure of diabetes through print and electronic media?

Financial position of MUL

64. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the loss suffered by the Maruti Udyog Ltd. during the last year;

(b) whether MUL has earned a net profit during first half of current year;

(c) if so, the figures in this regard; and

(d) the estimated prospects for the year 2001-2002?

CPSUs in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

65. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central PSUs presently functioning in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, State-wise, PSU-wise and location-wise;

(b) the total investments made by Government in these PSUs, so far, PSU-wise;

(c) how many of these PSUs stand referred to BIFR;

(d) whether Government propose to revive the ailing PSUs of these two States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Model Vigilance set up in CPSUs

66. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Public Enterprises had in the recent past suggested a Model Vigilance set up with whole time Vigilance personnel and adoption by all the Central PSUs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Central PSUs have adopted the Model Vigilance set up as suggested by DPE; and

(d) if not, which PSUs have not adopted the same and remedial measures being taken with regard thereto?

Entering of Maruti Udyog into used car market

67. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maruti Udyog proposes to enter into the used car market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the cities where the new used car venture would be started and the expected profit in the next venture?

Roll-back in retirement age in PSUs

68. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Units (PSUs) are facing stiff resistance to roll-back in

retirement age of their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that PSUs are downsized inspite of opposition?

Projected loss of public enterprises

69. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected loss of public enterprises in the year 2001-2002;

(b) the reasons for these huge losses suffered by these public enterprises; and

(c) whether it is because of the out-dated technology or lack of exit policy in the country?

Amount spent on revival of PSUs

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

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have spent huge amount for revival of PSUs since 1990;

(b) if so, the details of amount spent during this period; and

(c) the details of institutions which are running in project as a result thereof?

Opening up of print media to foreign equity

71. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are going to open up the print media to foreign equity; and

(b) if not, Government's stand on this issue?

World Development Report

72. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the World Bank Report titled "World Development Report 2002: Building Institution for Markets" released on 11th September, 2001 pleading strongly *inter-alia* for private media and open information flows; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to ensure the right of information to the citizens?

Package for increasing the coverage of AIR and DD in N.E. Region

73. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

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

(a) the package for increasing the coverage of All India Radio and Doordarshan in the North East to fight dominance of neighbouring countries' channels;

(b) the estimated cost for implementation of the package;

(c) whether infrastructure for satellite transmission has been provided; and

(d) the action proposed to broadcast creative local programme to make the medium effective?

Introducing the DTH telecast

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

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

(a) by when her Ministry is going to introduce DTH telecast;

(b) the safeguards her Ministry is going to provide in respect of security and morality;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Removing Gyan Darshan from DD's National Network

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has decided to drop Gyan Darshan on DD's National Network;

(b) if so, the reasons for such unilateral decision taken by Doordarshan;

(c) whether any representation from the Ministry of HRD has been received by Doordarshan for reconsideration of its decision to remove Gyan Darshan; and

(d) if so, the details of such representation and the action taken by Government in this regard?

Increasing the rates of DAVP advertisements

76. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether DAVP advertisement rates remained low and not increased since January, 1999; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to raise the rates early?

New FM channel by Prasar Bharati

77. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has decided to start new FM channels;

(b) if so, the main features and terms and conditions; and

(c) the names of States where these will be started?

Abolition of Wage Board

78. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Newspaper Society is demanding that the Wage Board should be done away with to reduce burden on newspaper establishments; and

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

Decline in the quality of DD's programmes

†79. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 20 per cent people in the country have no access to Radio/Doordarshan programmes even today;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/area-wise,

(c) whether it is also a fact that quality of Doordarshan's programmes has been falling continuously; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme in order to check the same?

Funds for Journalists

80. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Journalists desire a Fund to help their next of kin in case of their death on duty; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed in this regard?

