### **RAJYA SABHA**

#### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the April 22, 2002/Vaisakha 2, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministries: Development of North-Eastern Region; Disinvestment; Health and Family Welfare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law, Justice and Company Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

#### Total number of questions—155

#### Withdrawal of Insurance cover

2924. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that insurance cover has been withdrawn by Insurance Companies in Barak-Valley (three districts Silchar, Karimganj, Harilakandi) Dhubri and Lakhipur revenue circle of Goalpara districts; and
- (b) if so, whether he would take up the matter with Finance Minister so that insurance cover for the above districts is restored immediately?

### Industrial development of Assam

2925. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy adopted to develop Assam in the Industrial field;
- (b) whether there is any new proposal to establish new industries in the State;
- (c) whether there is any concrete proposal to open new commercial routes and improve

the old ones with neighbouring countries of North-Eastern Region of the country; and

(d) the manner which Government propose to accelerate the mechanised cultivation in Assam to reduce the unemployment?

#### No taker for ITDC hotels

2926. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposed sale of ITDC hotels has no takers;
- (b) if so, whether it is a fact that ITDC has prepared a report on making the disinvestments attractive; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### Non-availability of buyers for PSUs

- 2927. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any Public Sector Companies set apart for disinvestment stand referred back due to non-availability of buyers;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and how many among them are making heavy losses;
- (c) whether any such companies are located in Kerala; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Plan for restructuring and disinvestment of sick PSUs

2928. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of sick public sector undertakings which are proposed to be privatised during the current year and the funds likely to be generated as a result thereof:
- (b) whether Government have formulated any plan to effectively restructure and disinvest the sick PSUs; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

# Redressal of grievances of employees of PSUs to be disinvested

2929. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has set-up any cell in regard to improving the communication with employees of PSUs which are on the verge of privatisation;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor:
- (d) the number of grievances of the employees and concerns of shareholders of the privatised PSUs that have come to the notice of the cell; and
- (e) the complete details of redressal of such grievances?

#### Disinvestment of MOIL

2930. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Manganese Ore India Limited (MOIL) is under the process of disinvestment:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Trade Union of MOIL has submitted any proposal to take over the PSU instead of disinvestment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of his Ministry in this regard?

### Formulation of Schemes for Family Welfare Programme

- †2931. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate schemes for Family Welfare Programme;
- (b) if so, the details of these schemes; and
- (c) the amount allocated for implementation of these schemes?

### Hot spots of HIV in the country

- 2932. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has identified districts in the country as hot spots of HIV;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts so identified;
  - (c) the action plan drawn to effectively

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

control HIV enlisting the co-operation of State Governments and NGOs; and

(d) the total financial assistance given to National AIDS Control Organisation for the last three years and work done by them?

# Joint projects with Russia on medical bio-technology

2933. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to take up joint projects with Russia in several areas of medical bio-technology;
  - (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) by when, the projects are likely to be taken up?

### Immunisation programme for Hepatitis

2934. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to launch nation-wide immunisation programme for prevention and eradication of Hepatitis for children in the age group 0-10 years;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Epidemic in Tamil Nadu**

2935. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cholera a number of cases have been reported concerning diarrhoea,

cholera, etc. which have taken the form of epidemic in Tamil Nadu during last year;

- (b) whether Government have taken note of such a sorry state of affairs;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the role played by his Ministry in assisting the States in controlling diarrhoea, cholera etc. in Tamil Nadu for the past five years?

# Regulation of medical termination of pregnancy

2936. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to regulate medical termination of pregnancy especially against illegal and unauthorized abortion; and
- (b) if so, the action taken to ban untrained persons from performing abortions especially in rural areas?

# Formulation of National Plan to control cancer

†2937. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any National Plan has been formulated by Government in order to control cancer:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent financial aid has been provided to different States under the same during the last two years, indicating the names of the States?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Implementation of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act. 2000

2938. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have not implemented the provisions of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 2000;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Supreme Court in its recent judgement has ordered registration of ultra-sound machine users throughout the country and confiscation of unlicensed clinics; and
- (d) if so, whether any directions have been issued by his Ministry in this regard alongwith monitoring of the Act?

