

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the November 20, 2002/Kartika 29, 1924 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions—74

Sharing of revenue received from minings with States

† 139. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to share the revenue received from minings with the States; and

(b) if so, by when, the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

VRS in BALCO

† 140. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "V.R.S. Abhi Lo Aur Bhugtan 10 Saal Main" appeared at page 11 of Rashtriya Sahara dated 4th August, 2002;

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

(c) the steps being taken by Government to protect the interest of the employees of BALCO?

Families displaced due to acquisition of land by MCL

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

(a) whether Government have made any estimate on the number of families displaced due to the acquisition land by Mahanadi Coalfield Limited in various coal bearing areas in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have provided proper rehabilitation and compensation to those displaced persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Coal production at Talcher coal field

142. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coal produced during last year at Talcher coal-field;

(b) whether a new company is proposed to be established at Talcher, if so by when; and

(c) the reasons of establishing a new company at Talcher?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

MIG crashes

143. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of MIG-21 crashes in India during the last four years;

(b) the number of pilots and other lives lost in the crashes;

(c) the amount lost on account of loss of property; and

(d) the action taken to replace these planes with better varieties immediately?

(a) whether Government propose to give exposure on skiing training in the Swiss Alps and high altitudes, to men of armed forces, if so, details thereof and whether this is on reciprocal basis;

(b) whether men in uniform have also got such training in Austria or other countries, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to set up modernized high altitude training schools in our country utilizing the services of trained Army officials, if so, the details of this project?

Finalisation of AJT deal

146. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA
RAO:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Advance Jet Trainers being inducted in the Indian Air Force;

(b) whether the deal has been finalised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Withdrawal of troops from the borders

†144. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to withdraw troops deployed on the borders back to their barracks;

(b) if so, the period for which the troops were deployed on the borders; and

(c) the additional amount Government had to spent for such deployment?

Weaponry defence budget vis-a-vis total defence budget**High altitudes training for armed forces**

145. PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

147. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 779 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 2002 and state the figures for the last three years annually of the percentage of weaponry defence budget of the total defence budget?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Acquisition of flight simulators for training fighter pilots

148. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force is using flights simulators to train its fighter pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to acquire advanced fighter jet simulators equivalent to acquiring advanced jet trainers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Supply of defective Sukhoi 30 MKI spaces

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

(a) whether a case of supply of defective spare parts to India for Sukhoi MKI Planes being build under joint collaboration of India and Russia by the Russian ordnance factories, have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, whether quality of military equipments is checked at the time of its import;

(c) if so, the agency which carried out such quality check and the quantity of material rejected due to not matching the quality;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

Trials of Kaveri engine for LCA

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

(a) whether "Kaveri" engine of Light Combat Aircraft built with indigenous technology has been sent to Russia for final trial;

(b) if so, whether Government have received its trial report;

(c) if so, the outcome of the said report; and

(d) if not, by when the said report is likely to be received?

Expenditure incurred in deployment and withdrawal of troops from border

151. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on the deployment of forces along the Indo-Pak Border and their subsequent withdrawal;

(b) the amount of compensation paid to the people whose normal life has been affected by such deployment;

(c) whether any incident arising out of stress related syndrome affected the forces in course of the deployment, as have been reported in the press;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any review of the experience in security terms is being made by Government of the deployment and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MIG-21 crash in Ambala and Rajasthan

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

(a) whether it is a fact that two MIG-21 aircrafts crashed on September 9, 2002, one at Ambala and the other in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the causes of the crash and whether they were attributable to mechanical defects;

(c) whether in view of the fact that MIG aircrafts have been named as flying coffins, Government have reviewed the desirability of continuing to fly them and use them as combat aircraft; and

(d) if so, the outcome of the review?

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Clearance to Vallarpadam container terminal project

155. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the requisite clearance for the Vallarpadam container terminal project was sought from the Indian Navy long before; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if the clearance is not given so far, the reasons for delay?