Expansion of DD Network

81. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken for expansion of the network of Doordarshan in the non-affluent areas;

(b) how many studio projects, besides other development work, will be completed during the current financial year;

(c) the reasons for delay in developing the infrastructure;

(d) whether non-fixation of any target is causing any delay in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

DD News Channel

†82. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for Government's hesitation to take action against the officer responsible for miserable condition of Doordarshan's news channel;

(b) whether appointment of present Director-General of Doordarshan's news channel has been made under any pressure or is it just to complete the formality;

(c) if so, what will be the effect on the working of news channel; and

(d) if not, by when appointment of permanent Director-General of news channels of All India Radio and Doordarshan will be made?

Revenue of Prasar Bharati

83. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the revenue of the Prasar Bharati has doubled and 50 per cent of the revenue comes from outside;

(b) whether for building a society and societal values, Prasar Bharati will have to play a public broadcaster's role which could not be purely commercial and the rural development programmes could also be made more interesting and entertaining like the BBC;

(c) whether the serials could also play a tremendous role in creating social awakening and empowering women; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to make

Prasar Bharati a public broadcasting organisation?

Activities of private satellite channel in Tamil Nadu

84. SHRI S. NIRAİKULATHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a private satellite channel in Tamil Nadu is whipping up communal passion to create law and order problem in the state; and

(b) whether Government will take firm action against that channel in the larger interest of the society and the country?

Irrelevant laws

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

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee constituted by Government has found some laws irrelevant and reported the same to Government;

(b) if so, when this report was received by Government and what is the total number of these irrelevant laws;

(c) whether Government have also decided to repeal these irrelevant laws;

(d) if so, when this decision was taken; and

(e) the present position of implementation of this decision?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Waiving of residency condition for
Rajya Sabha election**

86. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to have open ballots and do away with the residency condition on the candidates in elections to the Rajya Sabha; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Economic Law Commission

87. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an Economic Law Commission; and

(b) if so, the main objectives of the Commission?

Equity capital of top companies

88. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of 100 top companies of the country in terms of subscribed equity capital; and

(b) the details like promoters/directors of the company, public offers made, profit/loss, taxes paid for last three years, Company-wise?

**Separate High Court Bench in some
States**

†89. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to set up a separate Bench of High Court in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government are going to take any step with regard to setting up of a separate Bench of High Court for ending the on-going strike by advocates with regard to the said demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Fast track courts

90. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fast track courts set up in the country during the year ending 31st October, 2001;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for court buildings and residential accommodation for Judicial officers of these courts;

(c) whether the work of clearance of all cases has been started in these courts; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

**Setting up of Investor Education and
Protection Fund**

91. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Investor Education and Protection Fund;

(b) if so, the sources from which it will get funds; and

(c) the broad rules for operating this fund and when the fund will become operative?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Setting up of Commissions

92. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Commissions set up by Government since 1998 and the purpose for which these Commissions were constituted;

(b) how many of these Commissions have since been made permanent;

(c) the expenditure incurred on these Commissions annually; and

(d) the number of reports presented by these Commissions and those which have been accepted for implementation?

Judicial officers working in UT of Delhi

93. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judicial officers in each cadre working in Union Territory of Delhi;

(b) how many of them belong to SC/ST and OBC Category;

(c) whether Government propose to issue direction to fill up vacancies from amongst the candidates belonging to SC/ST and OBC Categories; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Women Courts

94. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women courts functioning at present in the various States/ Union Territories for disposal of cases

pertaining to crime against women;

(b) the details of cases pertaining to women pending in these courts for the last so many years; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

Proposal for privatisation of Shipping Corporation of India

95. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);

(b) if so, the areas of SCI proposed to be privatised;

(c) whether the Disinvestment Ministry has consulted his Ministry in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal of Government in the matter?

Current Share of Inland Water Ways Transport

96. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that current share of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) is merely 1.5 billion tonnes Km. as compared to total inland Cargo of over 1,000 billion tonnes Km. inspite of the fact that India has an extensive network of 15,000 Km. waterways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for upgradation of infrastructure in the sector and increase the IWT?

