

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the November 21, 2001/Kartika 30, 1923 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions — 148

Projects undertaken by CMRI, Dhanbad

291. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATICHANDRA KALA
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COAL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects undertaken
by CMRI, Dhanbad during the last five
years;

(b) the number of consultancy projects
and number of in-house projects
undertaken during this period;

(c) whether any new technology has
been developed; and

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

Mines accident in West Bengal

292. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COAL AND
MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several illegal minors were
killed in mine collapse near Asansol in
West Bengal on 10th October, 2001;

(b) if so, how illegal mining of coal of
the abandoned colliering was going; and

(c) the control of Eastern Coalfields
Ltd. over the abandoned mines?

Shortage of raw material supplied by NALCO

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

(a) whether Government are aware that
hundreds of small scale industrial units
manufacturing aluminium utensils, are
facing difficulties due to irregular and
inadequate supply of raw material by
National Aluminium Company (NALCO);

(b) if so, the reasons for inadequate
supply of raw material by NALCO; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government
to ensure regular and adequate supply of
raw material by NALCO to the utensil
manufacturing units in order to save them
from closure?

Study on conversion of inferior grade coal into oil

294. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken detailed study of the possibility of conversion of inferior grade coal into oil and other by-products;

(b) whether Government have prepared any viable project report in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action Government propose to further take in the matter?

of Coal India Ltd. during the last three years;

(c) whether Government has identified fake industries which are getting coal supply on the basis of the certification from the State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed against all the companies?

Assessment of losses being sustained by CIL

295. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any authoritative assessment regarding losses being sustained by the Coal India Ltd. has been made during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for the losses have been identified and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check the losses and to enable the Company to show a turnaround?

Revival of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries

296. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is examining the possibilities of reviving the loss-making Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries by merging its seven coal producing subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the profit and loss earned by the subsidiaries

Lease of bauxite mining given to private parties

297. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mining Leases granted to private parties for bauxite mining in Orissa and Chhattisgarh in 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) the areas in hectares and the location of those mines; and

(c) the period for which the lease has been granted?

Backlog of SC/ST vacancies

298. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of vacancies of SC/ST candidates in the public sector undertakings under his Ministry as on 31st March, 2001;

(b) the separate break up thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to fill up these vacancies?

Exploration and exploitation of coal bed methane

299. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for more exploration/exploitation of coal bed methane in the country;

(b) if so, what are the sites identified for this purpose;

(c) whether any bid has been invited from private companies for this purpose; and

(d) what has been their response?

Comparative analysis of ex-pit mouth value of coal

300. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any comparative analysis of ex-pit mouth value of coal produced in India *vis-a-vis* other major coal producing countries;

(b) if so, the result of such analysis; and

(c) whether it is a fact that royalty rate in India is the highest and if so, the steps taken to streamline it?

Delay in granting of mining lease to Aluminium Companies

301. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aluminium Companies are hit by delay in grant of mining lease;

(b) if so, the problems in granting lease; and

(c) the other constraints faced by the

refineries to get adequate supply of bauxite?

Private sector participation in the production of coal and safety of mines

302. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any final decision for participation of private sector for the safety of the mines and in the field of production of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the specific projects identified for this purpose; and

(c) the other steps being taken by Government to upgrade the coal sector?

Safety measures in Mines

303. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to enhance safety measures in the under ground and open cast coal mines; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by various coal companies and their subsidiaries in their respective mines?

Setting up of caustic soda factory in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh

†304. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a caustic soda factory based on solution of salt can be easily set up in Drang area of Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh due to abundance of salt rocks in this area; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

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

Merger of subsidiaries of Coal India Limited

305. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any definite plan of merging the seven subsidiaries of Coal India Limited into one Company and if so, by when;

(b) which are the loss making subsidiaries of CIL in the financial year 2000-2001;

(c) since how long these companies are incurring losses;

(d) whether these loss making companies are referred to BIFR; and

(e) whether the loss making companies are subsidised by CIL by any mechanism?

Private Sector participation in the excavation and extraction of precious metals

†306. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to entrust the task of excavation and extraction of precious metals to the private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to provide all facilities for foreign investment in the mining sector under the pressure of multinational companies; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Revision of coal royalty rates

307. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are requesting for revision of coal royalty rates;

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

(c) whether any Committee has been set up to look into the issue; and

(d) if so, whether any report has been submitted to Government?

Creation of dual price and distribution structure for coal

308. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to create a dual price and distribution structure for (ex-pithead) coal for core and non-core sector consumers;

(b) if so, whether this proposal was discussed by the Union Government with office-bearers of the All India Brick and Tile Manufacturers Federation;

(c) if so, whether under the scheme, the core sector comprising thermal power houses, cement, steel and fertilizer manufacturers will be offered coal at fixed rates and on priority basis; and

(d) if so, to what extent, this dual pricing system for core, non-core coal have been welcomed by the users?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Field firing station of Army in
Jawahar Nagar, Hyderabad**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army is
having a field firing station covering an
area of about 1000 acres of land near
Jawahar Nagar at Shameerpet, in
Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this
field firing station is surrounded by
habitation;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra
Pradesh is persistently requesting for
shifting of this station; and

(d) if so, what steps Government has
taken in this regard?