## Withdrawal of CGHS facilities to KVS pensioners

2939. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that CGHS facilities extended to eligible pensioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan at par with other CGHS beneficiaries have been withdrawn recently; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for the withdrawal of the scheme for KVS pensioners?

#### Anti Cancer Drug Fulgrastim

#### 2940. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nicholas Piramal received favours from DCGI's

- office for their Anti-Cancer Drug Fulgrastim;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that DCGI office has leaked the information to press for misleading the facts;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Dr. Reddys laboratory was compelled to withdraw Anti-Cancer drug from the market; and
- (d) whether his Ministry is planning to investigate the matter?

# Investigation of corruption cases against DCGI and DG office

- 2941.SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to set-up a vigilance cell under direct supervision of CBI for investigation of various corruption cases of DCGI and DG office; and
  - (b) if so, the details thereof?

### Eradication of dreaded diseases

- 2942. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for eradication of dreaded diseases such as AIDS, Hepatitis A/B/C, Cancer, TB, Leprosy etc. spreading among the poor people of the country;
- (b) the details of total amount spent by Government on these diseases during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of achievements made in this regard?

### FDI in hospital industry

2943. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with regard to attracting foreign direct investment in hospital industry;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### AIIMS like hospital in Tamil Nadu

2944. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government announced two years back that an AIIMS like hospital in Tamil Nadu will be established at Madurai;
- (b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Purchase of drugs from unregistered firms by MSO

2945. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Drugs bought by Government under Scanner" which appeared in the Times of India, dated the 29th January, 2002, highlighting that spurious drugs valued at about Rs. 100 crores per year continue to be purchased by the Medical Stores Organisation through unregistered drug firms:
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to adopt more stringent, transparent and foolproof procedure to procure only genuine drugs for the national health system?

### Ban on anti-smoking drugs

#### 2946. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of multi-national companies have sought permission from Government for production of anti-smoking drugs in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the MNCs with the details of tests conducted on these drugs;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of persons have died in the United Kingdom recently after consuming antismoking drugs; and
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to ban these drugs and await trails from other advanced countries, and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Sophisticated medical facilities and equipments in district hospital, Deoria, U.P.

†2947. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to equip the District Hospital of Deoria, U.P. with sophisticated medical facilities and equipments;
- (b) if so, by when, it will be done and if not, the reasons therefor;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether adequate doctors and sufficient facilities and resources for the treatment of serious diseases are available in all the departments of Baba Raghava Das Medical College, Gorakhpur; and
- (d) if not, by when all these will be provided?

#### Monkey fever in Karnataka

2948. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of deaths/affected due to monkey fever in Karnataka State for the last three years, district-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Karnataka Government to prevent the disease;
- (c) whether Government propose to establish a Research Laboratory in Karnataka for effective prevention of monkey disease; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Vasectomy operations

- †2949. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Vasectomy operations are not being carried out as per target in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve this situation?

# Posting of Medical Superintendent in CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj

2950. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal under consideration to post officiating Medical Superintendent to the CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj, New Delhi;
- (b) if so, whether the three seniormost among the Chief Medical Officers (Ayurveda) have been overlooked and the fourth officer is being posted as Medical Superintendent;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not considering the senior-most Chief Medical Officer for the post of Medical Superintendent; and
- (d) the rules/procedure in this regard for selecting an officer for the post of Medical Superintendent?

# Setting-up of Cardiac Cath Lab in Safdarjung Hospital

- 2951. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether expenditure on settingup the Cardiac Cath Lab in Safdarjung Hospital can be justified, as a large part of which would have been saved by doing angioplasty and stenting;
- (b) the mortality rate of persons undergone by-pass surgery in this hospital during the last two years; and
- (c) the proportionate number of cardiac invasive procedures and Cardiac surgeries done in the AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital during the last two years?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Preventive measures to contain communicable diseases

2952. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate preventive measures are taken to contain communicable diseases in view of the report of pneumonic plague in a village in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of reported communicable disease, number of people affected, deaths due to it, number of hospitals, number of doctors and paramedical staff appointed in this area for the last three years, State-wise, category-wise; and
- (c) the details of research institutions working in this area, number of researchers, research fund granted, fund utilised, and research publications in national and international primary journals published by above researchers for last three years, Statewise, year-wise and category-wise?

