

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the December 19, 2002/Agrahayana 28, 1924 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;
Communications and Information Technology; Consumer Affairs,
Food and Public Distribution; External Affairs; Labour;
Parliamentary Affairs; Personnel, Public Grievances and
Pensions; Planning; Road Transport and Highways;
Small Scale Industries; Space; Statistics and
Programme Implementation)

Total number of questions—136

Benefits of PMRY

†2979. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND
RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the two days workshop of India Habitat Forum conducted in October this year, unhappiness has been expressed over the issue that common people are not getting the benefit of the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the details of the implementation monitoring system of the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana alongwith the details of the people getting benefit of this scheme, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what new efforts are being made by Government to ensure that the general public may get benefits of the scheme in a better way?

Cottage industries in Nagaland

2980. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of cottage industries in Nagaland and other States of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

Khadi Gramodyog Commission

†2981. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Gramodyog Commission encourages people for establishing cottage industries in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the number of units of such cottage industries established after getting incentive from the said Commission till the end of October, 2002, State-wise;

(d) the number of people who have been provided employment in such units, State-wise; and

(e) the number of sick cottage industries and the action proposed to be taken by Government for revival of such units during the years 2001-02 and 2003-04, State-wise?

Rural Employment Guarantee Programme

†2982. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Rural Employment Guarantee Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the States where abovesaid programme was launched during the Ninth Plan; and

(c) the achievements made during the said period, the amount spent thereon as well as the estimates made for the same during the Tenth Plan, State-wise?

National Programme on Rural Industrialization

2983. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the National Programme on Rural Industrialization in the industrially backward districts of Rajasthan; and

(b) the achievements of NPRI in these districts, district-wise?

Beneficiaries of PMRY in Andhra Pradesh

2984. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent evaluation study of PMRY in Andhra Pradesh has revealed that the SC/ST and women beneficiaries are below the desired levels;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures taken by Government to increase the number of SC/ST and women under PMRY in the States?

Loans under PMRY

2985. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons recommended and those who were actually disbursed loans under PMRY by the Public Sector Banks in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise, district-wise and bank-wise;

(b) whether Government have reviewed the progress of implementation of PMRY in the State;

(c) if so, what shortcomings were noticed; and

(d) the steps Government have initiated to rectify those shortcomings?

Potential of agro industries in Andhra Pradesh

2986. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed

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the potential of agro industries in Andhra Pradesh;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how far this potential is being utilised; and
- (d) what steps Government have taken to develop marketing facilities in the State for development of agro industries in a big way?

India's position in atomic power generation

†2987. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that very small portion of total power is generating through atomic energy;
- (b) the place where India stands in power production through atomic energy as compared to other countries; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that the atomic power generation plants in the country are less efficient?

Non-availability of compliance report

2988. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that compliance report of various power plants to the AERB norms is not available to public scrutiny like the NGOs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether NGOs can be watchdogs over the functioning of these power plants and whether Government propose to allow these organisations to get involved?

Setting up an Institute of Japanese Studies in Bangalore

2989. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the need for IT exports to Japan in view of the large potential;
- (b) whether large exports of IT to Japan could be achieved through exposure to the Japanese language;
- (c) whether a proposal in this regard has been under consideration of the Governments of India and Japan; and
- (d) if so, what is the present status of the proposal and by when Government's approval is expected?

Interconnections on cheaper rates

†2990. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have sent any proposal to VSNL to reduce its international rates and to provide interconnections at cheaper rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) VSNL's reaction thereon;
- (d) whether Government-owned telecommunication companies are planning to go to other international call service providers who are providing cheaper service than that of VSNL;
- (e) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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ISD/STD/PCOs in A.P.

2991. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with his Ministry for allotment of ISD/STD/PCOs in Andhra Pradesh as on date and since when, district-wise;

(b) the details of the PCOs allotted in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear all the pending applications for PCOs in the State within a time-frame?

Financial performance of Speed Post Services

2992. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial performance of Speed Post Services for the year 2000-01 has come under severe comments by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India in his report for the year 2002;

(b) whether Speed Post Services short-achieved financial targets by over 40 per cent during the year; and

(c) what are the other observations made by the GAG and losses incurred by the Department of Posts due to lapses in its operations?

Indo-Romanian agreement on I.T.

2993. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Romania have entered into an agreement institutionalising a frame-work for cooperation and collaboration in critical sector of IT;

(b) whether any time-frame has been fixed for this;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any areas have been identified as areas for cooperation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Poor condition of communication services in U.P.