Venkataswami Commission Report

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

(a) whether the Venkataswami Commission probing into the so called "Tehelka" defence deal, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the main finding thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

Purchase of Admiral Gorshkov

154. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reached a negotiation with the Russians for the purchase of the Admiral Gorshkov Aircraft Carrier;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

Violence during elections in J & K

† 156. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
"LALAN":
DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Civilians foreign and Indian, army and para military forces personnel, policemen and terrorists killed and injured during the election process—from the day of announcements of elections and day of counting of ballots in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the property damaged in the State during the said period; and

(c) what was the effect of violence and terrorist activities on the elections of the State?

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Liberhan Commission

157. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Liberhan Commission of Inquiry on disputed structure at Ayodhya has asked for further extension to submit its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the reasons cited for extension;

(c) whether the extension has since been granted; and

(d) by when the Commission is likely to submit its Report?

Mobile Woman Police Team against harassment

158. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of "Mobile Women Police Team against Harassment" Project being deployed by the Delhi Police;

(b) how many police control vans have been earmarked for the purpose and what is the strategy for further augmentation; and

(c) whether prominent NGOs have also been associated in the project?

Induction of women in NSG

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that NSG has recently sent a proposal to the Government for induction of women into its force;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on the proposal?

Measures taken to check recurrence of Akshardham Temple type incidents

† 160. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the attack on the Akshardham Temple like the one on the Parliament has placed the police network and internal security arrangements into question; and

(b) if so, the concrete action Government have taken to check the recurrence and to combat the same?

Jail reform programme

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch an ambitious jail reform programme worth Rs. 1,800 crore to ameliorate the pitiable conditions of jails and their inmates across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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**Compensation to riot victims of
Gujarat**

162. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the dependents of those
killed, seriously injured in the riots after
Godhara incident in Gujarat have been paid
compensation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all those who had become
homeless in these riots have been
rehabilitated;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government have taken
to restore the confidence of sufferers in law
and order machinery in the State?

Multipurpose Identity Cards

163. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR
REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has
been formulated by the Central Government
to issue multipurpose identification cards
for all citizens to check illegal immigration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and
specific steps initiated to implement the
proposal;

(c) whether it is true that some of the
States have raised objections to the proposal;
and

(d) if so, the details of the State-wise
objections received and efforts made to
arrive at a consensus?

**Sexual harassment against women in
Delhi**

164. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been spurt in the
incidents of sexual harassment against
women and children in Delhi in the recent
past; and

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

**Proposal to constitute NCR Police
Force**

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of
unabated increase in the crime rate in the
Capital, Delhi as the border areas of the
adjoining States serve as hiding and hunting
ground for criminals;

(b) whether lack of cooperation and
coordination between different State police
forces helps criminals get way unpunished
even if they are nabbed; and

(c) whether to control the crime rate in
the capital a proposal to constitute an NCR
Police Force was mooted, if so, the status
of the project?

Bus robberies in Delhi

166. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a girl jumped
off a moving bus to escape hooligans in

Delhi on 6th September, 2002 as reported in The Hindu the dated 7th, September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in Delhi well organised gangs are terrorising and robbing the bus passengers; and

(d) if so, the steps so far taken and the steps proposed to be taken to contain bus robberies?

Promotion of Junior Engineers on MCD

167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 805 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the said DPC which met in December, 1997 had recorded its finding declaring the said S.T. officer as 'Unfit';

(b) in case, his name was not coming within the extended zone of consideration, then how has the said DPC recorded him as 'Unfit';

(c) whether the Commissioner is following any mechanism to continuously evaluate the work of the lower functionaries; and

(d) if so, what is the final outcome on various aspects apprised by an M.P. *vide* her letter dated 6th August, 2002?

Foreign contribution received by Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base

168. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base, registered

(No. S/26497 of 1994) with Registrar of Societies, Delhi received foreign contribution through Council of Scientific and Industrial Research after 1993;

(b) if so, the details including the amount, source and date of foreign contribution received from 1994 onwards;

(c) whether competent authority granted permission, after 1993, to Asian Health Environment and Allied Data Base to accept foreign contribution through Council of Scientific and Industrial Research; and

(d) if so, the details of prior permission granted including the date of sanction?