**Paralysed state of decision making in
three services**

310. SHRI DIPANKAR
MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA
PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has
been drawn to the admission by Defence
Minister that decision making in the three
services had been almost paralysed in the
past seven months as reported in 'Statesman'
(Kolkata) dated 5th November, 2001;

(b) whether Army had spent only
fifteen per cent for arms purchase and Air
Force and Navy 29-30 per cent of the
allocation;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and
whether responsibility for this state of
affairs has been fixed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Action against military officials
mentioned in the Tehelka tapes**

311. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action against military officers
mentioned in the Tehelka tapes; and

(b) whether any further action being
contemplated, if so, the details thereof?

MIG crash near Suratgarh, Rajasthan

312. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether another MIG aircraft
crashed on September 17-18, 2001, near
Suratgarh (Rajasthan), if so, the details
of the accident and causes thereof;

(b) whether any other MIG has been
involved in aircrashes thereafter, if so, the
details of such accidents; and

(c) the number of aircrashes involving
MIGs during the last three years, and the
main causes thereof, and how far they
were attributable to mechanical and
technology failure?

**Recommendations of Price Negotiation
Committee for purchase of Admiral
Gorshkov**

313. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA
RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY
SIRIGIREDDY:
PROF. M. SANKARA-
LINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry
is going to constitute Price Negotiating
Committee for the purchase of the Russian
Aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the expert Committee constituted to look into the technical specifications has submitted its Report; and
- (d) what are the recommendations made by the Expert Committee?

Shortage of officers in Armed Forces

314. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the news-item "Defence jobs lose their sheen" published in the News times dated the 19th September, 2001;
- (b) if so, the number of officers' shortage in Army, Navy and Air Force during the last three years, year-wise and wing-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not filling in the vacancies and also the reasons for early retirement of such officers; and
- (d) steps being taken by Union Government to fill in the vacant posts?

Training courses for anti-germ warfare by DRDE

315. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE) propose to conduct training courses for anti-germ warfare in view of the Anthrax scare;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to combat bio-terrorism and give civilians a helping hand to grapple with bio-terrorism?

Strategy for self-reliance in spares for IAF

316. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any strategy to lessen the Indian Air Force's dependence on foreign suppliers for spares;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government is facing problems in getting spares from abroad due to closure of production units especially from the erstwhile USSR;
- (d) if so, how IAF is managing the spares; and
- (e) the measures adopted to achieve self-reliance in the field?

Deployment of submarines near west coast of Gujarat by Pakistan

317. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of submarines deployed by Pakistan near the West coast of Gujarat;
- (b) the reasons behind such deployment;
- (c) the number of infantry troops and tanks, bombers deployed by them; and
- (d) the steps taken to meet the threat?

Suspension of payment of pension to army personnel and their dependants

318. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of ex-army personnel or their spouses/dependants

whose pension has been suspended on various grounds, including espionage, for years on end, irrespective of the age of the recipients; and

(b) what steps are taken by Government to monitor and keep an eye on such defaults and delays?

Constitution of an Apex Body for managing maritime affairs

319. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated 1st November, 2001 captioned "Pant: Wake up to the danger from the sea";

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not fully appreciating "Maritime Security" in comparison to "land oriented security" because of departmental overlapping of jurisdiction, confusion and inability to respond to fast evolving situation; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to form an 'Apex Body' to manage maritime affairs including vast new strategic frontiers on the seas?

Malpractices in defence canteens and stores

320. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Rs. 25 lakh misappropriated from naval canteen by staff" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 7th September, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the sale of a large number of non-CSD items are prevalent in different canteens/stores run by the three different wings; and

(c) if so, the steps are being taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

Skirmishes with infiltrators and neighbouring countries in different borders

†321. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the skirmishes with infiltrators and neighbouring countries on various borders of the country during the last three months;

(b) the details of the total loss of lives and property; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to stop almost daily skirmishes on the border?

Strike by DRDO employees in Dehradun against scrapping of defence projects and corruption

322. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of DRDO in Dehradun have gone on indefinite strike to protest the scrapping of some defence projects and alleged corruption in defence reserved projects in the recent past;

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

(c) the action taken by Government on the charges made by the employees?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Opening of new Sainik schools

†323. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to establish new Sainik schools;

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

(c) the names of such States wherein Government propose to open the said schools?

Policy for re-settlement of families of soldiers who died in harness

†324. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new policy for the resettlement of the families of those Jawans/Officers of different wings of Indian armed forces who during the course of discharge of their duties have sacrificed their lives during war or in other circumstances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of different types of benefits provided to dependents during last two years alongwith the number of such dependents?

