

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Thursday, the April 21, 2005/Vaisakha 1, 1927 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Prime Minister; Agro and Rural Industries; Atomic Energy;
Coal; Communications and Information Technology; External Affairs; Labour
and Employment; Ocean Development; Overseas Indian Affairs; Personnel,
Public Grievances and Pensions; Planning; Science and Technology;
Shipping, Road Transport and Highways; Small Scale Industries;
Space; Statistics and Programme Implementation; Youth
Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions — 155

Promotion of agro-based industries

3091. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need of taking new steps to promote agro-based industries in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the projects and schemes that have been launched in the last one year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Rural agro industrial economic policy

3092. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

formulate a rural agro industrial economic policy to lessen the dependence of villages on the towns; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to process the raw-materials in villages in order to make it into finished goods so that the villages and towns become supplementary to each other?

Modernisation of traditional industries

3093. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated programmes for regeneration and modernization of traditional industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Loans disbursed under PMRY

3094. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans disbursed to the educated unemployed under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) since its launching during the Eighth Five Year Plan till 2003-04, year-wise showing number of persons that received loans, State-wise, amount granted/dispensed, units set up and employment generated;

(b) the details of the terms for disbursement of loan prescribed under the PMRY in 1993 and changes made, if any, therein from time to time;

(c) the details of number of closed down units and net outstanding loan amount held up therein, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps contemplated, if any, for facilitating revival of closed PMRY units?

Atomic energy based power plant in Madhya Pradesh

†3095. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state by when the sanction is likely to be given to the proposal regarding 2000 megawatt atomic energy based power plant in Madhya Pradesh?

Amount spent on atomic plant

†3096. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of existing atomic plants in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that, recently an indigenous atomic plant has been erected;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total amount spent on erection of the said indigenous atomic plant; and

(e) the targeted production of atomic power by this plant?

Coal shortfall

3097. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether generation from 8 out of 75 thermal power stations may suffer a major setback due to non-availability of coal;

(b) whether these 8 large generation stations are running short of coal stocks and whether they will get enhanced quantity of supplies from linked mines;

(c) whether Government have assessed that there will be 55 mt. shortage of coal during the terminal year of Tenth Plan 2006-07;

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet coal stock shortages; and

(e) to what extent these steps have helped in improving the coal position of these thermal stations?

Handing over of coal mines to private parties

3098. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have handed over some coal mines to private parties; and

(b) if so, how many mines have been given to private companies; the State-wise details of such mines and the name of the companies to whom allotted?

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Coal Management

‡3099. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering about coal management; and

(b) if so, the detailed schemes of Government in this regard?

Coal mines in Bihar

3100. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal mines in Bihar;

(b) the annual production from each mine, mine-wise;

(c) the royalty being paid to the Government of Bihar on coal; and

(d) the issues outstanding between Government of India and Government of Bihar and the way in which the same are being settled?

Lignite reserves

3101. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of lignite reserves in the country, State-wise;

(b) the rate of royalty given to the States for mining lignite; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to increase the royalty given to States?

Production of anthracite coal

3102. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India produces very little of anthracite coal which we require domestically;

(b) what is the annual consumption of anthracite coal in the country;

(c) the quantity imported every year to meet internal demand;

(d) whether there is any alternative to anthracite coal; and

(e) what steps Government propose to ensure to make country self-dependent in meeting the coal needs?

Gap between demand and supply of coal

3103. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have projected a coal shortfall of 55 million tonne against the total demand of 460.50 million tonne during the terminal year of Tenth Plan (2006-07);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the gap between the demand and indigenous supply of coal has not narrowed down in spite of 5.40 per cent growth in domestic coal production; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reduce the mounting gap between the demand and supply of coal?

Outsourcing of equipment by BCCL

3104. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) has resumed outsourcing of equipment for digging coal beneath the abandoned fields in the Jharia coal belt;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would increase the production of coal of this unit per annum?

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Outsourcing of manpower in Kudla open cast mining project in Orissa

3105. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs decided on a route which would involve complete outsourcing of manpower and equipment in Kudla open cast mining project in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ACCL washery

†3106. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any washery named Aryan Coal Beneficiations has been established in Dipka/Gevra mine of ACCL in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the distance (in kilometers) of the said washery from densely populated area of Pragati Nagar built by ACCL; and

(c) the details of conditions in terms of distance (in kilometers) required to be maintained from densely populated areas in order to establish coal washery?

Agents appointed by SECL

†3107. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the name of firms appointed as agents under the trade channel scheme in SECL in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the names and addresses of promoters of these firms; and

(c) the details of the grade of coal supplied to these firms during the last year through rail and road transport alongwith the quantity of coal supplied to them?

Wrong billing of telephones in Bilaspur

†3108. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people at large are facing great difficulty due to the long waiting list of WLL connections in rural areas of the country and delivery of wrong bills of telephones installed under WLL service;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more such complaints are being received from Bilaspur area of Chhattisgarh State; and

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

Privatisation of post offices

3109. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to permit private operators to run post offices in rural areas and in the regions where there are very few post offices;

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

(c) whether it is the motivation of Government to slowly privatise post offices which have served so well the poor and middle class people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the justifications therefor?

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Provision of computer and internet in the villages

‡3110. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States/villages in the country where Government have extended the facilities of computer and internet;

(b) the number of villages in the country where this facility has not been extended, so far; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to extend this facility in all the villages of the country?

