

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries: Commerce and Industry; Culture; Development of North-Eastern Region; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Human Resource Development; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development; Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation)

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Indo-Sri Lankan agreement

1745. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Sri Lanka propose to workout a comprehensive economic partnership agreement;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the details of the current impediments coming in the way of free flow of trade which are proposed to be addressed?

Effect of Iraq war on perfume industry

†1746. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to war in Iraq, the Indian perfume industry especially the industries hailing from Kanauj have suffered colossal loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being taken to protect the Indian perfume industry?

Office of Explosive Department in Gujarat

1747. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the State Government of Gujarat for opening of a separate office of the Explosive Department at Alang Ship Recycling Yard in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

Setting up of units abroad

1748. SHRISANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Firms have found it cheaper to setup production bases in the nations with which India has signed FTA; and

(b) if so, the beneficiary from FTA?

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Third country imports

1749. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the goods from a third country are being pushed into India after being shown as coming from Thailand or Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner Government plan to stop this practice?

Misuse of export incentive schemes

1750. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of exporters have cheated Government through bogus exports by misusing various export incentive schemes;

(b) if so, the number of cases in which action has been taken and the names of those under probe at present; and

(c) the amount involved in those cases?

India's share in international exports/ imports

†1751. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR
PRASAD:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's exports share is only 0.8 per cent in the international trade market of the world

whereas share of U.S.A. and Germany is about 11 per cent and 10 per cent; respectively;

(b) if not, the facts in this respect and whether any estimate has also been made about the imports of the country in the international market; and

(c) if so, the percentage thereof and how much decrease or increase has been registered from 1999 till 2004?

Utilization of export potential

†1752. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of Mckinsey and Company's report stating that by improving taxation the export potential of the country worth 300 billion dollar can be utilized;

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

(c) whether those taxes have been identified by Government where improvement is needed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Modernisation of leather industry

1753. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has requested for release of Rs. 400 crores funds for leather industry modernisation; and

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

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Fake tickets at ITPO

1754. SHRISANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRIDARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that tickets of the India International Trade Fair, 2004 (IITF) were printed in more numbers than were ordered by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether fake tickets was the reason for unprecedented rush at the IITF;

(d) whether an enquiry has been ordered to look into the matter;

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

(f) whether some officials of the ITPO have been found involved in this racket; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against them?

Proposals of foreign technology collaboration

1755. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved seven proposals of foreign technology collaboration, franchise agreement and industrial licences including those of HPCL and ITC;

(b) if so, the details of seven foreign technology agreements approved by Government;

(c) whether proposal of the Mahindra and Mahindra for grant of an industrial licence for manufacture of defence related items has also been approved; and

(d) by when, these projects are likely to start their operation?

Development of northern part of West Bengal

1756. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has so far been taken on the proposal of the West Bengal Government to evolve policies for development of northern part of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Development of industrial clusters

1757. SHRIM.A.M.RAMASWAMY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a host of proposals from the State Governments for approval and financial assistant for development of the industrial clusters under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme;

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

(c) the present position of these proposals; and

(d) the details of the action taken by Government to take a final view on these proposals?

Export of onion

1758. SHRIRAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for free export of onion;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated Minimum Export Price (MEP) of onion; and
- (d) the estimated revenue from onion export during the next two years?

Turmeric patents

1759. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one hundred twenty-one turmeric related patents have been granted in the USA so far;

(b) if so, whether Government have filed any objections in this regard; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to protect Indian medicinal plants and Indian bio-heritage from being exploited by the foreign firms?

Ban on import of Indian drugs by Pakistan

1760. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has recently banned import of Indian made bulk drugs on the ground that the local drug industry has commenced production of drugs hitherto imported from India;

(b) whether Pakistan permits import of bulk drugs from China, Thailand and Korea even for drugs that are produced locally;

(c) whether India is the only country that has been singled out by Pakistan; and

(d) whether India would take up the matter with its Pakistani counterparts for revoking the ban?

Enforcement cases pending in the DGFT

1761. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of enforcement cases are pending with the DGFT;

(b) if so, the number of cases pending as on the 31st October, 2004;

(c) the value of the recovery that is to be collected along with the penal interest arising out of these cases; and

(d) the steps being taken for speedy recovery of the dues?