Repair/overhauling facilities of aero-engine for helicopters

325. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether repair/overhaul facilities for aero-engine fitted helicopters are not available;

(b) whether this facility was scheduled for completion by 1992 as the helicopters were introduced in 1985/1986;

(c) if so, the reasons for ten years delay; and

(d) by when these facilities are likely to be available in the country?

Increase in firing along LoC

326. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR
BIRLA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani troops resorted to unprovoked heavy firings several times along LoC, particularly in the area of Akhnoor sector in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian forces have given befitting reply to such unprovoked firings by Pak troops;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of Indian soldiers killed and property damaged due to such firings?

Increase in deployment of troops by Pakistan along LoC

327. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has deployed more troops along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir and Ganganagar in Rajasthan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan, if so, the results thereof; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) the steps Government have so far taken or propose to take to effectively retaliate and repulse any Pakistan gameplan?

Integrated Defence Acquisition council

328. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to go in for an integrated Defence Acquisition Council for military procurement;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the council will actually start functioning?

Lifting ban on authorised agents of foreign armament companies

329. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign armament companies had been banned to have authorised agents in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government is planning to lift this ban; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the regulatory mechanism for such type of companies and their agents?

Lifting of ban on defence agents

330. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 14 years ban on defence agents has been lifted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines and regulatory mechanism have been formulated for the registration of such agents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

TU-22 from Russia on lease

331. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is planning to receive TU-22 from Russia on lease; and

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions finalised?

CAG findings on performance of Sukhoi Jets

332. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of Comptroller and Auditor General on the adverse performance capabilities of the Sukhoi SU-30K aircrafts;

(b) what has been done to rectify the performance shortcomings; and

(c) the time required and financial liability thereof?

Need for acquiring fighter training aircraft

333. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by next year the Indian Air Force will be left without a fighter trainer when the

MIG-21 aircraft, currently used for training pilots for super-sonic flying retires;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to speed up a decision on acquiring a fighter training aircraft so that the tempo of induction of fighter pilots into frontline squadrons is maintained, especially in the changed volatile international scenario?

Intensification of military activities by Pakistan along the Indian border

† 334. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has intensified its military activities along the border and has been gathering its troops and military equipments to great extent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Pakistan army had attacked the Indian security checkposts in order to infiltrate terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Action against guilty in Defence Procurement

335. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the action taken against those found guilty of corruption in Defence procurements during the last five years?

Missile Defence System

336. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia is providing Missile Defence System to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when it is going to be implemented;

(d) what are the main advantages of such system; and

(e) what will be the total cost of this system?

Correcting deficiencies in operational training of pilots

337. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with the rising accidents of fighter aircrafts, Government have considered the question of indentifying the deficiencies in the operational training of the pilots and its overall impact on the capabilities;

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

(c) whether, there are any recommendation of the committees set up by Government to go into this aspect;

(d) if so, what are the salient features of the recommendations made by these committees; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to implement them?

Army recruitment policy based on populations of the States

†338. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the percentage of recruitment of soldiers in the Army has gone down after the adoption of the recruitment policy based on the population of the State;

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(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase percentage of recruitment of soldiers on the basis of recruitable male population; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

Revamping the Home Ministry

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of revamping the Home Ministry for effective handling of the increasingly complex internal security situation in the country;

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

(c) whether the proposed changes are in compliance with the recommendations made by the GOM constituted to look into the internal security system in the country?

Setting guidelines for holding international conferences

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has issued a circular setting guidelines for holding international conferences in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the participants have to obtain clearance from both Home Ministry and the External Affairs Ministry for their participation;

(c) if so, the details of such a circular; and

(d) the reasons for issuing such a circular?

Terrorists activities in Jammu and Kashmir

341. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir have increased since 7th October, 2001 after the U.S. start attacks on Taliban; if so, details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that after the US attack on Taliban structure, foreign mercenaries active in Jammu and Kashmir started leaving Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) what further steps have been taken by Government of India to tackle this issue of cross-border terrorism, especially in the emerging situation?

Preparedness against acts of terrorism

342. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH
OJHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering some measures to increase its degree of preparedness against acts of terrorism and is acquiring greater expertise

in disaster management in the aftermath of September 11, terrorist strikes in the United States; and

(b) if so, what are those measures?

Use of biological weapons

343. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of biological agents by terrorists has now become a reality, though its development and manufacture is banned under the Biological Warfare Convention (1972) and the earlier Geneva Protocol of 1925; and

(b) if so, what action does Government recommend to prevent this new type of threat to our society?

Renting out licenced arms to criminals

344. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licenced arms and ammunitions are being rented out to hardcore criminals and organised gangs in their nefarious designs in Uttar Pradesh particularly on Indo-Nepal border;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been reported so far; and

(c) what steps Government has taken or propose to take to arrest the members of the organised gangs?