Modernization of telegraph services in N.E. Region

3111. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any initiative for the modernization and up-gradation of telegraph services in the various States of North-Eastern Region;

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

(c) whether any budgetary allocation have been made for this purpose during the current year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Teledensity in rural areas

3112. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether teledensity in rural areas is increasing in proportion to growth of teledensity in urban areas;

(b) what is the extent of cross subsidy involved in implementing rural telephony systems, charging urban consumers more; and

(c) whether the share of Universal Service Obligation Fund is fully utilized in expanding rural telephony in India?

Appointment of software professionals

3113. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that software professionals at the level of Programme Assistants/Programmers have not been recruited for many years now;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would appoint fresh computer professionals in National Informatics Centre rather than engaging private agencies?

Computerisation of post offices

3114. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to computerisation of all postal activities and connectivity of post offices across the country has been undertaken by Government;

(b) if so, the time-frame by when the work would be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Outstanding amount due to public sectors

3115. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge amount due to public sector telephone companies from various agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the amount?

Delay of BSNL and CDMA WLL projects

3116. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the BSNL projects and CDMA WLL projects have been delayed and are yet to be assigned fresh dates of commissioning; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Setting up of Rural Information Technology Network

3117. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is pending with Government regarding setting up of Rural Information Technology Network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any problem has cropped in the first phase of the new projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages to be connected with I.T.

†3118. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to equip the villagers with I.T. (Central Communications And Information Technology);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner the villagers would be benefited by connecting them with the I.T.; and

(d) the number and the details of States likely to be connected with I.T. in the first phase?

Computerization of Treasuries in Karnataka

3119. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the request of the Government of Karnataka for financial assistance for computerization of the Treasuries in the State is pending with Government for a long time; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the likely date by when Government's approval would be granted?

Revision of seniority list

3120. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DoT has revised seniority list of TES Group 'B' Officers as per orders of Deptt. of Personnel and Training;

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(b) list of those SC & ST Officers of MTNL, Delhi promoted TES Group 'B' post during the last three years and those of OBC category officers promoted to said post afterwards and got subsequent local officiating promotion to STS and ITS Group 'A' post;

(c) whether MTNL plans to promote all eligible SC & ST officers of ITS Group 'A' (Local Officiating) post at par with their juniors;

(d) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

Purchase of GSM Interceptors

3121. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments are allowed to purchase an equipment known as GSM Interceptor from foreign companies, for the purpose of surveillance; and

(b) the number of such equipment that have been purchased by each State Government either with the permission or without the permission of Central Government?

Abolishing the agent norms in postal department

3122. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agents for NSC, MIP, PPF and other post office saving schemes that are operating in Karnataka State;

(b) how many of them are in Bangalore City;

(c) the percentage of commission given on various national saving schemes to these agents;

(d) whether Government are aware that public have to wait 3-4 hours before the counters because of the agents who are coming in between with a number of applications; and

(e) whether Government are considering to abolish the agents?

Expansion of telecommunication system in Gujarat

†3123. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether development and expansion of telecommunication has remained slow in rural and urban areas in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for accelerating the development and expansion of telecommunication; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Provision of telephones to Panchayats in Chhattisgarh

†3124. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had initiated an action in the year 1994 which aimed at providing a telephone to each panchayat;

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(b) if so, the amount spent annually by Government so far for achieving the said target and State-wise number of panchayats to which the said facility had been provided each year, amount provided for the same during the year 2004-05;

(c) the details of those panchayats deprived of telephone facility, State-wise; and

(d) the number of villages in the State of Chhattisgarh which are deprived of the said facility alongwith the reasons therefor, district-wise?

Setting up of Community Information Centres in Tamil Nadu

3125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any Community Information Centres (CICs) in the hilly and far-flung areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any target has been fixed to set up CICs in the State of Tamil Nadu in the near future; and

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

Bailout-package of BSNL and MTNL

3126. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given a "bailout package" to BSNL and MTNL

during the last three years;

(b) if so, how much amount as "bailout package" has been provided to these two PSUs in the last three years; and

(c) the basis of providing these bailout package and the details of utilization of such amount?

Criteria for Public PCO in Chhattisgarh

†3127. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great difficulties are being faced in getting P.C.O. allotted at Panchayat level in rural areas of Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that irregularities are also being committed regarding the quality of sets given at the time of proving new connection; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government in this regard?

Computerization of Post Offices

3128. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission had provided more than 800 crores of rupees for the computerization of post offices during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of post offices computerized till date and names of States where they are located;

(d) whether Government have prepared

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any scheme for computerization of all post offices to provide better services to the customers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Functioning of BSNL in Nagaland

3129. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of complaints received by Government against functioning of BSNL in NER particularly in the State of Nagaland since 2004 and till date, State-wise; and

(b) the necessary steps taken by Government thereon?

Concerns raised by CETMA

3130. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian domestic electronic and consumer durables industry represented by Consumer Electronics and TV manufacturers Associations (CETMA) has raised concerns about cheap imports;

(b) to what extent the domestic consumer durables industry would be adversely affected because of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with neighbouring countries; and

(c) whether it is a fact that multi-national consumer durable firms such as Sony, Daikin and Hitachi have cut down manufacturing operations in India and opted to import?