2994. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN
ZAHIDI:

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

(a) whether communication facilities/services in U.P. are in poor condition;

(b) whether telephone lines, capacity for various routes/places is inadequate and the callers have to wait for long to get connected to the desired number, especially during peak hours; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase line capacity of various routes?

CICs in Assam

2995. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fully operational Community Information Centres in Assam as against the number of proposed Community Information Centres together with the detailed list of defunct centres and the reason therefor;

(b) the details of the revenue generated from Community Information Centres of Assam till November, 2002, block-wise;

(c) the details of the plan as projected and achievement made from Community Information Centres including future plan to impart training for self-employment and career oriented programmes like telemedicine; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries who availed these facilities, so far, block-wise?

Allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs in Tamil Nadu

2996. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with Government for allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs at different places/towns in Tamil Nadu and since when such applications are pending;

(b) the details of STD/ISD/PCOs cleared and allotted in the State during the last three years, district-wise; and

(c) the norms for opening of STD/ISD/PCO in the State?

Change of telephone numbers

2997. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reason for converting the telephone numbers in metro cities from seven to eight digits;

(b) what time-frame has been set up for this conversion;

(c) whether this change-over would generate more for additional lines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for each of the metros?

V.P.T. in Assam

2998. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages covered by the Village Public Telephone facility in Assam;

(b) the number of such villages in the State where the aforesaid facility is not available; and

(c) the number of such telephones proposed to be granted in the remaining villages of Assam?

Corporatisation of Indian Postal Service

†2999. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to corporatise the Indian Postal Service;

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

(c) by when the outline for the same is likely to be prepared by Government?

Non-availability of telephone facilities

3000. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and the North Eastern Region where telephone facilities are not available;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of villages in these States where telephone facility is proposed to be provided during the year 2001-02; and

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

Internet/e-mail/computer facilities in rural and tribal areas

3001. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme for providing internet, e-mail and computer facilities in the rural and tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

E-Commerce/E-Governance

3002. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of net penetration in e-commerce in the country;

(b) the percentage of net penetration in e-governance; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase its percentage in different fields/sectors in the country?

Modernization of postal services in A.P.

3003. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for development and modernization of postal services in urban and rural areas of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for expansion programme of postal services in urban and rural areas of the State?

Future of landline telephones

3004. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the implications of the increasing trend to acquire cellular phones;

(b) if so, what would be its impact on landline telephones in the next couple of years;

(c) whether Government foresee the landline telephones being wiped out in favour of cellular telephones in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating of providing any relief to the

fixed line subscribers by providing rent-free, fault free telephones or by way of increasing free calls to subscribers, if so, the details thereof?

Telephone facilities in A.P.

3005. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages of Andhra Pradesh have been provided with telephone facilities;

(b) if not, the number of villages without telephone facilities in the State, district-wise;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed by Government for providing telephone facilities in each and every village of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Telephone facilities in Post Offices of A.P.

3006. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the post offices including those located in far off rural and tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh are having telephones;

(b) if not, the details of the post offices in the State where this facility is yet to be provided; and

(c) by when all the post offices in the State would be provided with Telephones?

Import of edible oil

3007. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have to shell out extra \$450 million to import more edible oil this year to compensate the shortfall in oil seeds production;

(b) if so, whether Government had to spend \$ 2,500 million on import of edible oil between October, 2001 and September, 2002 against usual annual import bill of \$ 2,000 million;

(c) if so, the reasons for the shortfall in edible oil production; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the production of edible oil in the country?

Pricing of sugar

3008. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new formula has not been announced so far for pricing of sugar, country wide;

(b) if so, whether Government had asked the CACP to come up with formula by July end;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for delay in announcing the sugar cane policy formula; and

(d) by when it is likely to be announced?

Consumer redressal machinery

3009. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

formulated a programme for augmenting infrastructure and to strengthen consumer redressal machinery in the country;

(b) if so, the plan formulated in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose during 2002-03; and

(d) the steps taken in this regard during last three years?

Sale of rice meant for export

3010. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to lift ban on sale of rice meant for exports in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that all genuine exporters would be worst sufferer who are unable to compete in the international market; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect interest of the genuine exporters?

Draught/flood affected families in Tamil Nadu

3011. PROF. M. SANKARA LINGAM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation of rice by Tamil Nadu Government for the drought/flood affected families during the current year;

(b) whether Government have studied the demand and supply of the State during the drought/flood for the last five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve a mechanism to solve the problem of drought/flood affected families of the State in terms of timely allocation or rice?