Security to Tirupati Hills

345. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have perceived the threat to temples of international repute like Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh in the wake of terrorists attacks in W.T.C. in New York on September 11, 2001;

(b) what are the other potential targets of attacks in the country and the security arrangements around these places apart from the efforts of respective State Governments;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to notify the "Tirupati" seven hills as no fly zone; and

(d) if so, the action taken so far in this direction?

Infiltration of foreign trained terrorists

346. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information to the effect that around 750 Pakistan and Afghan trained men have succeeded to infiltrate into India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to prevent such dangerous activities?

Withdrawal of security of VIPs

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

(a) whether the security cover for some

of the VIPs and their relations has recently been reduced or withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the basis on which such reduction/withdrawal has been effected; and

(c) which categories of VIPs are still provided security cover?

Ban on SIMI

348. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have banned the functioning of SIMI in the country;

(b) if so, the details of intelligence reports received by the Government on the anti-national activities of SIMI;

(c) whether the members of SIMI have any links with the terrorists groups in Afghanistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Banning of terrorist outfits

349. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has banned terrorist outfits Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Toiba and Hizbul Mujahideen to fight against terrorism;

(b) if so, when it was declared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

News-item "Capital's high 'n' mighty figure on cocaine peddler client list"

350. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 28th August, 2001, under the heading "capital's high 'n' mighty figure on cocaine peddler's client list";

(b) if so, what are the names of such persons found involved therein; and

(c) whether any one of them have been apprehended and if so, the details thereof?

Anti-terrorists special cells in States

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

(a) whether anti-terrorists special cells set up by various State Governments do not have uniformity in dealing with the terrorists activities;

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

(c) whether Government propose to issue guidelines/directions to the State Governments to bring about uniformity in the performance of these cells?

Killing and suicide of CRPF Jawans

352. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CRPF Jawans posted in the militancy affected areas in the country who have been shot down by their colleagues/senior officers and later killed themselves;

(b) the main cause identified by Government for such incidents; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

**Implementation of the
recommendation of Dharma Vira
Commission on
Police reforms**

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

(a) whether Government have implemented the recommendations of Dharma Vira Commission on police reforms;

(b) whether Government have drawn up a plan to further modernise our police forces so as to deal with disaster management, terrorist threats of bio-chemical warfare, white collar crimes particularly those relating to financing of terrorist activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Increase in insurgency activities
across the border**

354. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurgency activity is gradually increasing across the border;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to crush these activities; and

(c) what is the total loss of Security Forces and the civilians and the loss of property in these operations during this year?

**Effective internal security situation in
the country**

355. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to terrorist attacks in US, the Home Ministry

has decided to have an effective internal security situation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the main steps taken by the Ministry to deal the internal security;

(c) whether these steps have helped in improving internal security of the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

**Explosives found near CRPF
Camp, Delhi**

356. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether explosives were found near CRPF camp in Jharoda Kalan in Delhi on afternoon of 27th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the results of enquiry made about the incident?

Incidents of terrorist attack in J & K

357. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militancy in Kashmir not only continued unabated, but increased in September, making even school children their targets of attack;

(b) if so, the number of civilians, including women and children, the security personnel and the militants including foreign mercenaries, killed in militancy related incidents during September, October, and November, (so far), 2001; and

(c) the details of major incidents of attacks on civilians and anti-militancy drive during the period; indicating pro-active anti militancy drives?

Loss of lives due to terrorist activities

358. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of lives lost as a result of insurgency/terrorist violence in the country; year-wise and State-wise during the last three years; and

(b) what is the number of lives of security forces lost?

Overhauling of Contingency plan

359. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to overhaul its out-dated contingency plan;

(b) if so, whether recently Government had called the meeting of the intelligence bureau, civil Aviation ministry, Bureau of civil aviation security, home ministry, defence ministry civil, defence and the Delhi Police;

(c) if so, whether in the meeting it was decided to overhaul the existing plan to prepare the security agencies to meet the kind of situation the US has come to face;

(d) whether any concrete measure in this regard has been worked out;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken to implement them?

Afganistan becoming hub of international terrorism

360. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Afghanistan is just one of the 32 countries serving as hubs of international terrorism;

(b) whether there is no let up in

terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir even after declaration of war against terrorism; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by India to tackle terrorism on its own?

Banning of militant groups in Jammu and Kashmir

361. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is likely to invoke the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act to ban some militant groups in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the names of these groups;

(c) by when, the ban is likely to be invoked; and

(d) who are the other groups banned till date in Jammu and Kashmir?