Pre-conditions laid down by NSCN(IM) leadership for talks

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the NSCN (IM) leadership has laid down several pre-conditions to come for talks to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is prepared to concede those demands as pre-conditions to start the talks and if not, the reasons therefor?

Demand of NSCN (IM)

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

(a) whether the NSCN (IM) has sent to the Government a set of political and constitutional proposals highlighting its demand in the North Eastern Region;

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

(c) whether any assurance has been given on behalf of the Union Government

to the NSCN (IM) in this regard and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor?

Setting up of special courts for trial of politicians

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

(a) whether Government are considering to amend Criminal Procedure Code to set up special courts for trial of cases against accused politicians on day to day basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision in this regard would be taken?

Attacks by extremists in the country

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

(a) the number of attacks by the extremists in different parts of the country during the period from 1st January, 2002 to 31st October, 2002;

(b) the State-wise break-up of the incidents; and

(c) what steps Government are going to take to increase the number of battalions of the para-military forces and send at least one battalion of the force in Tripura as demanded by the State Government?

National strategy to fight terrorism

† 173. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a national strategy to fight and

uproot terrorism which is spreading in various parts of the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by Government so far to wipe out terrorism being spread in the country and the success achieved so far in this regard?

Central assistance to nab Veerappan

174. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have sought assistance from the Union Government to nab Veerappan;

(b) if so, the details of assistance rendered by the Union Government;

(c) whether the Union Government as well as State Governments have failed to nab the Veerappan;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the plans now formulated to nab Veerappan?

Proposal to amend law and procedure regarding crimes against women

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

(a) whether despite modifications in the penal law and procedure, including mode of trial of cases involving crime against women, the number of cases of rapes, kidnapping, molestation and murder of women in the National Capital and other States have been on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of such cases in Delhi and other States during

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

April-September, 2002 and the preceding three half year period; and

(c) whether any further amendments and modifications are proposed to be made to make the law and procedure more effective in favour of the weaker sex?

Violence caused by ULFA and NDFB militants in Assam

176. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of violence caused by ULFA and National Democratic Front of Bodoland militants in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government has asked for more companies of Central forces to tackle the problems of insurgency in Assam; and

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

Molestation of women in running train

177. SHRI A.VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "woman molested in running train" which appeared in 'The Hindu', dated the 3rd November, 2002;

(b) whether the complaint states that certain police officials also indulged in this criminal act;

(c) whether any action has been taken based on the newspaper report complaint lodged by the victim;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of complaints filed during the last three years in which police officials are alleged to be associated, State-wise, year-wise alongwith the action taken in detail?

Locating NSG near airports

178. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to locate NSG near the airports so as to enable the force to travel quickly for any operation;

(b) if so, the details of such a plan or proposal;

(c) the total number of battalions in the NSG;

(d) whether Government is thinking of increasing the security guards in the NSG in the light of the constant threat to the security of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Allowing foreign visitors to visit Nagaland

179. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed foreign visitors to visit Nagaland for tourism;

(b) if so, where permits will be issued; and

(c) how long they can stay?

Permission to receive foreign contribution by NGO through other organisations

180. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competent Authority are allowed to grant permission to Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) to receive foreign contribution through other organisations, registered under Societies Act and having prior permission for receiving foreign contribution;

(b) if so, the details of such permission granted to organisations registered with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi after 1993; and

(c) the address of the NGO and the respective organisation through which the fund is received?