Paddy procurement procedure

†3012. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the system evolved by the Chhattisgarh State Government to procure paddy from the farmers for the Kharif Crop this year;

(b) the funds earmarked by the State Government for this purpose;

(c) the assistance extended by the Central Government for the same; and

(d) the details of the proposed system for procurement of paddy?

Poor quality of foodgrains in fair price shops

†3013. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of foodgrains sold through the fair price shops has been deteriorating continuously;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that even the common men don't purchase foodgrains from the fair price shops; and

(c) if so, the details of the foodgrains distributed through these shops during the last five years, State-wise?

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Import duty on pulses

3014. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has demanded a cut in import duty on pulses to boost imports to meet drought induced shortage; and

(b) if so, the action taken to bring down consumer price of "Dal" the common man's food?

Prices of pulses

3015. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in production of pulses in view of the drought situation this monsoon; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken to help keep prices of pulses down?

Export subsidy for sugar

3016. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Karnataka has requested him to grant adequate level of export subsidy to make exports of sugar possible from Karnataka;

(b) whether a report has been called for from the Directorate of Sugar in this regard; and

(c) the time frame for grant of export subsidy to the State?

Extension of Annapoorna Yojana

3017. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government seeking amendment to the existing Annapoorna Yojana to cover supply of foodgrains to the destitute persons of 65 years and above;

(b) what is the present stage of consideration of the proposal; and

(c) by when a decision is expected in this regard?

National Consumer Forum

3018. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Consumer Forum and the Fora in the States are not functioning effectively due to the lack of facilities including ministerial staff;

(b) if so, the number of cases that have been filed and disposed off by both the National and States Consumer Forum during the last three years; and

(c) what facilities are planned to be provided to make them work effectively and what would be the required budgetary support?

Starvation deaths

3019. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died in each State due to starvation during the year 2001-02 and the six months from April 1st, 2002; and

(b) what assistance was given to the families of those who have died due to starvation?

Representation of PIOs in the Rajya Sabha

†3020. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal to grant representation in the Rajya Sabha to the Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) staying abroad and who are still citizens of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Threat from Pakistani anti-ballistic missile system

3021. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is likely to acquire anti-ballistic missile system worth 1.5 billion dollars;

(b) if so, to what extent this is likely to affect India's defence preparedness; and

(c) what steps have been taken to face the challenge?

Indian representation in UN arms inspectors in Iraq

3022. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has requested Government to join the United Nations' Team of arms inspectors for inspecting the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq;

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

(c) whether India has made so far any diplomatic advances in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Immigration Laws

3023. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enforce immigration laws strictly in the country;

(b) if so, the details of bottlenecks found in the existing immigration laws;

(c) whether due to ineffective immigration laws Government have been finding greater difficulties in taking action against the persons involved in organised crimes; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Pakistan's suspension from
Commonwealth**

3024. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had played an active and leading role at the recently held Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference in London to thwart the attempt of Pakistani lobby for revoking Pakistan's suspension after the formation of a new Government in Islamabad;

(b) whether India pleaded for continuation of the suspension till full restoration of democratic process in Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Russian President's visit

3025. SHRI MANOJ-BHATTA CHARYA:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Russian President Vladimir Putin, visited India for holding wide rang talks during the first week of this month;

(b) if so, the Indian leaders with whom he had discussed the issues and his reaction thereto;

(c) what has been his impression about the stand taken by Pakistan and China on cross border terrorism and threat of war with Iraq;

(d) whether any formal declaration was signed between both the countries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the Russian commitment towards peace and development in India *vis-a-vis* South Asian sub-continent?

**Joint task force to improve intra-
regional trade**

3026. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint task force on enhancing trade relations with India's neighbours is being set up by the Ministries of External Affairs, Finance and Company Affairs and Commerce and Industry to explore ways to improve intra-regional trade;

(b) if so, the outcome of the suggestions made by the task force;

(c) whether any agreements have been reached with the neighbouring countries for boosting trade; and

(d) if so, the points of agreements reached?

Made-in-India fair in Kabul

3027. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the highlights of "Made-in-India" fair in Kabul;

(b) how many Indian firms had participated in the fair and whether any foreign firms had also taken part;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) worth of business struck and future agreements entered into with the Government of Afghanistan?

Demand to sign CTBT and NPT

3028. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada has urged Government to sign Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has offered to mediate between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether Canada would like to assist India in exploiting nuclear energy for commercial purposes by opening the vast North American market; and

(c) if so, Government views in this regard?

Triangle of India-Iraq-Afghanistan

†3029. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to form a triangle of India-Iraq-Afghanistan to boost trade with Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the progress made in this directions so far; and

(d) what other steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken by Government to promote trade relations with Afghanistan?