Naxalite terrorism in the country

†362. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the naxalite terrorism is gaining ground in the North-East States alongwith Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and other States thereby making the life of commonman insecure;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the police and security personnel in a large number, at local levels, alongwith the public are becoming the victims of the naxalite terrorism; and

(d) if so, State-wise details of security personnel and commonman killed by the naxalites till now?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Assessment on Security to VIPs

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

(a) the persons to whom security is provided by Government apart from VVIPs, cabinet and other Ministers and what is the category of security;

(b) how is the security threat assessed in respect of these persons;

(c) whether any reassessment of security has been made recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Benefit of compensatory leave to CRPF Personnel

†364. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CRPF Personnel are being given one month's salary every year as compensatory leave;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that personnel of eighth reserve battalion, Kistwar, Doda, Jammu and Kashmir have not been paid compensatory leave for the year 2000 till today;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the personnel for eighth reserve battalion will be paid for compensatory leave?

Alternative Punishment for Petty offenders

365. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had in the recent past mooted for introducing community service as an alternative punishment for the petty offenders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present Status of proposal?

Yardstick for banning organisation

366. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the yardsticks applied for banning an organisation;

(b) whether the organisations which have openly said, they will not pay heed to the authority to the Indian Courts are liable to be prosecuted for an open disapproval of the rule of law in a democratic state; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken against these organisations?

Attacks by suicide squads in Jammu and Kashmir

367. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of attacks by suicide squads on Army, para military and police forces have considerably increased in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last one year, month-wise;

(c) how many lives were lost in these attacks; and

(d) whether Government have taken steps to combat the attacks by suicide squads of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir?

Security to VIPs in Delhi and Members of Parliament

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

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to provide security to VIPs in Delhi keeping in view deteriorating law and order situation in the Capital;

(b) whether some request have been received from the Members of Parliament to provide them security personnel;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific reasons for not taking any necessary action in the matter?

Destruction of terrorist camp in Jammu and Kashmir

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

(a) whether Government have made any strategy to counter terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir being sponsored by our neighbouring country, Pakistan;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to take necessary action for destruction of terrorist camp being run in the Kashmir valley; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Activities of SIMI by forming a new organisation

†370. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of SIMI are running their activities by constituting a new organisation after imposition of ban on them;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps so far to prevent the formation of such organisation; and

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

Construction of new colonies in Indo-Bangladesh border

†371. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of infiltrators from Bangladesh are constructing new Colonies in Indian territory on Bangladesh border with Tripura, Mizoram in collusion with Government officials;

(b) whether people helping in this work and occupying Indian territory belong to a particular religion; and

(c) the details of actual position on this border and measures being taken by Government to deal with such anti-national activities?

Setting up of State Re-organisation Commission

372. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to set up another State Re-organisation Commission;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith its terms of reference;

(c) if not, reasons therefor; and

(d) the fresh steps taken to fulfil the increasing demands for Statehood to Vidarbha, Telengana and Harit Pradesh?

Death toll due to land mine explosions in J & K

†373. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of army-personnel alongwith the school

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

going children and general public killed in land mines explosions in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir?

Involvement of foreign nationals in the terrorist activities in J & K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received evidence of involvement of foreign nationals besides our citizens in the terrorist activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

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

(c) the assessment of the number of terrorists active in the State of Jammu and Kashmir alongwith the number of foreign nationals out of them and the country-wise number thereof alongwith the names of the said countries?

Ban on SIMI

375. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has banned the SIMI;

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

(c) the number of cases registered, the number of arrests made of SIMI members and other details before the ban was announced; and

(d) the number of incidents that took place, loss of lives and other details thereof in different States in the wake of the ban?

Cease-fire in J&K during Ramzan

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

(a) whether Government will announce cease-fire during this "Ramzan" at Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check the infiltrators in this State; and

(d) what are the steps taken to assist the security forces?

Formation of federal investigation agency

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to form a federal investigation agency for better co-operation in the inter-state investigation; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Political solution proposed by ULFA

378. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some top leaders of ULFA have proposed recently for political solution of their cause;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government; and

(c) what new steps have been taken by Government to solve this vexed problem of Assam?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

News-item 'CISF ill-equipped to handle airport security'

379. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news-item "CISF ill-equipped to handle airport security" appearing in the Times of India dated 18th September, 2001;

(b) the reasons for not supplying full equipments to the Central Industrial Security Force for the protection of airport at Bangalore;

(c) whether such type of poor security arrangements are also existing in other airports, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by Union Government to provide full security arrangements at all the airports in the country?

Shifting the Geothermal power plant from Manikaran in Kullu District

380. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Members of Parliament from Himachal Pradesh have requested to shift "Geothermal Power Plant" lying in tattered condition at Manikaran religious and tourist complex in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh immediately and to hand over the place to Gram Panchayats; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

Solar energy project in Ladakh

381. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Solar Energy Project is proposed to be utilised for providing electricity to Ladakh;

(b) if so, the details of investments to be made; and

(c) by when the projects will be completed?

Development of a solar passenger car

382. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that recently four Bangalore Engineering students have developed a solar passenger car;

(b) if so, whether they have approached the Ministry for large-scale production; and

(c) the list of such inventions pending Ministry's approval since the last five years?