# Proposal to conduct three-year medical course in Chhattisgarh

†2953. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal with regard to starting three-year medical course by the Government of Chhattisgarh has been received by Government and Central Medical Council;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether similar proposals with regard to reducing term of such medical courses or introduce new courses have been received from other States also; and
- (d) if so, the details of decisions taken in this regard?

### Quota for NRIs in approved Medical Colleges

2954. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of approved medical colleges in the country and seats available for NRIs;
- (b) whether NRI quota exceeds more than the prescribed quota almost every year in these colleges in the absence of inspections by the Medical Council of India; and
- (c) the action proposed against the Medical Council of India for dereliction of duty?

### Wastage of blood in hospitals

- †2955. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned, "Aspataalon main har saal barbaad ho jata hai ek lakh unit rakt", which appeared in the Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi, dated the 26th March, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any step to stop such wastage of blood in the hospitals; and
- (c) the new steps to be taken by Government to purchase necessary equipment for this purpose?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Involvement of officials in granting approval for new medical colleges

2956. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CBI has recently alleged that several high level officials in his Ministry and top medical practitioners are indulging in granting approval for opening medical and dental colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details thereof:
- (c) whether his Ministry had grossly flouted the recommendations of MCI while granting permission to open such medical and dental colleges in the country;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

# Hindi translation error in the Gazette

†2957. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that Hindi translation of 'any animal origin' and 'product of any animal origin' printed on page 4 and 5 respectively in English version with regard to Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, Rule 32 (a) section (b) published on 4th April, 2001 under GSR 245 (a) in Gazette of India part-2, section 3, sub-section (1) serial No. 166, has not been provided on page 2 and 3 in Hindi version;
- (b) if so, the reasons for these errors; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to remove these errors?

# Justice A.S. Qureshi Report on Charitable hospitals

2958. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the high-level Committee headed by Justice A.S. Qureshi to review the status of Charitable hospitals that were allotted land on commissioned rates in Delhi has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof including the names of the hospitals which violated the original purpose for which land was allotted to them; and
- (c) what action Government have taken thereon?

#### Utilisation of leprosy eradication staff for other contagious diseases in Kerala

- 2959. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government directed the State Governments to implement the 2nd Phase of Leprosy Eradication Programme;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State of Kerala has implemented the above project and the amount allocated by Government therefor;
- (d) whether the State of Kerala absorbed the excess staff meant for leprosy eradication to the state public health department as per the directives; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(e) whether Government propose to utilize the services of the staff for leprosy eradication for undertaking National Health Programmes for eradicating other contagious diseases?

#### AIDS awareness in Eastern States

2960. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Eastern States still low on AIDS awareness: report", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 16th January, 2002;
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

# Nexus between Government officials and drug companies

2961. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the nexus between Government officials and drug companies have worked to the detriment of the objectives of the Medical Stores Organisation (MSO); and
- (b) in what manner Government are going to tackle this problem so that consumers can get quality medicine?

# Awareness of HIV/AIDS and STD in rural areas

2962. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the level of awareness of HIV/AIDS and

STD in the rural areas;

- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, age-wise and sex-wise; and
- (c) whether Government feel that the awareness of HIV/AIDS at senior school level is essential?

#### Assistance to States for Food Testing Laboratories

2963. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether financial assistance is released to the States for strengthening Food Testing Laboratories;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial assistance released to Gujarat during the last three years and Laboratories those came up in the State, district-wise and year-wise?

### Use of generic names of medicines

2964. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any plan to implement use of generic names of medicines and whether use of generic names of medicines would be made mandatory for medical education;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of countries where use of generic names of medicines has been made compulsory?

### Mosquito menace in Delhi

2965. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that

mosquito menace has engulfed the entire NCT of Delhi;

- (b) whether it is a fact that mosquito has developed resistance to various insecticides and anti-malarial medicines; and
- (c) if so, what effective measures are contemplated to meet the situation?