Common Currency for South Asia

3131. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any progress on the idea of Common Currency for South Asia as mooted by the previous Government;

(b) if so, what has been the response of other SAARC Member nations in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter on bilateral basis and also under the aegis of the SAARC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Pakistan help to Nepal

3132. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI MANOJ
BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K.
PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the visiting Pakistani official delegation to Nepal has offered military aid to Nepal to fight the Maoist insurgents; and

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

Balance of Power in the sub-continent

3133. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan being accorded the status of a major Non-Ally of USA has altered the balance of power in the sub-continent; and

(b) if so, what are its implications on Pakistan acquiring conventional weapon, defence preparedness and likely consequences in case of full-fledged war with India?

American sanctions

3134. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have apprised the US Government that India would not purchase any American arms unless the sanctions imposed on various Indian entries are withdrawn by the US; and

(b) if so, the details of the entries on which such US sanctions continue, and the US Government's response to India's request for withdrawal of US sanctions?

US offer to supply nuclear technology to India

3135. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US has offered to supply country's nuclear energy technology and F-16 mostly advanced system and civilian nuclear cooperation to India;

(b) whether US has also expressed its willingness to engage in matters related to nuclear as well as non-nuclear issues including space;

(c) if so, to what extent India has accepted US offer and by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) whether this US offer will not have any bearing on India's plan nuclear energy project schedule?

Joining of container security initiative

3136. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the pursuance of the decision to join the US-led Container Security Initiative, Government proposed to send an inter-Ministerial team to Washington to work out modalities for operation of the partnership;

(b) if so, whether such a team has since been sent to the US and the outcome of their visit; and

(c) what are the precise objectives of the "Initiative" and what benefits are likely to accrue to India thereby?

China's support to India for UN seat

3137. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI RAMA MUNIREDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has openly supported India's claim of permanent UN Security Council Seat with Veto power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how this announcement brighten India's chances of getting a permanent seat in Security Council?

Joint Working Group on Indo-China boundary

3138. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 15th meeting of Joint Working Group on Indo-China boundary question was held after a gap of two years which was attended by Foreign Secretary and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister on 3rd March, 2005;

(b) if so, whether two day meeting discussed formulation of guiding principles to resolve territorial dispute that has hampered bilateral ties between the two countries;

(c) if so, what were main decisions arrived at;

(d) whether these decisions have been rectified during the Chinese Prime Minister's visit to India during April 9—12, 2005;

(e) if so, to what extent talks with Chinese PM have been successful; and

(f) what are the agreements reached?

Nepalese broadside against India

3139. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal recently launched a broadside against India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government of India thereto?

American concerns over Indo-Iran gas pipeline

3140. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the course of her visit, the US Secretary of State, expressed her deep concern over India-Iran pipeline;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government of US Secretary's disapproval for the above gas pipeline from Iran to India and how this affects India's independent foreign policy;

(c) whether India is going to stop this pipeline in view of US expressing its concern; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

China's claim over Arunachal Pradesh

†3141. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China consider Arunachal Pradesh as a disputed territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total area of India over which China is making its claims; and

(d) the efforts being made by Government to protect its territory?

Agreement between India and Mauritius

3142. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN:
DR. M.A.M. RAMA-SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, recently visited Mauritius;

(b) if so, the details of talks held and MoU signed between India and Mauritius;

(c) whether India still gives the preferential status to Mauritius;

(d) if so, the details of benefits which accrue to Mauritius from our country;

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(e) whether there is any need to review this status;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor;

(h) whether any delegation from Mauritius is likely to visit India; and

(i) if so, the details thereof?

Lobby to safeguard Indian interest in America

3143. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India sacked Akin Gump Strauss Haur and Field of USA for failing to lobby effectively against the sale of F-16s to Pakistan by USA;

(b) if so, whether India has appointed any other lobby firm to safeguard its interest in USA; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Economic diplomacy with Pakistan

3144. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given emphasis to economic diplomacy and co-operation with Pakistan;

(b) the details of business propositions which have been discussed with Pakistan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian High Commission has been asked to do the follow up on all such diplomacy;

(d) whether a special officer would be appointed in our High Commission in Pakistan to supervise all on-going problems and matters with Pakistan; and

(e) the details thereof?

Fishing boats captured by Pakistan

3145. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian fishing boats presently under the control of Pakistan;

(b) whether our Embassy has been able to secure their release in the last six months;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have plans to persuade Pakistan that seizure of Indian fishing boats is against accepted norms of international relations in the present day world; and

(e) the steps proposed to carry out high level contacts with the Pakistani Government to persuade them to return all Indian fishing vessels as a gesture of goodwill?

Arrest of Indian fishermen by Sri Lanka

3146. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fishermen of Indian origin have been often arrested, injured and kept in custody, boats seized by the Sri Lankan Navy on the ground that they have been crossing the border while fishing;

(b) if so, the number of fishermen arrested, injured, released, the number of boats seized, the number of boats released, year-wise, during the last five years;

(c) whether it is a fact that enough initiatives have not been taken by the successive Governments at the Centre to solve this problem once and for all; and

(d) the permanent solution envisaged to solve this perennial problem once and for all?

**Installation of democratic
Government in Iraq**

3147. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that talks between Kurdish leaders and Shiite bloc has not arrived at a consensus to form Government in Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the stumbling bloc to the core issue; and

(c) the role being played by Government to help installation of a democratic Government in Iraq?

**Release of Indian fishermen by
Pakistan**

3148. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Pakistan has freed 529 fishermen in March, 2005;

(b) if so, the number of fishermen or other Indians still illegally detained by Pakistan in various jails of Pakistan; and

(c) the measures Government are taking for release of remaining Indians from Pakistani jails?