Implementation of projects

†3030. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has recommended to implement 150 projects out of 300 projects running with the central assistance and 495 projects out of 1400 projects of Ministries during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects left out and the reasons therefor?

Duration of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage

†3031. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the persisting demand being raised by the people with regard to increase the duration of Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage;

(b) if so, whether Government have discussed the matter with China in this regard;

(c) if so, whether China is agree to increase the duration of pilgrimage; and

(d) if not, the reasons for disagreement?

More nuclear tests by India

3032. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain experts have suggested to Government that India should go for more nuclear tests to match with United States; and

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

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**New feature on Tirumala Tirupati
Devasthanam**

3033. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BBC had made a news feature on Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam;

(b) whether there has been an outcry against this feature telecast on the 9th July, 2002;

(c) whether there have been objections against it as it hurts the sentiments of devotees;

(d) whether Government have lodged a protest against it; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

**Anti-Indian activities in neighbouring
countries**

†3034. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that regular training is being provided in countries adjoining India to terrorists in carrying out their terrorist activities against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take against such countries?

**Grants to Centre for Research on
Indo-Bangladesh Relations**

3035. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stopped grants to the Centre for Research on Indo-Bangladesh Relations (CRIBR), Kolkata, recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of such other organisations which are being funded by Government at present, alongwith quantum of grant and objectives being fulfilled by them?

Indian Passports to Afghani refugees

3036. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several Afghan Nationals living in India as refugees have managed to procure Indian Passports in connivance with an Assistant Regional Passport Officer;

(b) if so, the number of such cases came to light, so far; and

(c) the action taken by Government to investigate the matter thoroughly and to check such incidents in future?

**Recent meeting between India and
China**

3037. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China recently held a meeting to view out deference on Indo-China border on the western sectors of the line of control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the talks yields any results with regard to the border issues and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Clinton's remarks on Gujarat

3038. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the former US President Bill Clinton listed Gujarat as one of the world's trouble spots along-with Rawanda and Palestine during the annual conference of the Labour Party in Blackpool; and

(b) if so, whether any diplomatic steps have been taken to dispel this wrong conception and that, in future, Government would keep in view that such an image is not allowed to be created by Indian foreign delegations/political personalities visiting abroad?

MoU between India and Russia

3039. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia are set to sign an MoU that envisages joint operations against groups that pose a threat to their security;

(b) if so, the details of the MoU to be signed;

(c) whether the Home Ministries of the countries would share intelligence under the new agreement which also provides for exchange of equipments; and

(d) if so, by when the MoU is likely to be signed?

Project of Indian views by Embassies

3040. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

Indian Embassies abroad are not adequate to project Indian stand on various issues, such as foreign policy, Kashmir, terrorism and nuclear disarmament;

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated to project our stand effectively; and

(c) the expenses involved?

Sending abroad on fake visas

†3041. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of culprits arrested this year for their involvement in sending persons abroad on fake visas and what action has been taken against them;

(b) the plan formulated by Government to prevent this offence; and

(c) what are the reasons that active gangs are still out of clutches and the incidents of fake visas come to light every other day and people are being cheated?

Declaration of oil field services as public utility services

3042. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has declared services in oil fields as public utility services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits that are going to be extended to the workers as a result thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

100 days employments to workers

†3043. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the number of workers who got employment for 100 days or less in the nineties in the country;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether Government have suggested any effective proposals to provide more work than the 100 days to these workers during the 10th Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assessment regarding the availability of additional man-days in each area?

Reduction in number of organised workers

†3044. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN": Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of workers has been reduced in the organized sector from 1999 till the end of 2002;

(b) if so, the percentage of reduction during the said period; and

(c) the details of such reduction in the public sector industries?

Number of workers

†3045. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the total number of workers in the country at the end of nineties;

(b) if so, the number of workers employed on regular wage basis and the number of those employed on casual wage basis out of the above; and

(c) the number of workers employed in public sector out of such regular and casual wage earners?

Reduction in number of workers in PSUs

†3046. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the decision of the public sector industries to reduce the number of workers;

(b) if so, the details of such public sector industrial establishment; and

(c) the percentage of workers going to be reduced in each establishment?

National Child Labour Project in Orissa

3047. SHRI MANMOHAN
SAMAL:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for opening of 12 National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) in 12 districts of Orissa are still pending with Government for sanction;

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

(c) the steps taken to expedite sanction of the proposals keeping in view the directives of the Supreme Court dated 10th December, 1986 on Child Labour?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Retrenchment of employees

‡3048. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees retrenched from public sector industries during the last four years, yearwise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of retrenched employees is increasing year by year; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by his Ministry for rehabilitation of these retrenched employees?