Demand for organic fruits and vegetables

†1762. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand of fruits and vegetables grown with the help of organic fertilizers is on the rise in foreign countries especially in Europe and the Gulf countries;

(b) whether with a view to increase the production thereof in certain States, any scheme is under operation with the assistance of the Central Government;

(c) whether the programme to grow such fruits and vegetables in Uttaranchal would be financed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Package for export of tea

1763. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

a special package for the export of Indian Tea to foreign markets;

(b) if so, the details of the markets so identified; and

(c) the extent to which the export of tea is likely to be pushed during the current year?

Scheme for investment by NRIs

1764. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for the Non-Resident Indians to make capital investment;

(b) if so, the amount of investment made in this scheme; and

(c) the number of Non-Resident Indians who have made investment in the scheme State-wise and country-wise?

Role of DGFT

1765. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study group, under a former Commerce Secretary, was constituted to consider and to recommend on the role and restructuring of the Director General of Foreign Trade in the context of prevalent liberalized economic policy;

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

(c) the action taken so far by Government thereon?

Priorities of trade policy

1766. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

priorities employment rather than dollar generation in foreign trade policy so as to generate employment as well as enhance India's share in world trade;

(b) if so, the percentage share of "service sector" in foreign earnings at present; and

(c) what is the anticipated increase in terms of dollar generation in service sector in particular and other sector in general?

Port for marine products

1767. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has suggested that an exclusive port be developed for export of marine products at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that proper facilities are not available at Visakhapatnam for export of shrimp, etc. by air cargo; and

(d) the steps Government are taking to assist the local marine product exporters in Andhra Pradesh to send their shrimp, etc. by air to nearby markets?

Assistance for marine exports

1768. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA has made any provisions for frozen containers to transport shrimp and other products to the ports for export;

(b) if so, details of the assistance that MPEDA is giving to the exporters;

(c) the steps MPEDA proposes to encourage export of shrimp from new areas;

(d) the details of the measures proposed to encourage all coastal areas to export marine products; and

(e) the targets set by MPEDA for the year 2004-05?

Extension of political risk cover for FDI and overseas projects

1769. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to extend political risk cover for FDI and the projects abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision would be taken by Government in this regard?

Foreign capital investment

†1770. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister has invited the Non-Resident Indians to invest in India;

(b) the steps being taken by Government to increase the foreign capital investment;

(c) whether Government have sought any information from the Indian businessmen and Non-Resident Indians on the problems being faced by them in the capital investment;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to solve the same; and

(e) the reasons for lesser investment by Japan?

Decline in Indo-Russia trade

†1771. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that steep fall had been registered in Indo-Russia trade during the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have identified the potential areas to boost mutual cooperation and bilateral trade; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Insurance Fund for exporters

†1772. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Insurance Fund in order to bring the risks of exporters under insurance cover;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Modernization of leather industry

1773. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the leather industry is proposed to be modernized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner this would help to generate additional job opportunities;

(d) whether Government propose to set up exclusive parks for tanneries; and

(e) if so, the locations thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Confusion due to Press Note

1774. SHRISANTOSH
BAGRODIA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Press Note 18 about guidelines pertaining to approval of foreign technical collaboration issued by his Ministry on 14th December, 1998;

(b) whether it has created any confusion in the business world; and

(c) if so, whether Government plan to clarify the situation?

Subsidy for export of non-basmati rice

1775. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to offer subsidy of \$20.00 per tonne for non-basmati rice exports;

(b) whether India exports around 5 lakhs tonnes of basmati rice annually to Middle-East countries, which is vulnerable to manipulation as exports of non-basmati rice, claiming subsidy; and

(c) whether there is any minimum export price stipulation in the policy to prevent fraudulent claims for subsidy on non-basmati exports?

Promises made at the Hague meeting

†1776. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India had made some promises before the big companies of European Industry Group in Hague in the month of November this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have promised a change in infrastructure, bureaucracy, tax system and corruption;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether promises also include amendments in the Petroleum Regulatory Authority and TIPS rules and if so, by when these promises would be fulfilled?

Facilities to tobacco growers

1777. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing special port facilities for the export of Virginia Tobacco;

(b) whether it is a fact that tobacco is the traditional export of lakhs of farmers;

(c) the special benefits Government propose to give to the farmers who depend on tobacco exports;

(d) whether any transport subsidy would be given for their exports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Duty on import of agricultural items

1778. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural items, on which import duty has been reduced;

(b) whether this reduction of import duty is extended only to some countries;

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

(d) the impact of such imports on domestic market and farmers?