**Normalisation of relations with
Pakistan**

3149. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is significant development in respect of border crimes, infiltration, attacks by terrorists and the number of people undertaking official journey between India and Pakistan in the proportion of normalization of relations;

(b) the remarkable signs of

improvements in socio-cultural fields; and

(c) whether the so-called Kashmir problem has become a barrier in this process of normalization?

Relaxation in visa norms for artists

3150. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether visa facilities for artists, film personalities and literary people between India/Pak and SAARC countries have been relaxed;

(b) if so, the particulars of two way visa/visits arranged during the last three years along-with the names of the artists, etc.;

(c) the role of the ICCR and the outgo of funds from it on visits/travel grants and incoming troupe; and

(d) the names of the Governing Body members of ICCR for the last six years?

**Indian delegation to South Asian
countries**

3151. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of official delegations which visited South Asian countries in the last financial year from India;

(b) whether there is a proposal to send some official delegations to Pakistan during the current year;

(c) if so, the details of such proposals;

(d) the criteria used to fix emphasis of certain subjects which the delegations would take up; and

(e) the steps proposed to raise issues pertaining to mutual violations of maritime boundaries with Pakistan?

Indian territory in illegal occupation of Pakistan and China

3152. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large chunk of our land is under illegal occupation of China and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to receive the land from these countries?

India as a super power

†3153. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of remarks of American intelligence agencies that India will be one of the super powers in military and economic fields within next fifteen years which would result in changing the views of Asian and European countries towards India; and

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

Pakistani support to secessionists

3154. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan has continued to provide moral, diplomatic and political support for secessionists in the Himalayan region; and

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

Promotion of contemporary Indian Art

3155. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ICCR is not making much efforts regarding the promotion of contemporary Indian Art;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps are being taken to exhibit Indian Arts in the key cities of world;

(d) whether some action plan in this regard has been prepared;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Visit of Chinese Premier to New Delhi

3156. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
DR. M.A.M. RAMA-SWAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese Premier visited New Delhi, recently;

(b) if so, the details of talks held between both the countries;

(c) whether Indo-Sino border issue was also discussed and China has termed Arunachal Pradesh as disputed territory;

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

(e) whether any talks on Free Trade between India and China were also held; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Effect of F-16 supply on Indo-Pak talks

3157. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed

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sale of F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan by US would hamper the on-going talks between Pakistan and India;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that US had made concrete offer to sale F-16s to Pakistan and whereas US had only made a bunch of promises to sale F-16s and F-18s to India?

Indian delegation to Angola and Nigeria

3158. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of senior officials of his Ministry visited Angola and Nigeria so as to firm up ties;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose of the visit, country-wise; and

(c) the broad details of the talks held by the delegation with its counterpart and the outcome thereof, country-wise?

Supply of F-16 aircraft to Pakistan

3159. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI MANGANI LAL
MANDAL:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA
SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has decided to supply F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up this issue with the US particularly when the India-Pakistan relations started showing positive rights;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the US thereto;

(e) whether the US had offered F-16 and F-18 fighter planes and cooperation in civilian nuclear energy to India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

Government's reaction over Nepal issue

3160. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Government's reaction to the latest political developments in Nepal;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to review the existing bilateral treaties between the two countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and what action has so far been taken in that direction?

US offer to sell F-18 aircraft to India

3161. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of U.S. has recently offered to the Government of India to sell F-18 aircraft a superior version of F-16, offered by the U.S. to Pakistan simultaneously and also to assist India in the manufacture of F-18 aircraft; and

(b) if so, the details of the two proposals, and reaction of the Government of India thereto?

Missing IFS officers

†3162. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received information regarding missing of several dozens of officers of "Indian Foreign Service" cadre and other cadres mysteriously who were working abroad for last few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that many officers among them have been in charge of highly sensitive matters related to the security of the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Promotion of IFS officers

3163. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have amended the promotion rule from 'Merit Based' to 'Seniority Based' regarding promotion of Grade-I IFS (B) officers recently;

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

(c) whether the relevant rule has been notified, if so, the details thereof;

(d) if answer to part (a) is no, whether it is a fact that Government has DPC recently for promotion to Grade-I IFS (b) Officers without following the existing rules; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor alongwith corrective measures Government proposed to take in this regard?

Recovery of EPF dues from private and Public Sector Undertakings

3164. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of Employees Provident Fund is due from Private and Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof along-with the names of defaulting companies and the amount due against each as on 31st March, 2005;

(c) whether there is a proposal to amend the provisions of the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act to avoid litigation in recovery of EPF dues from defaulting undertakings; and

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

Proposals from Maharashtra on child labour

3165. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have been submitting project-proposals for Child Labour Education and Rehabilitation, under the National Child Labour Project;

(b) what are the policies adopted by Government to give relief to the educated and unskilled unemployed landless people;

(c) the number of child labour to be covered and the amount of Central aid sought for the same in the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and the current year and the aid granted against the demand; and

(d) the reasons for delay in clearance of the proposals and grant-in-aid this year?

Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana

3166. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced Rs.300 crore unemployment benefit scheme, targeting eight million

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employees insured with the Employees State Insurance and their 30 million family members;

(b) whether this new scheme named as Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana would be effective from the 1st April, 2005;

(c) if so, the States in which these schemes has been initiated first;

(d) if so, the States to be covered during 2005-06;

(e) to what extent these schemes has been started; and

(f) how many families have so far been benefited?