Financial assistance to voluntary organisations

†97. SHRI RAM JATHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
"LALAN":

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

(a) whether it is a fact that financial assistance is being provided to voluntary organisations engaged in social work;

(b) the number of organisations in each State of the country to whom financial assistance has been provided during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 alongwith the extent of assistance provided to them; and

(c) the areas in which these organisations are working?

Development of SCs/STs/other minorities in far-flung areas of HP, Punjab and J & K

98. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the share of budget for the development of SCs/STs/other minorities and other weaker sections of people residing in far-flung areas in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir for their welfare schemes in proportion to their percentage of population; and

(b) the details thereof, item-wise and scheme-wise?

Residential schools for SCs/STs in H.P., Punjab and J & K

99. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of residential schools and hostels set up in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students of these States;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have any plan to improve the standard and the facilities of the existing residential schools and hostels in these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

NGOs in Meghalaya

100. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations in the State of Meghalaya functioning at present; and

(b) the details of financial assistance/aids granted by Government for several welfare programmes in the State during the last three years?

Funds for development of SCs/STs

†101. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes for the year 2000-2001, State-wise;

(b) the amount released alongwith amount spent for the development of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes till the second quarter of the year 2000-2001, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the amount spent during 2000-2001 and the reasons for non-utilization of the said amount?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Training period of Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Courses

†102. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the training and study period from three and a half years to four and a half years of physiotherapy and occupational therapy in Janviklang Sansthan, Delhi;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this degree still bears the same nomenclature as B.Sc(Hons.), while it is completely essential to name it as Bachelor of Physiotherapy (B.P.T) after raising its training period to four and a half years; and

(c) if so, whether Government will change its name and the reason for the delay?

Tribal welfare begins with a cut

103. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Tribal welfare begins with a cut", which appeared in the Times of India dated the 22nd October, 2001;

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

(c) whether any official inquiry has been ordered into the incidents of irregularities alleged in the news report;

(d) if so, the results thereto and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) further steps proposed to address the problems highlighted in the report?

Tawaria tribe

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

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the members of Tawaria tribe are involved in criminal activities all over the country;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to check the activities of these tribal people and prepare a data-base about these tribals; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for rehabilitation of these tribals involved in unlawful activities?

Weaknesses of programmes for tribal development

105. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the weaknesses of programmes for tribal development as pointed out in the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to streamline these programmes?

Schemes for preservation of tribal culture

106. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up certain cultural schemes for preservation of the tribal culture in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes are likely to cover the North-Eastern Region;

(d) whether there is abounding in the tribal culture, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have any plan to establish an institute for the said purpose; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(f) if so, the number of the institutes proposed to be established in the North-Eastern Region and the programmes to be conducted by them for the tribal people?

Tribal population in Maharashtra

107. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total population of tribals/ adivasis in Maharashtra as per Census conducted each time from 1981 to date;

(b) how many scheduled tribe/ adivasi families in Maharashtra have been assisted upto March-2001 and brought above the poverty, line under the poverty alleviation scheme; and

(c) the number of such families in Maharashtra that live below the line of poverty till March, 2001?

Special package for tribal welfare in Maharashtra

108. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any special package for tribal/adivasi welfare and rehabilitation in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Tribals living in sub-human conditions

109. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribals across the country continue to live in poverty, illiteracy and sub-human conditions in the new millennium;

(b) if so, the reasons for raw deal given to tribals; and

(c) the action proposed to ensure proper implementation of Central schemes and utilisation of funds for the upliftment of tribals only?

Tribal status to Gaddies and Gujjars in H.P.

†110. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that 'Gaddies' and 'Gujjars' were given the status of scheduled tribe in Himachal Pradesh prior to 1966, but after the reconstitution of the State in 1966 anomaly has been created by not giving the status of scheduled tribe to 'Gaddies' and 'Gujjars' of the areas included in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh Government has forwarded all required information to his Ministry; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to remove the anomaly?