Strengthening of State police force

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

(a) the State-wise and year-wise details of amount released to strengthen the various State police forces since 1998-99;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Home Ministry for financial assistance to restructure and strengthen Karnataka State Police; and

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

Use of Hindi in correspondence with Hindi speaking States

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

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the occasion of Hindi Day this year to correspond only in Hindi with the Hindi speaking States;

(b) if so, whether such decisions were taken earlier by the Government;

(c) if so, the reasons for neglecting the use of Hindi with Hindi speaking States by the Central Government;

(d) whether Government have taken or proposed to take any concrete measures in this regard in order to avoid such negligence in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Disparities in pay scale of NSG personnel

183. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Black Cats of the National Security Guards, who are considered to be the fittest and finest for special operations such as the one at Akshardham in Gujarat recently, are a poorly paid force compared to other regular forces personnel and are, therefore, reluctant to join the elite strike force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps being taken to remove the disparities in their pay scales and other emoluments so as to attract the right kind of talent into the force?

Abrogation of Illegal Migrants (Detection by Tribunals) Act

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering a proposal to abrogate the

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Illegal Migrants (Detection by Tribunals) Act;

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

(c) whether the opinion of the Government of Assam has been/will be elicited before the proposed step is taken;

(d) whether the various national and State political parties will be consulted in the matter; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Generation of electricity from sugar mill waste and garbage

185. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to generate electricity from sugar mills waste and garbage in urban areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details of expected capacity and the approximate amount needed for generation, in the country; and

(c) the details of Co-operative Sugar Mills which have applied for generating electricity by such method in Karnataka so far?

Utilisation of non-conventional energy sources in N.E. States

186. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-conventional energy sources have been utilised in North-Eastern States; if so, to what extent;

(b) whether Government propose to utilise it further in the coming years; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Companies generating power

187. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies generating power in the country both in Private Sector and the Government Sector;

(b) the details of cost of production of power by each of these units, unit-wise details; and

(c) the rate per unit of power sold by these companies, company-wise details?

Power projects under construction

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of power generation projects are under construction in the public and private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the projects based on thermal, hydro and petroleum products;

(c) the generation capacity of each of them and whether Government have made any assessment of the per megawatt generation cost of each of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up India Power Fund

† 189. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up an India Power Fund in order to attract private investors in power sector in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have drawn any plan for this fund;

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(c) the reasons for assigning the task of operating the India Power Fund to Power Finance Corporation; and

(d) the manner in which Government plan to use the said fund?

Electrification of villages during 2002-2003

190. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without access of electricity in the country; State-wise list;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target for electrification of villages during 2002-2003; and

(c) if so, the number of villages targeted for electrification during this period; State-wise details?

Restarting Dabhol Phase-I Plant

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "GE doubts Government's hasty recast plan for Dabhol power project" in 'The Indian Express' of 24th September, 2002, in which doubts have been expressed about restarting the Dabhol Phase-I plant within 2-3 months and the ability of NTPC, involved in the recast exercise to provide the required service, spares and replacements for the turbines of the project;

(b) whether commercial arrangements are underway with MSEB, indigenous and overseas financial companies to identify new potential operators to assess damages and restart the project; and

(c) if so, what are the details?

Village electrification in Rajasthan

192. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages per district proposed to be electrified during the current year in the State of Rajasthan;

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

(c) the number of villages per district still be electrified;

(d) whether Government has also allocated special budget for the maintenance of power stations, sub-stations, transformers, etc. for Rajasthan; and

(e) if so, the amount allocated for maintenance project and the amount spent till now?

Postings of CEA officers

193. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Electricity Authority Officers who have not completed mandatory field experience;

(b) the details of complaints received against non-compliance of/cancellation of field posting order and action taken on them;

(c) the details of Officers occupying field postings despite completion of mandatory field experience term and when these Officers would be posted back to non-field postings; and

(d) whether Government are proposing to create any additional field postings; if so, the nature of work with its term?

Proposal to bring integrated national energy policy before Parliament

194. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is thinking of bringing an integrated national energy policy before Parliament; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy?

TRD losses

195. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite undertaking reforms in the Power Sector, there is a phenomenal increase in the transmission and distribution losses in the various States during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the 1997—2002, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation in this regard?

Steps to meet energy requirement

196. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the energy requirement for next five years in the country; and

(b) the policy and technological initiatives proposed to meet the requirements?