Installation of solar energy system for heating water by Group Housing Societies

383. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any incentive is given to co-operative Group Housing Societies to install solar energy system for heating water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme has been a success; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Popularisation of improved chullas
in Andhra Pradesh**

384. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
Will the Minister of NON-
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE S
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any
action plan to popularise improved chullas
in the remote, tribal and backward areas
of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Providing funds for reconstruction and
repair work of old hydel power projects**

†385. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the
Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering
to provide funds for reconstruction and
repair work of old hydel power projects
and windmills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the provisions made for allocation
for this work?

Target fixed for generation of power

386. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the
Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any targets have been fixed
for generation of power under the public
sector and private sector to meet the power
requirement during the years 2000-2001
and 2001-2002;

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

(c) whether there is a wide gap
between the target fixed and the quantum
of power likely to be generated; and

(d) if so, what steps are being initiated

to meet the actual requirement of the
power?

**Scheme for enhancing productivity of
power generation projects**

†387. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have prepared a scheme to enhance the
productivity of the present power
generation projects in the country by
making improvements therein;

(b) if so, the total expenditure to be
incurred on this scheme; and

(c) the percentage of increase in
production and the reduction likely to be
in the production expenditure after
implementation of this scheme?

**States re-organisation leading to
change in parent state of power
projects under construction**

†388. SHRI MANOHAR KANT
DHYANI: Will the Minister of POWER
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parent state
of power projects under construction has
changed after the reorganization of some
States;

(b) whether Government will define
parent state by issuing orders with regard
to projects of Tehri, Vishnuprayag etc. under
construction not withstanding certain
conditions in the earlier contract; and

(c) whether Government will issue
instruction to supply 12 per cent power
free of cost to Uttaranchal?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Failure of Power system

†389. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power system all over the country has failed;

(b) if so, State-wise/metropolitan cities-wise rural area-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been increase in the incidents of failure of grids due to fault in most of the equipments of main distribution system;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to streamline the distribution system of electricity?

Performance of power sector during the Ninth Plan

390. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anticipated achievement of capacity addition in Ninth Plan is expected to be far below against the target of 40,245 m.w.;

(b) if so, what is expected capacity addition and the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission recommended to set up issues related to the performance of the power sector during Ninth Plan to suggest the advance action for the Tenth Plan; and

(d) if so, the progress in this regard?

Progress in construction of Loktak Downstream Project at Manipur

391. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present progress for construction of Loktak Downstream at Manipur;

(b) the total amount of funds so far released for this projects; and

(c) the amount so far released for compensation of project site?

Setting up power transmission projects by private firms

392. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private firms are eager to set up power transmission projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that offers are being made by private Indian Companies as well as foreign companies; and

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

Payments for the supply of Energy Meters

393. SHRI BHAGATRAM
MANHAR:
SHRI GOPALSINH G.
SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 172 answered in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether pending payments to suppliers against supplies of energy meters have since been cleared as promised in parts (c) and (d) of the above referred question;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been ordered for the misappropriation of Central Government funding to the State Government of Manipur and Rural Electrification Corporation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Direction of CEA for universal meterisation

394. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have directed the various State Electricity Boards and Corporations to ensure universal meterisation by the year 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (KPTCL) have ignored the direction of CEA and have meterised the existing Irrigation Power sets by providing expensive electric meters which are not tamper-proof;

(d) whether there are several complaints from farmers all over Karnataka on procurement of electric meters instead of mechanical meters; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by the CEA in this regard to minimise the sale of electric meters?

Proposal to acquire stake on Enron by Government

395. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering acquiring Enron stake in the Dabhol Power Company as a last resort;

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

(c) whether Government intends to operate the project till a new buyer is found?

Pending proposal for setting up hydel power projects in Karnataka

396. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals from Karnataka for setting up hydel power projects are pending with Government of India for approval; and

(b) the details thereof and by when approval is likely to be accorded thereon?

Funds released to REC

397. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question No. 1901 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 2001 and state:

(a) the names of SSI manufacturers to whom an amount of Rs. 25.00 lakh has been released during July, 2001;

(b) whether 90 per cent of the sanctioned loan assistance of Rs. 5.16 crores has already been released by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) to the Government of Manipur on 31st March, 2001 for disbursement to SSI manufacturers of energy meters;

(c) if so, the reasons for withholding the balance payment by officers of REC and Government of Manipur;

(d) whether Government would fix responsibility and take action against erring officers responsible for misappropriation of Government funds; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Time table for power sector reforms

398. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the meeting of the Council of Trade and Industry held at New Delhi on September, 2001, Government had assured to work out a time table for power sector reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof and main objects of the reforms contemplated; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Power generation and consumption in Assam

399. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the details of power generation and consumption in Assam during each of the last three years?

World Bank comment on India's power sector reforms

400. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Check power theft, says World Bank" as reported in the Statesman dated the 13th October, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has

been interfering in our power sector reforms; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the World Bank?