# Central grants to Gujarat under NACP

2966. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central grants are being made available to Gujarat under National AIDS Control Programme so as to control hospital infection of the dreaded disease and also to create awareness in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether NGOs have also been involved in AIDS Control in the State; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revamping of AIIMS**

### 2967. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi is to be revamped;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal to this effect has already been finalized by Government; and
- (c) if so, the complete details thereof and to what extent the poor and middle class will be benefited from this proposal?

# CGHS website for the Central Government employees

### 2968. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Central Government Health Services (CGHS) is going ahead with a proposal to have its own website for the Central Government employees/pensioners;
- (b) if so, the salient features of this website; and
- (c) to what extent the Central Government beneficiaries are likely to be benefited from this website?

#### **Development of ISM**

### †2969. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any effective steps have been taken to explore the possibilities of development of Indian Systems of Medicines;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to provide the benefits of Indian Systems of Medicines to the general public?

# Training programmes in NSM by registered societies

- 2970. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that certain registered societies are running

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

training programmes in Naturopathy System of Medicine in the country and on qualifying such training programmes, a large number of Naturopathy Doctors and Institutions/ Organisations are functioning/practising in the country;

- (b) if so, the number of such registered institutions/organisations functioning for such treatment, State-wise;
- (c) how many are recognised by Government for treatment of Central Government employees out of such registered institutions; and
- (d) the conditions for recognition of a doctor/institution/organisation practising in Naturopathy under Indian System of Medicine?

#### TB cases in the country

- 2971. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India has the largest number of Tuberculosis cases in the world:
- (b) if so, the total number of people died due to Tuberculosis in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by his Ministry to reduce TB in the country?

# Deteriorating standard of medical colleges

- 2972. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that the standard of medical colleges in the country has been deteriorating day-by-day;

- (b) if so, whether to maintain the standard of medical colleges in the country Government have contemplated any steps in this regard;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds and other facilities provided to the medical colleges in the country during the last three years to maintain standard?

# Stringent laws to prevent sale of spurious drugs

- 2973. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is an urgent need for more stringent laws to prevent the sale of spurious and banned drugs in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to enact a legislation in this regard;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps Government propose to take to prevent the sale of spurious and banned drugs in the country?

### News-item "Parikshanon par pabandiyon se chikitsa project thande paden"

- 2974. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Parikshanon par pabandiyon se chikitsa project thande paden", which appeared in the Navbharat Times dated the 21st February, 2002; and
- (b) if so, the response of Government thereto and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

# Assistance to Assam Medical College and Hospital, Dibrugarh

2975. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry had received a letter from Assam Chief Minister for assistance to improve the functioning of the Assam Medical College and Hospital at Dibrugarh and to open a branch of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) there; and
- (b) if so, the decision taken by his Ministry?

### Meaning of taje-taja jal in Food Adulteration Rules, 1995

†2976. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that meaning of tajetaja jal used on page 2 and 3 or 'fresh water' printed on pages 4 and 5 in rule 32 (a) section (b) of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, published on 4th April, 2001 under GSR 245 (a) in Gazette of India, Part-2, Section 3, sub-section (1) Serial No. 166, is not clear anywhere in the whole notification;
- (b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Infection cases during operations

†2977. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of infection in patients during operations are

on the increase in the country;

- (b) if so, the reasons for the increase in such cases;
- (c) whether Government have issued guidelines to prevent such cases;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the names of such hospitals and nursing homes which have not followed these guidelines; and
- (f) the manner in which Government are trying to prevent such cases?