P.M.'s concern regarding corruption in DDA

111. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

(a) whether the Prime Minister has expressed serious concern over rampant corruption, lack of accountability and absence of redressal mechanism in DDA;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have taken any further action on the views of PM;

(c) if so, the details of the action plan formulated to remove corruption etc., in DDA; and

(d) the number of complaints received against the DDA in the past one year and the action taken thereon?

Urban population in India

112. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at a recent seminar on the United Nation Centre for Human Settlement, it was revealed that the urban population in India, which is 285 million today, will double in the next 25 years;

(b) whether out of the 285 million people living in our cities, 17 million live below the poverty line;

(c) whether it is estimated that Rs. 22,000 crore are required annually to provide drinking water and sanitation alone to its urban inhabitants; and

(d) if so, the long and short term plans of Government to reduce this population surge in the urban sector?

Grants to U.P. for Urban development

113. PROF. M.M AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial grants allocated to the State of Uttar Pradesh for Urban Development in various cities during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the details of amount, out of the total grants utilised, so far, by the State Government; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

MCD building road on paper

114. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3791 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th August, 2001 regarding news-item "MCD Building Rs. 2 Lacs Road on Paper" and state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Department has since completed its enquiry into this case;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the enquiry would be completed and the action against the officials involved therein would be taken?

Fly-overs under construction in Delhi

115. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fly-overs under construction in Delhi;

(b) the target dates fixed for the completion of those fly-overs;

(c) the reasons for the slow progress in the construction work;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the construction work; and

(e) the progress of each fly-over project as on date?

**Amount released under IDSMT
scheme to Karnataka**

116. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released to Karnataka under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns since 1996-97, till date;

(b) whether Karnataka has requested Government to convert the loan released under IDSMT as 100 per cent grant; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Slum free mega-cities and metro-cities

117. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have framed a National Slum Policy;

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

(c) the details of the mega-cities and metro-cities expected to be made slum free and by when, State-wise;

(d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred in this regard, State-wise;

(e) the houses to be constructed annually and by when it is expected to be completed, State-wise; and

(f) the other steps to check the rise in slums in environmental improvement of urban slums?

**Minimum wages under Urban
Employment Generation
Programme**

118. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rates of wages to be paid under the Urban Employment Generation Programme were as per prescribed minimum wages for the unskilled labour as notified by the concerned State Governments and were to be same for men and women workers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the payment of wages to male and female were made at differential rates in the States of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such a discrimination?

**Ratio of operational expenses and
wages under UEGP**

119. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether administrative/other operational expenses and wages of unskilled workers were fixed at 5 and 40 per cent respectively in the schemes under Urban Employment Generation Programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the administrative expenses were in excess of norms and percentage of expenditure on wages was very low leading to shortfall in employment generation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor especially when the very objective of the scheme is generation of employment?

Citizen's Charter of DDA

120. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority has Citizen's Charter promising efficient, prompt and courteous service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of relief the Charter has or ought to the public;

(d) when was the last periodic review of the Charter was undertaken; and

(e) if no review has been undertaken, the reasons therefor and how effective it has been for time-bound disposal of various transactions?

Inconvenience due to increasing activities of hawkers in Delhi

121. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of hawkers has increased manifold in Delhi/ New Delhi causing lot of inconvenience to public due to congestion on roads;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to rehabilitate these hawkers in the outskirts of Delhi/ New Delhi;

(c) whether any drive has been launched to stop the activities of hawkers having un-licensed kiosks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Demand and supply of potable water in towns

122. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have details about the demand and availability of potable water in towns having population of 20,000 and above; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide potable water to these towns under AUWSP?