Funds for training of child labour

‡3049. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated the funds for training of Child labour during the Ninth Five Year Plan period;

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

(c) whether any insurance scheme for Child Labour has been included or proposed to be included in the Tenth Five year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

National Policy on Child Labour

3050. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) what are the broad features of the National Policy on Child Labour, 1987;

(b) whether Government propose to update this policy to make it more purposeful; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Voluntary Separation Scheme

3051. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any retirement scheme called Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the organisations in which it has already been introduced?

Closing down of tea/coffee estates

3052. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many tea and coffee estates in the country have closed down during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers rendered jobless; and

(c) the steps being taken to give alternative job opportunities to the jobless workers?

Vocational training to women in H.P.

3053. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Employment and Training is providing Vocational Training to Women and Girls in Himachal Pradesh;

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

(c) the number of women and girls who benefited during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Unemployed persons in H.P.

3054. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) the increase in the number of unemployed persons during 2001-02 in comparison to 2000-01 and the details of skilled and educated males/females who are still unemployed in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have contemplated to control the increasing unemployment in the State; and

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

Educated unemployed youth

3055. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths registered in the different employment exchanges in Uttar Pradeesh, Bihar, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Orissa and the North Eastern Region during the last three years; Employment Exchange-wise/District-wise/category-wise;

(b) the number of educated unemployed youth who have been provided with jobs through these employment exchanges, category-wise; and

(c) the effective measures taken, so far, by Government to provide employment to the educated youth already registered with these employment exchanges?

Emigration laws

3056. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) the existing emigration laws;

(b) the various categories of exemption from emigration check; and

(c) whether smuggling of human being is going on due to faulty emigration policies. if so, in what manner?

Social security for unorganised workers

†3057. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no scheme relating to social security for the workers of unorganised sector in India is being implemented properly;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to constitute any integrated agency to ensure social security for the workers in unorganised sector;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

I.T.Is in Karnataka

3058. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) the number of Industrial Training Institutes in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up new Industrial Training Institutes in the State during the year 2002-03; and

(c) if so, how many new ITIs would be set up and places where these are to be set up?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of SC Verdict

3059. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Supreme Court in its decision in Civil Appeal No. 6009 and 6010 of 2001 has decisively held that the State Government is the "Appropriate Authority" under the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947 and Contract Labour (R&A) Act, 1970 in respect of Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the reasons for delaying issuance of appropriate Government Order to implement the decision; and

(c) by when such an order is likely to be issued?

Exploitation of beedi workers in U.P.

3060. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh are being exploited and the relevant laws are being flouted by the proprietors with impunity in collusion with official machinery;

(b) whether there are malpractices in the medical facilities for beedi workers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in the matter?

Retrenchment of workers by privatised PSUs

3061. SHRI STISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased so state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints towards

retrenchment of workers by some privatised Public Sector Undertaking Companies;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for reversing growing unemployment in the country?

Kendriya Bhandar

†3062. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased so state:

(a) whether Government are considering to divide Kendriya Bhandar into different categories for extending its outlets and to improve its level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken?

Promotion of Under Secretaries in CSS

3063. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased so state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in CSS, Junior Under Secretaries continue to officiate as Deputy Secretaries ignoring the claim of seniors who have not been promoted despite representations submitted by them and this has been a cause of heart burning amongst them;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in order to remove such anomaly Government in the past promoted Senior Under Secretaries viva-vis their juniors and that this should be the last batch for such promotions?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Violation of Reservation Policy in Promotion

3064. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased so state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under reservation policy of Government, there is a provision of promotion for SC/ST Officers to the lowest rung of Group 'A' post;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Direct Recruit SC/ST Officers of CSS joining as Section Officers (Group 'B' post) are being deprived of this benefit by way of equating them to the Direct Recruit Section Officers of General category while giving them regular promotion to the Grade I i.e., the lowest rung of Group 'A' post of CSS; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

Anti-corruption raids by CBI in Kerala

3065. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether any anti-corruption raids have been conducted by the CBI against either general public or the Central and State Government employees in Kerala during this year to bring out the assets disproportionate to their known sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of anti-corruption cases registered in the State pending for decision and the details thereof?

Alternative for in UPSC exams question papers

†3066. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the alternative of question paper of Hindi

alongwith the compulsory question paper of English in the examinations of Union Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision in this regard will be taken?