Cost of electricity supply to farmers

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

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers pay about 10 per cent of the cost of electricity supplied; and

(b) if so, the power sector reforms proposed to be introduced to meet the loss?

Standardisation of project cost

402. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has suggested to standardize project costs across the country to avoid delay in project implementation; and

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter?

Cost of electricity supply to domestic consumer

403. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average domestic customer pay less than 60 per cent of the cost of electricity supplied; and

(b) if so, the power sector reforms proposed to be undertaken to meet the loss?

Clearance of pending power projects

404. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects both in Private and Public Sectors are pending for clearance;

(b) what is the total cost of these projects and the likely generation of power by these projects;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in clearing these projects;

(d) whether it is a fact that private projects are getting delayed for approval; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof?

Gauging States in order of the performance in implementing rural development schemes

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

(a) whether the States can be listed in the order of their performance in implementing rural development schemes;

(b) if so, the list of ten such States;

(c) whether there is any scheme of reward and punishment for the States in this regard;

(d) if not, the reason therefor; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action generally taken against non-performing States?

Meeting of State Ministers for tackling problems, of drinking water and sanitation

406. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had convened a meeting in the third week of October of all the State Ministers to deal with the problems of drinking water and sanitation;

(b) if yes, what are the other details of the meeting; and

(c) the outcome of the meeting?

Implementation of SGRY

407. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) announced by the Prime Minister on August 15, 2001 has been implemented;

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

(c) what are the details of the foodgrain allotted and financial assistance sanctioned and disbursed to the States which have started the implementation of the scheme, State-wise?

Priorority to rural development

408. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to give priority to rural development especially for the development of rural roads, water supply and housing problems during the current financial year;

(b) what are the details of the amount sanctioned under the Central schemes during the current financial year, item-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what is the actual disbursement of the fund against each item till date?

Review of rural roads scheme

409. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUK-KARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed the implementation of rural road schemes, phase one, by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the fund provided by the State Governments are utilised properly; and

(d) if so, the details of the roads constructed during the first phase, State-wise?

Labour days created in churu district under EAS

†410 DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of labour days created in Churu District under Employment Assurance Scheme and the village-wise number of persons provided with the wages to earn suppliment income?

New scheme for providing employment to rural poor

411. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a programme shortly for providing employment to the rural poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the programme is likely to be operational?

Annapurna Yojana vis-a-vis Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

412. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Annapurna Scheme was declared;

(b) the details of funds/foodgrains earmarked for 2000-2001 and 2001 till date;

(c) the number of persons benefited;

(d) the method for the identification of persons to be beneficiary;

(e) whether the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojna will be different from the above scheme; and

(f) if so, the salient features of the same?

Special National Human Resource Development Programme for rural water supply and sanitation

413. DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a National Human Resource Development Programme to build up human resource base of appropriately trained personnel to serve the needs of the rural water supply and sanitation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is current status of the programme particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Funds sanctioned to States under Rural Sanitation Programme

414. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned to the different states under Rural Sanitation Programmes during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of steps being taken by Government to implement the programmes and schemes effectively in the country?

Government subsidies for Construction of toilets in rural areas

415. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various subsidies provided by Government for the construction of toilets in rural areas, both in individual houses and public places and for other programmes in the sanitation sector, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to enhancing the subsidy given to the State Government for various development schemes especially in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Impact of earthquake upon rural populace of Gujarat

416. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the total loss of human lives, livestock, and properties in the rural areas of Gujarat caused by the January earthquake;

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

(c) whether reconstruction of dwelling units in the rural areas has since been completed;

(d) if not, what is the status thereof, district-wise; and

(e) what financial and other assistance was provided to the rural masses of the State who are victims of the earthquake?

All weather roads for Karnataka

417. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far released during 2001-2002 to Karnataka under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) how many unconnected habitations with a population of more than 500 persons in Karnataka have been connected with good all-weather road, District-wise; and

(c) how many unconnected habitations in Karnataka are proposed to be provided all weather roads during 2001-2002?

IAY houses for flood affected districts of Orissa

418. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned construction of one lakh additional houses under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in the flood affected districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, number of houses to be constructed in each district, district-wise;

(c) time by when construction of these houses is likely to be completed; and

(d) the manner in which these houses are to be allotted to flood affected people of Orissa?

Funds allocated to Rajasthan under NSAP

†419. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to the State of Rajasthan under National Social Assistance Programme during the year 2000-2001; and

(b) the details of the funds utilized under National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and National Maternity Benefit Scheme, respectively?

Funds released to North Eastern States for rural development programmes

420. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the total amount of funds released so far for different rural development programmes to the North Eastern States, State-wise;

(b) the measures taken for proper monitoring and supervising the works of each state; and

(c) how the programmes are implemented in the areas where there are no Panchayats like scheduled area in Manipur?