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Tea gardens

1779. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of closed/abandoned tea
gardens in the country, State-wise;

(b) the action taken by Government for
payment of P.F. arrear of the workers in
these tea gardens; and

(c) the action taken by Government to
ensure 100 per cent sale through auction
as recommended by the Committees
formed by the State Government of West
Bengal and Assam to study the problem in
tea industry?

Development of tea industry

1780. SHRI CHITTABRATA
MAJUMDAR:
SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea is being declared a
national drink of the country and if not,
the reasons therefor;

(b) whether any incentive for
production of orthodox tea is being
announced;

(c) whether any modality has been
worked out by Government for formulation
of a special purpose fund for a replantation/
rejuvenation of tea gardens and if so, the
details thereof; and

(d) whether a Small Grower
Development Agency is being set up under
the aegis of Tea Board for the small growers
in tea sector and if so, the details thereof?

Indo-EU trade

1781. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-
CHARJEE: Will the Minister of
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose any
steps to remove hurdles for further
enhancement of trade between E.U.
countries and India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Export of steel

1782. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export of steel has increased
after imposition of restrictive measures by
the US;

(b) whether Government have planned
to improve export of steel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps
being taken by Government?

Amendment in Patent Act

1783. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of
Government's coalition partners are
opposing tooth and nail the proposed
amendments to the Patent Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any amendments have been
proposed by some of the UPA constituents;
and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Indo-Pak Joint Study Group

†1784. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Pakistan have constituted a Joint Study Group; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Science City Project in Gujarat

1785. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to release Rs. 41 crores for the Science City Project;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government thereon; and

(c) if not, by when a final decision would be taken?

Bhagwan Mahavir Centenary Celebrations

1786. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Rs. 100 crores allocated for various projects under Bhagwan Mahavir 2600th Centenary Celebrations has been spent;

(b) if not, the status of the project, State-wise and project-wise; and

(c) the amount lying at the disposal of the implementing authorities, for those projects which have already been completed, State-wise and project-wise?

Restoration and conservation work in Red Fort

1787. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has cleared the deck for restoration and conservation work in Red Fort;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the entire work is likely to be completed and the cost involved?

Cultural development in J & K

1788. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes undertaken for cultural development in J & K during the last three years ending on September 30, 2004; and

(b) the names of the beneficiary NGOs as well as individuals?

World Heritage Centre in Kerala

1789. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) has recommended any place in Kerala to be declared as World Haritage Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Renovation of Chhatia Math in Orissa

1790. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1000 years old Chhatia Math in Orissa is proposed to be given a facelift;

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(b) if so, the details of the action plan and who would fund the renovation work;

(c) whether similarly placed other dilapidated monuments in the State are also proposed to be taken up for renovation by the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Amount for works of arts by N.G.M.A.

1791. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released for purchases of works of art by the National Gallery of Modern Art for 2003-04 and for 2004-05;

(b) the works of art indicating the artists which have been bought and at what price; and

(c) the composition of the purchasing committee?

Computerisation of manuscripts

†1792. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any suggestion has been received by Government regarding computerization of manuscripts of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this task would be completed?

Acquisition of Mysore Palace

1793. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has passed a legislation for the acquisition of the Royal Palace of Mysore;

(b) the proposed action plan prepared to acquire and its status;

(c) the amount of compensation/value fixed and what are the yardsticks adopted and who are its recipients; and

(d) whether Government are likely to interfere in this issue for ensuring an amicable settlement through Archaeology/Tourism Department?

Cultural exchanges between India and Pakistan

1794. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cultural exchanges between India and Pakistan took place in last one year;

(b) what steps are being taken to strengthen cultural ties between the two countries;

(c) whether there is a proposal to hold a SAARC cultural festival every year; and

(d) the steps being taken to strengthen cultural ties in the region?

Development of historical buildings

1795. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and programmes formulated by Government for protection and development of various historical buildings and other religious places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the fund allotted for the same during the current year?

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Opening of Qutab Minar for public

1796. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to keep the Qutab Minar open to the public which is closed for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the visitors would be allowed to see the historical monuments?