#### Sale of recycled hospital waste

2978. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hospitals/nursing homes in the country without proper incinerating facilities for the waste disposals, State-wise:
- (b) whether Government are aware that hospital wastes are recycled and sold again in the market posing serious health hazards; and
- (c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

### Sanitation in Delhi hospitals

2979. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the hospital authorities conduct physical verification from time to time about the cleanliness of latrines/bathrooms of hospitals in Delhi which are the source of infectious diseases; and
- (b) if so, the names of the hospitals which can claim proper maintenance of their latrines/bathrooms?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# News-item "Medical Council's new chief fights virus within"

2980. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Medical Council's new chief fights virus within", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 29th March, 2002;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have verified the statement of President of MCI to the effect that for every decision taken by him to remove corruption in the MCI, hurdles are created at each and every step by the members of Executive Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

### **UN AIDS Report on HIV**

2981. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the recent UN AIDS Report on HIV which have expressed that AIDS is growing at alarming rate in the country;
- (b) the number of HIV/AIDS patients detected during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the specific action taken regarding containing AIDS and to make India AIDS free country?

#### Amendment in MTP Act

2982. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical

Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act is being amended to avoid delay in MTP in rural areas;

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when the amendments are likely to be introduced?

### Leprosy cases in Bihar

2983. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to a Joint Survey conducted by Bihar Government and WHO, Bihar has the largest number of leprosy cases in India (16.25 per 10,000);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and how it compares with other States like UP, Orissa, MP, etc.;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken in this regard; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Steps to check reappearance of plague

2984. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that reappearance of plague in parts of Himachal Pradesh reflected a retrograde journey in the health-care sector, although the timely intervention of his Ministry was able to contain it; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the effective steps since taken by his Ministry to ensure that such a deadly disease does not resurface in the country?

#### Implementation of Revised National T.B. Control Programme in Andhra Pradesh

- 2985. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether some districts of Andhra Pradesh are in the list of project districts for implementation of Revised National T.B. Control Programme;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the cure rate of T.B. in these districts and by when these will become T.B. free districts?

## Free medical aid to school going students in Andhra Pradesh

- 2986. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to provide free medical aid and undertake distribution of Vitamin tablets particularly of Vitamin A to every student of Government schools in Andhra Pradesh:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Increase in budget for medical research

- 2987. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government budget for medical research in the country has been increased in the year 2002-2003; and
- (b) if so, the funds provided for medical research and increase in the budget as compared to last year?

### Inadequate health care in the country

- 2988. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the supply of health care in the country is grossly inadequate;
- (b) if so, whether the ratio of hospital beds per thousand people is an abysmal 1.5 as against the World Health Organisation standard of 3.2 beds:
- (c) whether in view of this Government are considering to give more role for private sector in boosting the facilities of health; and
- (d) if so, the concrete steps Government propose to take to provide adequate health care in the country?

# Popularizing the family planning programmes

- 2989. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether adding 20 million people a year to the population of the country is a great challenge to our family planning programmes;
- (b) whether the population growth is a vast issue needing immediate focus of Government; and
- (c) if so, the constructive steps being taken to popularize the programmes throughout the country in letter and spirit?

### News-item, "Safdarjung College's Top Post holds key to mystery"

- 2990. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether Government's attention has

been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Safdarjung College's Top Post holds key to mystery", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 18th November, 2001; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to rectify the same?

# Expenditure on health in Asian countries

2991. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita expenditure on health in Asian countries, country-wise:
- (b) the ratio of patient and doctor and patient and nurse in Government hospitals in the country, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of hospitals which have blood banks and HIV testing facilities, State-wise?

# Upgradation of CGHS units of ISM & H

2992. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by Government for upgradation of CGHS units of ISM & H in different States;
- (b) the details of such CGHS units of ISM & H in Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (c) whether Government propose to open such units in these States;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Spread of deadly diseases

†2993. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that deadly diseases are spreading due to consumption of polluted water in the country particularly in slums and rural areas; and
- (b) if so, the measures Government are taking to protect the life and property of the people and save them from such diseases?

#### **Demand for Ayurvedic Medicines**

†2994. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to work on a large scale in the country keeping in view the rising demand of Ayurvedic medicines in the World over:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government are also contemplating protection, conservation and making patents of the plants found in various parts which are suitable for medicines; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Development of male contraceptive**

- 2995. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the IIT, Delhi has developed a chemical based male contraceptive as an alternative to vasectomy;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) whether clinical trial of the new device has been carried out successfully; and
- (d) if so, by when the new contraceptive is likely to be released for universal application?