Denial of promotion to Direct Recruitment SC/ST Officers

3067. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that third proviso of sub-Rule 2 of Rule 12 of Recruitment Rules of Central Secretariat Service 1962 was deleted by Government in 1999 by an amendment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that these amendments have been applied retrospectively even for the panels of regular Under Secretaries from 1987 onwards thereby depriving the Direct Recruit SC/ST Officers of the Central Secretariat Service from getting promotion to the Grade I of CSS; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Abolition of Karnataka Administrative Tribunal

3068. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sent any proposal to abolish the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal;

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

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Amendment to Constitution to check
abuse of State Public Service
Commissions**

†3069. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the Constitution in order to check the abuse of office by Chairmen and other members of Public Service Commissions;

(b) if so, by when such bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor while many incidents of abuse of office have took place recently in Punjab, Bihar and Maharashtra?

Vacancies in central Govt. services

3070. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there are number of vacancies to be filled up in central Government services;

(b) if so, when would these position be filled up to refuce unemployment crisis to some extent;

(c) whether there is any idea with Government to relax maximum age bar to enter into central Government services with the view of providing opportunities to age barred unemployed youth; and

(d) the details thereof?

BPL families in Orissa

3071. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what are the income norms or methodology to determine people Below the poverty Line;

(b) whether it differs from State to State;

(c) if so, the lowest and the highest income norms for BPL with name of the States;

(d) whether this BPLs are proposed to be altered for the purpose of allocation of funds and food.

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of families living below poverty line in Orissa and the central help rendered to bring down this figure?

Creation of job opportunities in UP

3072. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take effective measures to create job opportunities for educated unemployed youths through setting up of industries and small scale industries in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Slashing of KBK Grant for Orissa

3073. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL
SHRI B. J. PANDA

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports captioned "Centre may slash KBK grant" in Orissa as reported in the Bhubaneswar New Indian Express dated the 16th September, 2002; and

(b) if so, the extent of such out down and the reasons therefor?

Population below poverty line

3074. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population lying

below the poverty line according to the latest survey;

(b) the percentage of BPL population in the respective states, State-wise;

(c) the States where this percentage is on the decrease; and

(d) Government's policy to deal with this problem?

Estimate of poverty

3075. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a new study by economist Shri Surjit Bhalla according to which actual level of poverty in India is exactly half of the estimates made by Government; and

(b) if so, what are Government's estimates in this regard and how there are compare with Estimates made by Shri Surjit Bhalla

Action plan for Orissa

3076. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what are the different action plans implemented for the people of KBK districts in Orissa as on date;

(b) the central assistance provided and actual amount spent so far; and

(c) in what ways the people of those district have benefited? and developed?

Central assistance to Assam

3077. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the central assistance for

Assam for economic development during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Governments development plan

3078. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN "DURRU": Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted a Group of Ministers to draw out a plan to make India a "Fully developed" nation in the fullest sense of the term within the shortest time-frame; and

(b) if so, the steps so far taken in that direction by the Group of Ministers and the time-frame within which the Group of Ministers has to prepare the blue print of such a plan of action?

State plan-outlay for Tenth Five Year Plan

3079. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether State plan-outlay for the 10th Five Year Plan for Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total outlay sector-wise; and

(c) the agricultural industrial and overall economic growth rate contemplated thereunder and how the same compare with the contemplated overall national growth.

Financial assistance for Uttar Pradesh

†3080. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of additional financial assistance sought by Government of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the total amount allocated by the Central Government scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) the reasons for not providing total financial assistance sought by the State Government; and

(d) the necessary action taken by Government in this regard?

Observers' Research Foundation

3081. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Observers Research Foundation is working to advise Government on political, economic, security and social issues;

(b) if so, who are the members of this think tank; and

(c) who is funding the foundation?

Educated job seekers

3082. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated job seekers;

(b) whether adequate jobs are there for all the educated people; and

(c) the manpower planning made in this regard?

Road projects in Tenth Plan

3083. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided not to take up any new projects (National Highway) in the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount allocated to his Ministry in the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the amount allocated for NHDP in the Tenth Plan?

Road conditions in H.P. and U.P.

3084. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that road conditions are deteriorating in Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether road conditions between Shahganj and Pattinarendrapur via Loniapatti in Jaunpur District of Uttar Pradesh have been completely deteriorated;

(c) if so, whether any repair work has been carried out there on for a long period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the said road would be repaired?