Plan for prevention of flash floods

1797. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 22 crore rupees plan titled "Erosion control for prevention of Flash Floods in Guwahati City" is pending for final clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any measures for afforestation and other anti-erosion measures on the hills in and around the city of Guwahati under this plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Autonomy to PSUs

†1798. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to grant autonomy to the Public Sector Undertakings and Institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with names of such undertakings/Institutions?

Revival of Heavy Engineering Corporation

†1799. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) Government's policy with regard to the revival of the Heavy Engineering Corporation at Ranchi;

(b) whether Government have decided not to give further assistance to the corporation; and

(c) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government in this regard?

Revival of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Co. Ltd. and Braithwaite and Co.

1800. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revive and again place on rails the two public sector rail manufacturers namely Bharat Wagon and Engineering Co. Ltd. (Bihar) and Braithwaite and Co. (West Bengal) which were under heavy liabilities and buried deep under chronic losses;

(b) if so, the accumulated losses incurred by them as on April 1, 2004; and

(c) the orders for wagons placed with them during this year?

Package for PSUs

†1801. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to

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provide any special package for the public sector undertakings;

(b) if so, the amount proposed to be sanctioned and the fields of the undertakings wherein this amount is to be spent; and

(c) whether this amount would be spent for payments to the employees?

Cancellation of appointment of principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1802. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since cancelled more than 300 appointment orders issued by the N.D.A. Government for appointment as principals in the Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether responsibility is proposed to be fixed on the officers concerned for the lapse which has now created a vacuum in the Kendriya Vidyalayas?

Status of Mid-day Meals scheme

1803. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage utilization of funds allocated for Mid-day Meals during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of funds during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(c) the percentage of children still not covered under this scheme, State-wise?

Fall in the sex ratio

1804. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the falling sex ratio in the country, the deficit of women in population was 3 million in 1991 and 36 million now; and

(b) whether Government would evolve a uniform policy for the States to implement laws against sex determination and dowry and also to protect the girl child from discrimination?

Promotion of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

†1805. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether promotion orders in respect of the promoted principals/teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, since year 2000 upto now, are being cancelled and they are being reverted back to their earlier posts;

(b) if so, the number thereof, region-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken by Government to compensate the teachers affected by this Order?

Amendment of statutes in UGC recognised Universities

1806. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several old

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UGC recognised Universities have been amending their statutes in order to bring self-financed private undergraduate colleges under their ambit;

(b) the details of the universities who have revised their statutes for this purpose since 1991-92;

(c) the condition stipulated, if any, by UGC for allowing such changes in statutes by the Universities;

(d) the details of the instances, if any where UGC derecognised any University for failing to adhere to these conditions; and

(e) the fate of the students in such events?

Adult Literacy Drive

1807. SHRIMATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of literacy in the country, State-wise;

(b) the pattern of the staff engaged in the programme for adult education; and

(c) whether Government are going to give the staff a regular shape with fair scales of pay?

Scholarship to Girls

†1808. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a scheme for giving scholarship to those girls who are born on and after 15th August, 1995 and to those who have attained 18 years of age;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount allotted to Madhya Pradesh during the last five years, Year-wise under this schemes; and

(d) if no funds have been allotted so far, the reasons therefor?

Universities not recognised by UGC

1809. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are a number of institutions stated as universities which are functioning in various States without proper recognition of the University Grants Commission;

(b) if so, the number and details of such institutions, State-wise, as on date;

(c) whether authorities are aware of the advertisements appearing in the news Media recently about 1000 vacancies in one such university called "Delhi National University"; and

(d) if so, the action taken against such fake institutions and universities?

Rigid Admission Policy in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1810. SHRIBHAGWATISINGH:
SHRI NAND KISHORE
YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1979 given in Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August 2004 and State:

(a) whether Government have received any letters from Members of Parliament and Members of legislative Assembly about a number of students who could not get admission in the desired course in the Central schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Elimination of violence against women

1811. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.N. Secretary-General has designated November, 25, to be observed every year as "International Day for Elimination of violence against women" in the world; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have taken so far either by legislation through Parliament or by holding Conference/Seminars in and outside India at National or International level to put an end to this most common human right violation during the last three years?