Creation of employment opportunities

†3167. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of non-achievement of 8 per cent targeted annual growth rate of Tenth Five Year Plan, creation of new employment opportunities would not be as per set target;

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

(c) the estimate of less creation of employment opportunities as a result of low annual growth rate as compared to the set target?

Unemployed youths registered with employment exchanges

†3168. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest position of the Employment Exchanges of all the States, the number of

registered educated unemployed persons is approximately four crores at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed a target of providing employment to such unemployed persons during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Education through labour education campaign

†3169. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started a National Child Labour project to end the practice of child labourers in the country in a planned manner by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the estimated number of child labourers in the country togetherwith the number of child labourers who have been given education through labour education campaign and primary schools after emancipating them on the basis of classification; and

(c) the State-wise status thereof togetherwith the physical and financial details?

Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers

3170. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Housing Scheme as implemented for Beedi Workers and the criteria adopted with regards to allotment of houses to Beedi Workers in India;

(b) the details of Budget released for construction of houses to Beedi Workers, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(c) the details of number of houses allotted so far to Beedi Workers in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise for the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05;

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(d) whether Government have made any efforts to extend Housing Scheme to Beedi Workers who in large numbers work in their residences, outside the Beedi Factories;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Unemployed youths in NE States

3171. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths within the age group of 18 to 30 years as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) how many of them belong to rural areas;

(c) whether Government propose to issue any guideline for the employment of the unemployed youths of the North-Eastern States in central sector jobs;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Depositing additional amount to Employees Provident Fund

3172. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation is seriously thinking to restructure the facility of depositing additional amounts each month over and above the statutory contribution by salaried employees covered under EPF scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are taking this move to ward off the anticipatory rush of additional deposits from subscribers in the new fiscal year;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of the increase in the rate of interest on EPF to 9.5 per cent the EPFO finds it

difficult as it is facing Rs.927.15 crores of deficit; and

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

Decline in unemployment

3173. SHRI Sk. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to I.L.O. global unemployment has shown a decline in 2004; and

(b) if so, the performance of India in this regard?

Labour policies adopted by foreign countries

†3174. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several countries including America and Japan consider the labour policy of the Government of India the main obstacle in the development of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the governments of foreign countries have ascribed the faulty labour policy of the Government of India as the main reasons for the shortfall in the investment; and

(d) if so, whether Government are being pressurized for this?

Legislation for agricultural workers

3175. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the number of agricultural workers in the country;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government have taken any steps to evolve a consensus among States to bring an umbrella legislation for agricultural workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Safety of women workers

3176. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to allow women to work in late-night shifts;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken into consideration the negative health impact on women working in late-night shifts, as per study conducted in various foreign countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether working in night shift increases a woman's risk of developing breast cancer and other cancers and that night shift has the strongest indication of negative effect on pregnancy; and
- (e) if so, whether Government would review its decision for the health and safety of women workers?

Opening of recruiting agencies

3177. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of organization/ departments under Government that recruit skilled and unskilled labourers for employment abroad;
- (b) whether these organizations have feed back from the employees sent abroad through them, about the working conditions there; and

- (c) whether Government would open more such recruiting agencies for selecting and providing placement to Indians willing to go abroad for work?

Women workers in the country

†3178. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any estimate has been made regarding the number of women workers in the country;
- (b) the number of women workers in organized and in unorganized sectors, respectively; and
- (c) whether Government have formulated any action plan to improve the conditions of the women workers?

Vacancies reserved for OBCs

†3179. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to form any panel to review the actions being taken to fill the vacancies reserved for backward castes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefore?

Amendment to Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985

3180. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act,

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1985 to remove the contempt power of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT);

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

(c) whether Government are aware that the proposed amendment will leave the CAT completely powerless in effectively discharging its obligations under the Administrative Tribunals Act; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Implementation of Hota Committee recommendations

3181. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a Committee headed by Shri P.C. Hota, to examine the current situation of Civil Services in the country and to recommend reforms thereof;

(b) the details of the constituents of the said Committee and its terms of reference;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Committee have already submitted its reports long back;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to apprise Parliament of the said report and also to implement its recommendations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Introduction of Right to Information Bill

†3182. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received certain suggestions for comprehensive amendment in Right to Information Bill, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of these suggestions and out of these which have been decided to be incorporated in the above Bill; and

(c) by when, Government have decided to get this Bill passed in Parliament?

Reduction in age limit for entering the Government service

3183. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to weed out unsuitable officers and also to reduce the age limit for those entering Government service to 25 from the current 30 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

Administrative Reform Commission

3184. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are set to constitute an Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) with the mandate to review the functioning of civil services in the country;

(b) if so, how it would be different from Surinder Committee, B.N. Yagandhar Panel and Hota Committee; and

(c) when was Hota Committee report submitted and what were its recommendations and whether its recommendations were implemented *in toto*?

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Retirement of employees on basis of efficiency

‡3185. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are working on a scheme to retrench the Central Government Employees on the basis of their efficiency; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the basis of the scheme?

Enactment of Freedom of Information Act, 2002

3186. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to the enactment of proposed amendment to the Freedom of Information Act 2002 towards a more transparent governance;

(b) whether this proposed amendment to the Act calls for the enforcement of penal measures like imprisonment and fines for Government officials who block information from the public domain; and

(c) whether Government would also consider legislating a 'Duty to Publish' Bill, calling upon Government to put out all Government data/Information in the public domain without waiting for specific demands from public?