PMGSY

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the villages connected with all weather roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sarak Yojana in the country during last three years;

(b) the States alongwith the number of villages which have been connected during the said period; and

(c) the number of villages in each State which are to be connected in the year 2002?

Construction of roads under PMGSY during Tenth Plan

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

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether annual targets have been fixed for the construction of roads during the Tenth Five Year Plan under the Prime Minister Gram Sarak Yojana;

(b) if so, what is the number of such villages and small towns targeted to be connected annually during the said Yojana; and

(c) the amount assessed to achieve the said target?

Review of schemes for BPL Families

199. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any review of various schemes for the Below Poverty Line families;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the beneficiaries of different programmes being announced by the Prime Minister for the BPL families, State-wise;

(d) whether Government propose to review the existing patterns for identifying the BPL beneficiaries; and

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

Effect of drought on ARWSP

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

(a) whether there was setback to the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) in Andhra Pradesh and other Parts of the country due to severe drought conditions prevailing during the current year;

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

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

NRI investments in Rural Development

201. SHRI JANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has cleared the proposal for direct investment by NRIs in rural development programmes without prior approval of the Finance Ministry;

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

(c) the response and the details of offers received from the NRIs so far for investment in rural welfare programmes, sector-wise and State-wise?

Linking grants to States with performance in rural development

202. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of the States/UTs showing good performance in respect of rural development;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether this is linked with grants for rural development; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to do so?

Bifurcation of CAPART's West Zone

203. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed in principle to bifurcate west zone region of CAPART and establish a zone at Bhopal to look after the operations in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be set up and details of funds earmarked for the purpose?

Construction of bridge over Mathrad River, Nandla, Shimla

204. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any proposal in the month of July, 2002 regarding construction of bridge for Nandla on the Mathrad River, District Shimla in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken so far although the same was forwarded for appropriate action to the State Government by the Prime Minister's office;

(c) whether Government propose to bring construction to Nandla bridge under 'Employment Assurance Scheme' during financial year 2002-2003; and

(d) if so, the amount sanctioned for this project?

Foodgrains allocated under Food for Work Programme to Rajasthan

205. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains allocated to the State of Rajasthan under Food for Work Programme during the last two years, year-wise;

(b) whether any special quota of foodgrains has been sanctioned by the Centre for Rajasthan keeping in view acute drought conditions in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Grants for development of handicrafts in Assam

206. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount granted to the State of Assam for promotion and development of handicrafts in the State of Assam during the last three years;

(b) whether any effective scheme has

been chalked out for the State in this regard; and

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

High level task force to strengthen textile industry

207. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Textile Ministry has set up a high level task force headed by textile secretary to look into various aspects of the industry and suggest a road map to strengthen the ailing industry;

(b) if so, what is the time given to this Committee for submitting its report;

(c) whether the Committee has already submitted its report;

(d) what are the suggestions made; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to implement the suggestions?

Apparel Parks

208. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient feature of the proposed Apparel Parks to be set up;

(b) the guidelines for setting up such parks; and

(c) the viability/success expected in boosting production, exports and employment expected through these parks?

Reduction of import duty on textile machinery items

209. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce import duty on about 40 textile machinery items;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other steps taken to help weavers?

Special contributory insurance scheme for weavers

210. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state: the details of special contributory insurance scheme for weavers and when will the group insurance scheme be launched?

Revival of NTC and its subsidiary units

211. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring NTC under the disinvestment scheme;

(b) if not, whether the Central

Government has granted a revival package for it and its subsidiary units;

(c) what is the amount of the revival package for NTC and its subsidiary units; and

(d) whether the subsidiary units under the NTC are expected to be revived under the same package?

Defiance of Doha Ministerial decision by the US

212. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the US defiance of Doha Ministerial decision to accelerate elimination of quota curbs on textile imports in favour of the developing countries, India would suffer a loss of \$ 100 million a year in textile exports till 2005;

(b) if so what steps the Ministry is taking either through diplomatic or other channels to convince the US to accept the decision taken in Doha;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the US and the EU are demanding of India to reduce duties on textiles and cloth products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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