Utilisation of outlay for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1812. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target for all children to be enrolled in schools under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is by 2011;

(b) whether several States like West Bengal and Bihar are lagging behind in implementation of the Programme with very low utilisation figures of 1.8 per cent and 3.2 per cent respectively, with both the states having an approved outlay of more than Rs. 850 crores each; and

(c) if so, the details of the corrective steps planned for better utilisation of the approved outlays by the States?

Publication and distribution of history books

1813. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT has ordered publication of old History Books to be distributed free to schools;

(b) if so, the details of the books, authors and first editions;

(c) the number of copies of each book; and

(d) the calculated expenditure thereon?

Women and Child Development Programme

†1814. SHRIMATI KUMKUMRAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different Ministries are working for the welfare of women and child development in one form or other;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to lack of co-ordination between them they have been organising different programmes on the same subject and which has no advantage at all;

(c) whether there is a Committee for Co-ordination among all these Ministries; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government in order to provide maximum benefit to people and to save money?

Certification of degrees

†1815. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that several students have applied for higher studies abroad; if so, the number of such applications received during the last two years;

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(b) the number of applications received by the Scholarship Department of Government for the degree certification during the above period;

(c) the number of centres set up in New Delhi for certification of degrees in view of a large number of applications;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishing such institute in the capitals of various States; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Degree courses without approval of University Grants Commission

1816. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS
BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia have been running a number of Bachelor and Master Degree courses, without approval of the University Grants Commission;

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

(c) whether UGC has failed to monitor the system of awarding degrees by the Universities and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

Status of ICDS

†1817. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Integrated Child

Development Schemes being implemented by the Central Government State-wise; and

(b) whether Government have sought report regarding the Integrated Child Development Scheme being implemented in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the amount spent on these schemes during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05?

World Bank assistance for ICDS

†1818. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving funds from the World Bank under ICDS scheme for imparting training to Aanganwadi workers;

(b) if so, the amount received during the last five years year-wise;

(c) the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh during above period;

(d) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is considering to withhold the funds being released under this scheme; and

(e) if so, the alternative arrangements being made to continue the Aanganwadi Programme?

Education for All Global Monitoring Report by UNESCO

1819. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the latest Education for All Global Monitoring Report by UNESCO; India has been placed among the groups which is very far away from achieving the goals for ensuring that every child goes to schools by 2015;

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(b) if so, the reasons for such dampening report *vis-a-vis* progress under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aiming the goal; and

(c) the steps proposed to achieve Universal primary education by 2015 in the country?

World Bank loan for engineering colleges

1820. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to release a loan for the engineering colleges in the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether engineering colleges in Tamil Nadu would also be getting the loan?

Mass Education Institute

†1821. SHRI PYARELAL KHAN-DELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are norms prescribed for getting approval for 'Mass Education Institute' (Jan Shikshan Sansthan);

(b) whether it is a fact that rural population is deprived of the benefits of such scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would consider to open such institutes in most backward districts on priority basis?

Inclusion of information and communication technology in schools curriculum

1822. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions to the State Governments to include information and communication technology in schools as a part of their syllabus;

(b) whether any project of Kerala seeking financial assistance for the above scheme is pending with Government for sanction; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the stage at which the matter stands at present?

Job-oriented courses

1823. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC has recently announced a plan to allow colleges and universities to run job-oriented courses alongwith conventional courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of colleges/universities, State-wise, which have been permitted to start job-oriented courses; and

(d) whether UGC also proposes to extend financial assistance to the colleges/universities to start such courses?

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Committees to look into educational issues

1824. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted seven Committees to look into various issues pertaining to education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Committees have been urged to submit their report within shortest period of time; and

(d) the issues that would be discussed for recommending various measures thereon?

Autonomy to colleges in Karnataka

1825. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the colleges in Karnataka which have been granted autonomy by the University Grants Commission;

(b) the advantages to the colleges as a result thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance proposed to be given by the UGC to these colleges?

Kendriya Vidyalay in Himachal Pradesh

†1826. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for setting up of Kendriya Vidyalayas and whether his Ministry has agreed to a Kendriya Vidyalaya in each district of the country, whereas these schools have not been set up in several districts of Himachal Pradesh so far;

(b) if so, the districts where these schools have not been set up so far; and

(c) by when Kendriya Vidyalayas would be set up in these districts?