Labour days created under JGSY in Churu district of Rajasthan

†421. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Labour days created during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 in the Churu district of Rajasthan under Jawahar Gram Samraddhi Yojana; and

(b) the number of individuals employed and details of construction work undertaken Village-wise under the said Yojana?

Scheme for conserving water in villages

†422. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to formulate a scheme to conserve water in villages;

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

(c) whether Government propose to implement the said scheme in the State of Gujarat also; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons thereof?

Entrepreneurs provided assistance under SJGSY in Churu district

†423. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the small enterprises who had been provided with assistance in the Churu District under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana; and

(b) the details of the assistance?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Allocation to States under Rural Sanitation Programmes

424. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made to various States for implementing Central Rural Sanitation Programmes during last three years;

(b) the year-wise and State-wise details thereof;

(c) the specific Rural Sanitation Programmes launched in any States particularly in Orissa during those years; and

(d) the details of norms prescribed for allocation of fund under these programmes?

Funds provided under PMGSY for districts of UP

†425. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned for each district of Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) whether Government have fixed any time-limit for completion of roads together with sanctioning the funds for it;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the approval has been granted to the proposals for construction of roads; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Funds for water supply to villages in Gujarat

426. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds for water supply in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the amount allocated to Gujarat for the last three years;

(c) the number of villages covered till date; and

(d) the time by which the remaining villages will be covered?

Revival package for NTC

427. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved revival package for National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the number of mills to be revived; and

(c) the amount to be spent and by when the mills would be revived?

Incentives to the textiles sector to promote export

428. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided several incentives to the Textile Sector to promote exports during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof if not, the reason therefor; and

(c) the details of value of exports made by the country during this period?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Modernisation of processing units of Textile Sector

429. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new schemes are under consideration of Government to set up modern processing units in the Textile Sector in the country;

(b) whether any funds earmarked for infrastructure/development in existing textiles centres and for setting up integrated apparel and textile parks under new "Textile Package" announced under National Textile Policy, 2000; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith financial provision made therefor, location-wise/State-wise during 2000-2001?

Scheme for promotion of handicraft industry

†430. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effective scheme has been formulated by Government to promote handicraft industry in the different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the year-wise export of handicraft made during the last three years and foreign exchange earned by the country thereby?

Subsidiary corporation of NTC

431. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of subsidiary corporation of NTC and the total number

of mills under these corporations;

(b) how many of them *i.e.* corporations are profit making;

(c) the salient features of the rehabilitation package cleared by the Government in October last;

(d) the sourcing of funds for such rehabilitation package; and

(e) by when the implementation of the scheme is going to start?

Slow down in development and expansion of textiles

†432. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pace of development and expansion of textile industry in the country has slowed down due to lack of necessary encouragement;

(b) if so, the total quantum of cloth produced in the mill sector, powerloom sector and handloom sector during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the annual target of production in each sector was laid down for the above years in the country?

Handloom fairs/exhibition

433. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many handloom fairs/exhibitions were held during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) the details of places, State-wise;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon; and

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(d) the details of report submitted by officers deputed for inspection and to certify expenditure?

Modernisation of NTC mills in Maharashtra

434. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on modernisation of NTC mills in Maharashtra State, till date;

(b) the strategy planned to make the sick units viable there; and

(c) the policy of Government to protect the interest of workers in these units?

Effect of slow down in world economy on Textile Industry

435. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world economy has slowed down since September 11, 2001 and subsequently its impact was largely felt on our Textile Industry including Mill Sector, Handloom Sector and Powerloom Sector; if so, details thereof with reference to each of these sectors;

(b) whether any remedial steps have been initiated and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have called a high level meeting including representatives of Textile Sector and State Governments to discuss the crises in this vital sector affecting lakhs of workers and other dependent people throughout the country?

High Cost of indigenous cotton

436. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 80,000 crores Indian Textile Industry is under threat of losing its leading position in exports due to high costs of indigenous cotton in making its production such as yarn, fabrics and garments uncompetitive;

(b) whether import of cotton has been steadily increasing from 4.13 lakhs bale in the past to 22 lakhs bale this year and this is expected to cross 25 lakhs bales next year;

(c) the productivity has also gone down due to lack of modernisation of plants and equipments; and

(d) if so, what action is Government taking to prevent the decline of this industry?

Import of cotton

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

(a) whether it is a fact that India is a major importer of cotton in the world;

(b) if so, what is the annual import of cotton during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the crisis of the textiles industry is worsening due to import; and

(d) if so, what remedial measure the Government is planning to take in this regard?

Effect of global recession on Textile Sector

438. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether if Government is of the view that the global recession will not affect Indian textile sector;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that out of the Rs. 25,000 crore Textile

Upgradation Fund created by Government Rs. 8,000 crore have already been utilised in the last two years;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the mills sector needed large investment and necessary measures to assist the sector; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are considering to take to see that the global recession does not affect the textile sector?

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