Right to strike

3187. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some time back, the Supreme Court of India held that Government employees have no right to strike and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken any

action in the matter in view of the widespread opposition across the country from a cross section of the people against the ruling of the Apex court; and

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

VRS for Central Government employees

3188. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a Voluntary Retirement Scheme in all Central Government offices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Ratio of salaries of Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees

‡3189. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of salaries of Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees, working with the Central Government in 1947;

(b) the ratio of salaries of Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees, and officers working with the Central Government at present;

(c) whether Government would consider to correct the existing anomalies assuming 1947 as the base year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Higher pay scale for Private Secretaries

3190. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Private Secretaries working in the Central Secretariat have not been given the scale of Rs. 8,000/- after completion of four years while the Section

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Officers of equivalent rank have been allowed to draw Rs. 8,000/- in 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons for the anomaly in the fixation of pay scale in respect of Private Secretaries and Section Officers as both are of the same rank in the Central Secretariat;

(c) whether any proposal relating to the revision of pay scale of Private Secretaries is pending; and

(d) if so, by when the revised pay scale would be implemented in respect of Private Secretaries?

Constitution of Sixth Pay Commission

3191. SHRI R. KAMARAJ :Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government Employees have threatened to launch a countrywide strike if their demand for setting up the Sixth Pay Commission is not heeded to;

(b) whether Government have decided to set up the Sixth Pay Commission; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Infrastructure gap in States

3192. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has advocated the need for collective and concerted efforts between the Central and State Governments to bridge the critical gaps in infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether according to the Planning Commission this would help in creating investor friendly environment in backward States, as transfer of additional

resources alone would not be able to address their problems;

(c) if so, to what extent these suggestions have been accepted by both the Central and the State Governments; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

Development Projects in NER

3193. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of amount proposed to be spent on developmental and non-developmental projects in NER out of the total budget allocation during the Tenth Plan period; and

(b) the percentage of budget allocation spent on developmental and non-developmental projects in the region during the last three years?

Unemployment among youth

3194. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment among youths have resulted in law and order problems, murder, looting, abduction for ransom, etc.; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to create sufficient jobs for the youth?

Infrastructural facilities in country

3195. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plan to show case, not only Mumbai as Shanghai of India, but to show case India as a modern and fast developing economy, offering

infrastructure facilities comparable to those created in China;

(b) if so, the broad features and the details of the plan, indicating phase-wise details and targets conceived thereunder; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken in that direction?

Seismic sensitive regions

†3196. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the regions of the country found to be sensitive with a view of seismological tremors; and

(b) the arrangements being made by Government for protecting these regions from mass destruction in the event of natural calamity?

Establishment of Science Park at Hesarghatta

3197. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka approached the Central Government for setting up of a Science Park at Hesarghatta near Bangalore at an estimated cost of Rs. 70 crores;

(b) if so, the present status of consideration of the proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that 100 acres of land has already been identified for the purpose; and

(d) by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)

3198. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the decade 1992-2003 the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) sanctioned more than 150 projects under three programmes;

(b) if so, how many of these sanctioned projects were not achieved or only partially achieved;

(c) whether technologies developed by TIFAC were not commercialised; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Geographical changes due to Tsunami

3199. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tsunami pushed India 12 cms closer to Indonesia according to the Scientists of National Geographical Research Institute; and

(b) if so, what impact it would have when there is another Tsunami in the region?

Funds for women scientists

†3200. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that women scientists in the country do not get timely funds to carry out the research work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of women scientists who have been provided with funds to carry out research in the last three years?

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National biotechnology development strategy

3201. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had brought out a draft National Biotechnology Development Strategy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to change the rules and set up a single High Powered Regulatory Authority to provide for a faster and more efficient clearance for all biotechnology products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Number of earthquakes in country

3202. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of earthquakes that have occurred in India during the last three years;

(b) the details of such earthquakes, State-wise; and

(c) the loss estimated by Government, State-wise?

Conference of Tsunami hit countries

3203. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of Scientists and Experts mostly from Tsunami hit countries is likely to be organised by the Department of Survey of India with the help of Central Government to concentrate on the disaster management and bring out valuable solution to Tsunami like disasters; and

(b) if so, the venue and the date fixed for the conference?

Maritime Policy

3204. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a maritime policy to secure rail, road and inland waterway connectivity;

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

(c) the action plan of Government for the construction of dedicated rail lines for freight movement from and to ports with special reference to Paradip?

Completion of Delhi Gurgaon expressway

3205. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that only 35 per cent of construction work has been done on the Delhi-Gurgaon Express way which was scheduled to be completed by March, 2005 with the result thousands of commuters have been facing lot of difficulties on account of traffic jam on that road;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that National Highway Authority of India is yet to acquire land from Defence Ministry and Airport Authority of India, without which the construction of the expressway cannot be completed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the land is likely to be acquired?

Accidents on National Highways

3206. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 75,000 people are killed every year in road accidents, most of which occur on National Highways;

(b) how many people were killed in road accidents on national highways during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the quantum of amount spent by Government for the safety of the lives of Highway users and the benefits accrued therefrom;

(d) the details of the facilities provided for the safety/benefit of the highway users and the arrangements made to provide emergency medical aid to accident victims; and

(e) the steps taken to check accidents on national highways?