National Highways Projects in Himachal Pradesh

3085. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways Projects undergoing in Himachal Pradesh;

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(b) the progress of these projects in the State;

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on each project; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

Invertment by private operators in highway projects

3086. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many private operators working on BOT projects have also found vehicular traffic falling short of target; and

(b) whether such singnalswould discourage the prospective investors from private sector from investing in highway projects?

Bypass on NH-52

3087. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) when the first proposal was accepted for construction of bypass at Lakhimpur on NH 52 and progress made for fixation of alignment, sanctioned and actual start of the work, year-wise;

(b) the target set to complete the construction indicating outlay, sanctioned during the Ninth Plan and proposed for Tenth Plan, year-wise; and

(c) the status of the construction of Choukighat bridge near Biswanath Charali to shorten the length of NH 52 by about 30 kms?

Upgradation of roads from Khurdha to Bolangir in Orissa

3088. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for upgradation of the State Road from Khurdha to Bolangir via Nayagarh-Daspalla-Boudh and Sonepur in Orissa;

(b) whether there is growing demand also to convert this State Highway to National Highway; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the above proposal?

Upgradation of road form Jeypore to Motu in Orissa

3089. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for upgradation of State Road from Jeypore to Motu via Baipariguda-Mathili-Malkangiri and Kalimela in Orissa;

(b) whether the proposal has been included for upgradation during 2002-03; and

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

Upgradation of road in Karnataka

3090. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines for upgrading a district road into State Highway and State Highway to National Highway;

(b) the number of roads upograded during the last three years in various parts of the country with revenue implications, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to upgrade the existing District Road from Kollegal to Talabetta via Ramapur and MM Hills; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard with revenue implications and Government's reaction thereto?

Road Development Authority in Madhya Pradesh

†3091. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the dates when Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh Road Development Authority were set up;

(b) the amount granted by the Central and State Governments to the same;

(c) the share of Chhattisgarh out of the same; and

(d) the details of the roads constructed in rural areas by the said authority?

Road converted into National Highways

3092. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the highways converted into National Highways during the last three-years;

(b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the same during this period; and

(c) the details of the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

National Highway-3

†3093. SHRI P.K.MAHESHWARI: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the scheme to widen the stretch of the National Highways No. 3 (Agra-Mumbai) falling in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents that occured due to narrowness of this highway at some of the places; and

(c) whether Government propose to widen the highway on priority basis at those places?

Provision of world class roads

3094. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minsiter of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that if proper roads are provided in cities and highways, the efficiency of trucks would be more than the double as trucks would cover 600 kilometres per day against 250-300 km. at present and better multiple axle truck could be used finally resulting in a drop in frieght rates; and

(b) if so, Government's plans for providing world class roads and the time-frame for its implementation?

Golden Quadrilateral

3095. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Golden Quadrilateral project is moving as per schedule;

(b) the details of the foreign firms engaged in this project;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(c) the details of the problems faced by these firms; and

(d) the steps taken by his Ministry for resolving those problems and early completion of the project?

Repair of National Highways

†3096. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for repair and construction of highways during 2001-2002;

(b) whether laying of bricks in flanks is included in repair/construction and to what extent the allocation is made for this purpose;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the action taken/likely to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the target fixed for repair and construction of new highways during 2002-2003 and the details of amount allocated therefor, State-wise?

National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme

3097 DR. AMRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide grants/equipment to the State Governments/NGOs etc. under the National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Inter-State roads

3098 SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the inter-State Road sanctioned and the cost thereof, indicating the dates of sanctions, during 2000-2001 onwards, State-wise; and

(b) the amount made available under the CRF for inter-State roads since its inception year-wise?

Completion of By Pass

3099 SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving any priority for completion of by pass construction work on National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such by pass works pending in Kerala for completion and by when those works would be completed particularly the third and fourth phase of Kollam Bye-pass in NH-47?

Roads in Uttar Pradesh

3100 SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that conditions of roads in Uttar Pradesh has ben deteriorated for several years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the link road between Jaighan and Fulesh falling on Khetasarai to Saraimir main road (Azamgarh, U.P.) has completely deteriorated and road accidents are frequently happening there as a result thereof;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for non-repair of the above-said link road; and

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(d) by when this would be repaired/ maintained?

Cess on petrol and diesel

3101 SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed levy of an additional cess on petrol and diesel to bridge the shortfall in funding the National Highways Development Project;

(b) if so, the shortfall reported in the funding of the National Highways Development Project during the last three years;

(c) the revenue earned as cess from petrol and diesel during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the investments made by Government out of the cess collected during the last three years?