Review of IDSMT Scheme

123. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of IDSMT Scheme which was introduced in 1979-80 to arrest migration of population to cities/ towns in the country has been undertaken and if so, the details of the review undertaken;

(b) whether the scheme has been successful in arresting the migration of population to cities/towns and if so, to what extent;

(c) the average number of people still migrating to the National Capital Territory of Delhi for the last one year; and

(d) the steps taken to check it?

Schemes for Housing and Urban Development in North-Eastern States

†124. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any effective scheme for Housing and Urban Development in North-Eastern States including Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much amount has been allocated by Government in this regard for structural development in all those States;

(d) whether it is a fact that regions of North-Eastern States are prone to earthquake; and

(e) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take in this matter?

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Infrastructure status to housing sector

125. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give infrastructure industry status to housing sector to encourage FDI in the sector through more liberal norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

HUDCO scheme for supplying drinking water from the Krishna river

126. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) has agreed to fund Rs. 800 crore for the scheme for supplying drinking water from the Krishna river to the twin cities;

(b) if so, by when the funds are likely to be released and work to be started; and

(c) the other projects regarding drinking water pertaining to Andhra Pradesh which are under consideration of Government?

Backside barbed wire fencing in Type III quarters in Lodhi Colony

127. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Type III quarters in Lodhi Colony for which 10 per cent charges for backside barbed wire fencing with gate have been deposited by the allottees more than three months ago, but the job is yet to be completed;

(b) whether such jobs should be completed within three months;

(c) if so, the reasons for not completing the job;

(d) by when the job will be completed;

(e) whether there is a proposal to provide red sand stone footsteps in those Type III quarters which could not be covered earlier; and

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

PM's concern regarding functioning of DDA

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister wrote a letter to him pointing out the various acts of omissions and commissions perpetrated by the Delhi Development Authority vis-a-vis the citizens of Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been initiated on the lines as suggested by PM so as to tone up the functioning of the D.D.A. and offer relief to the hapless citizens; and

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

Cheap houses for slum dwellers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have plans for building cheap houses for slum dwellers in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the plans for such houses for the slum dwellers in the North East, particularly in Assam; and

(c) whether any funds for the schemes have been sanctioned for the current financial year and if not, by when it is likely to be sanctioned?

Inquiry regarding payment of wrong medical claims in DDA

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

(a) whether DDA has wrongly made payments of lakhs of rupees under medical claims during the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the amount of such payments and the names of those who received the payments;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to make an inquiry into this case and to take punitive action against officers responsible for the said payments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the mode to recover the said payment and from whom?

Nexus between officers of DDA and tender Mafias

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

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA is robbed of crores of rupees every year due to existing nexus between higher officers of DDA and tender mafias;

(b) if so, whether Government intend to punish the guilty officers and builders by conducting a judicial inquiry into this nexus;

(c) if so, the details of the action to be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Purchase of substandard equipments by DDA

132. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the equipments purchased by DDA for its multi gyms in various sports complexes have been found to be substandard;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the amount involved in the purchase of the equipments;

(c) the outcome of the inquiry, if any, made by Government into the purchase of the substandard equipments; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

Regularisation of slum clusters in Delhi

133. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to regularise the slum clusters in the city on the existing locations rather than relocating them;

(b) if so, the number of slum clusters in the city to be regularised according to the recent survey, if any, conducted by Government;

(c) how many of these slum clusters are on DDA land and on the land owned by other organizations like Railways, NDMC and DCM etc.; and

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(d) in what manner Government propose to regularise the slum clusters on the land owned by other organisations/authorities?

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

High power committee for redressal of grievances of residents

†134. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Development Authority is considering to constitute a High Power Committee for redressal of grievances of residents of the colonies;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps in this regard, so far;

Funds for development of small and medium towns in Meghalaya

135. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated by Government to the State of Meghalaya for development of various small and medium towns during the last three years and till-date district-wise; and

(b) the details of expenditure incurred on the development of the above towns in the State during this period; year-wise?

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R.C. TRIPATHI,
Secretary-General.

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