Work on Shikohabad-Etawah road

3207. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 8 per cent work on the 59 km Shikohabad-Etawah stretch of Golden Quadrilateral Expressway has been completed so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what was the original date for the completion of this work along with the expenditure involved therein;

(c) by when the work on the said expressway would be completed and estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the specific reasons for delay in this project?

Road construction by private sector

†3208. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from now onwards the construction of roads in the country would be done in the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when Government took the above decision;

(c) whether it is also a fact that roads would be constructed by the public sector also as an exception to this decision;

(d) if so, the circumstances under which roads would be constructed by the public sector; and

(e) the decisions taken by Government regarding utilization of money being recovered by Government as taxes in the name of development or roads?

Ferry service in Mumbai

†3209. DR. PRABHA THAKUR :
Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a ferry service through sea for the residents of Mumbai to get rid of the day to day difficulties due to more population and limited roads system in Mumbai;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra have given any proposal to the Central Government regarding introduction of ferry service through sea; and

(c) the date on which the said proposal was forwarded and the decision

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Government have taken or propose to take in this regard along with the details thereof?

Funding for National Highways Project

3210. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether funding for National Highways Projects through NHAI is keeping pace with the projected requirements;

(b) whether the Capital Expenditure through NHAI for the year 2004-05 projected at Rs. 9000/- crores is less than the previous years' allocations ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the foreign direct investment in road transport & highway sector during the past year has not been substantial; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Smart License Plates

3211. SHRI Sk. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has recently gave a verdict on use of 'Smart license plates' in every vehicle;

(b) if so, how many millions of persons, who are painting and/or engraving license plates at present would become redundant; and

(c) the proposal of Government for alternative source of earnings for the persons who would become redundant?

Development of Indian ports

3212. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we are lagging far behind in the development of Indian ports and in providing them with basic facilities of international standard as compared to that of China and East Asia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that despite the various effects the waiting period of ships is twice as compared to that of the said countries;

(c) if so, the details of the efforts made by Government for the development of Indian ports; and

(d) if not, the comparative details thereof?

Road improvement work in Punjab

3213. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways in Punjab where the work regarding widening, extension and repair of the roads are in progress as on date and where work is likely to be started in near future;

(b) the status report in each case;

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed;

(d) whether Government propose to reconstruct some old over-bridges on National Highways passing through Punjab; and

(e) if so, the details of such over-bridges?

Accidents on Delhi-Amritsar National Highway

3214. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed in road accidents on National Highway passing

through Delhi to Amritsar (Punjab) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the amount spent by Government on safety measures of the Highway users; and

(c) the details of facility provided for the safety and benefit of Highway users and arrangements exist for emergency medical aid to accident victims?

Highways in North-East areas

3215. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a special development package of Rs. 450 crores for the development of highways for the North-East areas;

(b) if so, whether Government have carried out any survey to identify the highways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have set any target to develop the highways in North-East;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the amount allocated for this purpose during the coming fiscal year?

Driving Training Institute at Karnataka

3216. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to establish a Driving Training Institute and Research Centre at Karnataka;

(b) the action that has been taken on the said proposal; and

(c) by when Government would approve the same?

National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

†3217. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Uttar Pradesh despite being largest State of the country is having quite lesser number of National Highways as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out/are chalking out any plan to construct new National Highways as also to widen the existing ones in Uttar Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Corridor Management Policy

3218. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new corridor management policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any fund under this policy has been released to the States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Road Development Plan Vision 2021

3219. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a 20 year 'Road Development Plan Vision 2021';

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme;

(c) whether Government propose to have external assistance for funding this project;

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(d) if so, the estimated amount of external assistance required for completion of this scheme;

(e) whether any physical targets have been set up for four/six lanning of National Highways;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of inter-State roads to be developed in southern State?

Bridge across Kabini river

3220. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has submitted any proposal for reconstruction of bridge across Kabini river on National Highway-212;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed proposal; and

(c) the present status of the above proposal?

Freight Rail Corridors

3221. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up dedicated freight rail corridors to connect ports with the hinterland;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed policy and target year of completion; and

(c) the other steps proposed for the revamp of the maritime sector?

Funds for NHDP-III

3222. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for National Highways Development Project-III for the year 2005-06;

(b) the details of the National Highways of Tamil Nadu which are to be developed during 2005-06 as part of this project and funds allocated therefor;

(c) whether any new roads of Tamil Nadu are proposed to be announced as National Highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Overbridge on NH-200

†3223. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that an overbridge is proposed to be constructed on the railway crossing at Belpahar on National Highway no. 200 in Jharsuguda district of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the present status thereof and by when its construction would be commenced together with the target fixed for its completion?

Developing of National Highways in Punjab

†3224. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for strengthening

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and widening of National Highways in the State of Punjab have been received from State Government;

(b) whether Government have evolved any plan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-frame for it; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

De-reservation of item of SSI

†3225. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have delisted 108 items to be manufactured from the reserved list of small scale industries;

(b) if so, the criterion fixed by Government to select these items;

(c) the worth of annual production of these items on an average in the country; and

(d) the impact of their production and price on being produced outside the small scale industries also?

De-reservation of items from the list of small scale industries

†3226. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the announcement of budget for the year 2005-06, 108 items to be manufactured

have been removed from the reserved list of small scale industries;

(b) if so, since when this announcement has been implemented;

(c) the names of 108 items which are reserved to be manufactured so far by the small scale industries only and would now be manufactured by the small and medium industries also; and

(d) the number of items which remains in the reserved list of small scale industries?