Scarcity of resources for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1827. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments had said during the conference of Education Ministers from all over the country that the scarcity of resources affected the implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and demanded more Central assistance for the SSA and the mid day meal scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that many State Governments had demanded continuing with the ongoing pattern of funding even after the Tenth Plan period; and

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

Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh

†1828. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of aspirants are seeking admission in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new Kendriya Vidyalayas in the various parts of the State; and

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Role of teachers in the Administration of Central and State Ministries

†1829. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of the need of participation and the role of the teachers in the administration of Central and State Ministries; and

(b) the percentage of people having experience in the field of elementary education, teacher's training and higher education are participating directly in the Central and State Ministries?

Award of stipends/scholarships/fellowships

1830. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stipends/scholarships/fellowships are awarded to meritorious students qualifying competitive examinations or other selection procedures, for pursuing higher academic pursuits or research;

(b) if so, the number of students awarded such financial support during the last five years with amount disbursed, year-wise and discipline-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the stipends/scholarships/fellowships are inadequate and their disbursement is irregular, resulting in hardship to the students and constraints in their academic pursuits; and

(d) if so, whether the stipends/scholarships/fellowships amount would be enhanced to match current inflation rate and the measures initiated to ensure speedy and regular disbursement?

British assistance for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1831. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Britain has agreed to extend support of about Rs. 1,555 crore (190 million pounds) for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan; and

(b) if so, the terms on which the aid was sought and granted, and how the funds are to be received and appropriated and through which agencies?

Opening of IIT/IIM in Orissa

†1832. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to open an IIT or IIM in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the said Institutes would be opened?

Setting up of IIM in North East

1833. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken to set up an Indian Institute of Management in the North-Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the location thereof and the time likely to be taken for the institute to start functioning; and

(c) if not, by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Border Area Projects

1834. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Border Area Projects instituted in different parts and international borders of the country;

(b) the number of employees in different categories working and their strength in the Border Area Projects all over the country;

(c) whether Government have made any study about the problems confronting the projects including the non-payment of salaries to the staff; and

(d) if so, the action taken or to be taken in this regard with special reference to Tripura?

Review of Education Policy

†1835. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed those recommendations of the Kothari Commission (64-66), National Education Policy 1986 and its action plan, Rammurti Committee, action Plan of 1992 and Yashpal Committee, which were accepted by Government;

(b) if so, the status of implementation of the sanctioned schemes after acceptance of those recommendations; and

(c) whether Government propose to get detailed review undertaken in this regard?

Grants to Maulana Azad Foundation

1836. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to the Maulana Azad Foundation has been as minority institution since its inception;

(b) the list of all the institutions which have been given such grant; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase the grants and make the functioning of the foundation more transparent?

Shifting of TV Tower

†1837. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request in 2003 from the Pradhans of Gram Panchayats of Chadhgaon Tehsil of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh to shift TV Tower;

(b) if so, the reasons for not shifting the said TV Tower, so far; and

(c) by when Government propose to shift the TV Tower from Chadhgaon to Sundarali?

Time given by DD/AIR

†1838. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time given by Doordarshan and All India Radio to the present Congress Party President in terms of hours and minutes etc. since 23rd May, 2004;

(b) the similar time given to the BJP President and Presidents of other national parties; and

(c) the corresponding figures for the same period last year for the persons mentioned above?

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DTH licence to Space TV

1839. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is competent to examine the source of funds and investments of Space TV for DTH licence when the same has already been examined by the Ministry of Finance at the time of clearance of the FDI application; and

(b) if not, the reasons for duplication in examination of papers of Space TV?

Biased information by TV channels and Newspapers

1840. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some TV channels and newspapers do not give correct information about certain events or give biased information; and

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

FDI policy for media and broadcasting sector

1841. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether interlinking of FDI policy for media and broadcasting sector has been considered by Government;

(b) if so, whether Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has pointed out that there should be an interlinking FDI policy across news, entertainment, TV, cable, newspapers, magazines, radio, etc.;

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

(d) the changes that are being considered by Government and by when these are likely to be introduced?

Voodooism and superstition on TV channels

†1842. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some TV channels are telecasting programmes which encourage voodooism and superstition;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action Government are taking to ban such programmes?

Optical disc law

1843. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of enacting an optical disc law;

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

(c) what are the other measures, apart from optical disc law, that Government are taking to reduce the manace of video piracy?

Expansion of DD network in NER

1844. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Doordarshan plans to expand network in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such a project is also proposed to be launched in the backward

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