Driving training school in Karnataka

3102 DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to provide infrastructure facilities for setting up Regional Training Institute and Modern Drivers Training institute has been submitted by the Government of Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the present stage of consideration of the proposal and by when the approval and release of funds is expected?

Comprehensive policy package for SSIs

3103 SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

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

(a) whether any comprehensive policy package has been announced for Small Scale Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives that have been announced;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for implementing the package; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

De-reservation of items

3104. SHRI DHULAM NABI
AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government are considering another 30-40 items to be de-reserved by the end of this fiscal year;

(b) if so, what are the details of the items to be de-reserved;

(c) whether Government are also considering to increase investment limits for another three-four sectors;

(d) if so, the items on which limits of investment has been increased; and

(e) to what extent this decision would help the small scale industries?

Satellite based telemedicine

3105 SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether the satellite based telemedicine is picking up very well;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) proposes to launch a satellite exclusively for health care; and

(c) if so, the details ISRO's plan in this regard?

Heading

3106 SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether Members of parliament intimated authority during November 2002 regarding violation of clause 10 of MoU signed during April, 1992 in project "development of C 12 cryogenic engine thrust chamber by electroforming of Nickel" by Director, Central Electrochemical Research Institute, Karaikudi;

(b) if so, the action in details;

(c) whether clause 10 of MoU mindes for "passing of any of design details or details of drawings in whole or part to any third party for using it by them for any exploitation, commercial or otherwise without written permission of LPSC";

(d) whether LPSC has given permission for using the data; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

MoU with scientific organisations

3107 SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether authority of liquid Propulsion System Crntre (ISRO) used to sign Memorandum of Understanding

(MoU) with other scientific organisations for research project;

(b) whether such MoU also conters confidentiality/secretcy clause;

(c) whether completent authority received any communication from Scientific Workers Association, during November, 2000 on violation of Confidentiality in the MoU signed during April 1992 in the Project "Development of C12 cryogenic engine thrust chamber by electro orming of Nickel;

(d) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(e) whether clause 10 of above MoU distinctly elucidates that results emanating from above project are classified and secret, if so, details thereof?

New satellite based augmentation system

3108 SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation has in collaboration with the Airport Authority of India, built up a satelite-based augmentation system (SBAS) to support seam-less air navigation over the Indian airspace;

(b) if so, the details thereof inclduign its specific advantages;

(c) whether ionospheric studies and modelling inosphere have been completed; and

(d) by when the new SBAS is likely to be operational?

Meteorological satellite

3109. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN
AHMED KHAN
(DURRU):

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether India successfully launched first meteorological satellite into orbit;

(b) if so, the features there of and the benefits that would accrue to the country from this satellite;

(c) the extent of success achieved and when this would enable the country to under take a mission to the moon;

(d) whether the country is developing such satellites for other countries also; and

(e) if so, the name of the countries and the details in the regard?

Abandoned projects

3110. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as many as 97 projects in different sectors like power, fertilizer, petroleum, etc. worth Rs. 1,72,184 crore have been abandoned since October last year; and

(b) if so, the sector-wise details of these projects and reasons therefor?

Completion of mega projects

3111. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to expedite completion of all mega projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any agency has been set up to monitor progress of various mega projects and fix responsibility for time and cost overruns and if so, the details thereof?

Loans for projects by Finance Institution.

†3112. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH "LALAN":

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the projects formulated for development of the country have been granted less loans during the current year as compared to those provided in the past years;

(b) if not, the quantum of loan provided for the projects in March, 2000, March 2001 and March 2002 and

(c) the percentage of loan amounts out of the annual expenditure or the projects during the above period?

Shortcomings in Implementation of Projects

†3113. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of shortcomings have been noticed in the present process of sanctioning the development projects and implementation thereof;

(b) if so, the details there of;

(c) whether Government have decided to bring comprehensive changes in the present system by getting rid of said shortcomings; and

(d) if so, by when if is likely to be implemented?

Division of Society

†3114. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the article written by Mumbai based "think-tank"—"strategic freight Group" in which it has been mentioned three classes in the society due to development of the country;

(b) if so, whether the said group has divided the society in three classes keeping in view their development and they have been divided into which is 2 percent,

15 percent and 83 percent of the population respectively; and

(c) if so, Governments' reaction there to Government's assessment with regard to providing benefits of development to the society?

Implementation of projects

SHRI HARENDRA ISNGH MALIK:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have recommended to implement 150 projects out of 300 projects running with the central assistance and 495 projects out of 1400 projects of Ministries during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details period of the projects left out and the reasons there for?

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YOGENDRA NARAIN,
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