Functioning of SSI Units

3227. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small-scale industries functioning at present in the country, State-wise, district-wise and industry-wise;

(b) the details of the foreign exchange earned by these industries in the Indian currency during the last three years;

(c) the details of such industries closed down due to sickness so far during this period and the current year till date, State-wise, District-wise and Industry-wise; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government to revive them in the national interest?

Units in unorganised and informal sector

†3228. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had asked the National Commission constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arjun Sengupta for the development of units in unorganised and informal sector;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is being considered to extend the tenure of the Commission and if so, the time being fixed?

Sighting of UAVs in Ladakh

3229. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several unmanned aerial vehicles have been sighted in Ladakh area during March, 2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that similar UAVs were sighted before Kargil war;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to dispel fear among people living in Ladakh about the fallout of UAVs and to take up the issue with originating country, if identified; and
- (e) what could be the purpose of floating these UAVs?

Import of Uranium from Russia

3230. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Russia has expressed its inability to supply enriched Uranium to India to meet the demand of Tarapore Nuclear Power Plant;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government have contemplated any alternative arrangements for the same?

Launching of satellites by ISRO

3231. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ISRO is going to launch four satellites this year;

- (b) if so, the details of satellites that are going to be launched this year; and

(c) by when INSAT-4A is going to be launched so as to start DTH Satellite TV applications by various service providers in India?

Test flight of GSLV

†3232. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are making preparations for conducting third test flight of GSLV;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to launch any satellite into space from the country during the year 2004-05; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Projects costing over Rs. 100 crores

3233. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central projects each estimated to cost over Rs. 100 crores, continue to remain in the high slippage bracket, according to the latest flash report of the Ministry;
- (b) whether according to his Ministry three projects pertain to the petroleum sector, two to the power sector and one in the fertilizer sector;
- (c) if so, the main reasons for the same;
- (d) the efforts being made to improve its position;
- (e) the total cost of delay in completion of these projects; and

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(f) whether any concrete programme of action has been suggested to complete these projects in time?

Completion of Projects

3234. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA
MURTHY:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many projects are pending completion;

(b) if so, the details of those projects, Ministry-wise, State-wise;

(c) the reasons of their pendency;

(d) the quantum of money that have already been spent on these projects and how much more money is still required to complete them; and

(e) the measures taken to ensure completion of the pending projects expeditiously?

Increasing of MPLADS grant

3235. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand to increase the yearly MPLADS grants;

(b) if so, would it be considered favourably, in as much as it is a popular and useful scheme;

(c) whether some of the items which were originally implemented under the MPLADS have now been prohibited through the present set of guidelines;

(d) the special steps taken to speed up

and effectively utilise the MPLADS in each of those States which are said to be slow and liable for complaints in execution; and

(e) whether any study has been made to assess the effect of the Monitoring Committee on MPLADS?

Fifth Economic Census

3236. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct Fifth Economic Census;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria fixed for such census; and

(d) the funds allocated for census during the current plan and allocation during the current financial year?

Projects under MPLAD Scheme

3237. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 11,915 projects, undertaken under MPLAD scheme, the nodal Ministry has not received the utilisation certificates, and further about Rs. 1,797 crores had remained unspent with the district authorities;

(b) if so, whether there is any monitoring agency at the Ministry level to have periodic checks of the on-going projects; and

(c) the latest figure of unspent amount with the district authorities as on 31st December, 2004?

Online Computerised Monitoring System

3238. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are setting up an On-line Computerised Monitoring System (OCMS) for projecting monitoring;

(b) to what extent it would improve the quality of project and infrastructure monitoring;

(c) the total cost incurred in the installation of the system; and

(d) in what way, the system helps in taking remedial measures by the administrative Ministries?

Financial assistance to Uttaranchal for Stadia construction

†3239. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance provided to Uttaranchal for promoting various games and construction of stadia during the last four years so far by Government;

(b) the details of projects being implemented through this assistance;

(c) whether the State Government has proposed some new schemes to that effect for the co-operation from the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these projects would be given sanction?

Funds collected through matches for the benefits of Tsunami victims

†3240. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far collected through benefits of matches for the benefits of the Tsunami victims;

(b) whether there is any probability to conduct more such matches in future;

(c) whether any special programme has also been conducted by Government for Tsunami victims; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sports schools

3241. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sports schools under his Ministry in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the annual allocation for such schools, State-wise?

Performance in International Sports

3242. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's performance in various international sports events has been poor; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve the performance particularly in the forthcoming Olympic and Commonwealth games?

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Funds allocated for Bulgarian Wrestling Meet

3243. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sports Authority of India has alleged that due to non-receipt of adequate help from the Ministry of Sports, SAI are not able to hold fresh trials for the Bulgarian Wrestling Meet;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that during February-March about 60 junior wrestlers had fled the National Camp at Aurangabad Special Training Centre alleging poor living conditions, etc;

(c) if so, whether any responsibility has been fixed for this fiasco; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that Sports Training Institute and similar training-oriented organisation have world-class training inputs and matching infrastructure facilities?

Hosting of Asian Games

3244. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to the Indian Olympic Association's proposal to host the 17th Asian Games in 2014 in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the broad components of the proposal and its present status?

Recommendations of Youth Commission

†3245. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Youth Commission had been constituted to study the problems of youth;

(b) if so, whether the said Commission has submitted its recommendations to Government; and

(c) if so, the details of action plans being formulated by Government to implement the said recommendations?

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