#### Increase in diabetes

- 2996. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Diabetes' number on the rise", which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 13th March, 2002;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the report with regard to alarmingly rising incidence of diabetes mellitus in almost all the major cities in the country?

### Use of expired medicines in pulse polio drive

- 2997. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that expired medicines were also used during the pulse polio drive;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that most of such cases were detected in U.P. and Rajasthan;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the CBI has registered cases of not providing the polio dose in Rajasthan, besides the scam of Rs. 40 lakhs; and

(e) if so, the details of action taken against the officials found guilty?

# Co-operation with Costa Rica in medicine

- †2998. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that India and Costa Rica have decided to co-operate in the field of medicine;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any action, so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

# Shortage of essential medicines in CGHS dispensaries and Government hospitals

- 2999. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of shortage of essential medicines in CGHS dispensaries and Government hospitals in Delhi:
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken to make available essential medicines in these hospitals?

#### Joint venture for PSUs

- 3000. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are proposing to enter into joint venture for a large number of PSUs and their subsidiaries;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry will then be left with inadequate work; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to bring all industry related Ministries under one Ministry?

#### **New Auto Policy**

- 3001. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Cabinet has approved the New Auto Policy;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy;
- (c) whether any incentives are going to be given to the \auto industry; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Non-payment of dues to employees by PSUs

- 3002. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of public sector undertakings which have not paid statutory dues to their employees, so far;
  - (b) the reasons for non-payment of dues;
- (c) by when these employees are likely to get their full dues; and
- (d) the number of employees affected as a result thereof, undertaking-wise?

#### Joint Venture for PSUs

- 3003. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are seeking to enter into joint venture for thirteen Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs);
- (b) if so, the details of the PSUs and their subsidiaries; and
- (c) the precautionary measures for the success of the joint venture?

### Retransfer of Praga Tools Ltd. to Ministry of Defence

- 3004. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the employees of Praga Tools Ltd., Hyderabad have not been getting their salaries for the last eight months:
- (b) whether Government have received any representations to retransfer Praga Tools Ltd. to the Ministry of Defence from his Ministry; and
- (c) if so, whether Government have taken any decision in the matter?

### Transfer of all PSUs under one Ministry

- 3005. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that oil sector PSUs are diversifying into other fields like IOC into power sector and GAIL into telecom;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, what will be the relevance of having administrative Ministry as at present;
- (c) whether it will not be proper to transfer all PSUs with diversified activities under the control of one Ministry; and
- (d) the Government's views in this regard?

# Sale of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Ltd.

- †3006. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that process for sale of units of the Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Ltd. situated in Muzzaffarpur and Mokama in Bihar has been initiated;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, it has been referred to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, New Delhi and the matter is pending there; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### VRS for PSU employees

- †3007. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are forcing the employees of PSUs to opt for VRS;
  - (b) if so, the details of such PSUs; and
- (c) the reasons for forcing the employees to opt for VRS?

### Removal of capitalisation norms for vehicles

- 3008. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to do away with the minimum capitalisation norm of US \$ 100 million for cars and US \$ 25 million for two and three wheelers:
- (b) if so, the reasons for removing the capitalisation norms; and
- (c) the measures Government are taking or the incentives that Government are giving or proposing to give to the vehicles operating with batteries or other nonconventional fuels?

# Steps to improve the working of loss making PSUs

- 3009. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps Government have taken during the last one year to make the loss incurring Public Sector Enterprises viable;
- (b) the number of PSEs which are still loss making; and
- (c) the action proposed to improve their working?

# Increase in Pahari Programmes from Srinagar and Jammu

- 3010. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Pahari Programmes from Srinagar as well as from

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Jammu Radio Stations are broadcast for half an hour daily;

- (b) whether on the pattern of Gojri Programme, its time may be increased from half an hour to one hour daily as per the demand of ten lakh Pahari-speaking population;
- (c) whether for collecting, projecting and broadcasting Pahari Programme from Srinagar and Jammu Radio Stations, Pahari knowing operators would be employed for extending justice to this popular language and its listeners; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Functioning of the Committee for Development of the Entertainment Sector

- 3011. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a Committee for development of the Entertainment Sector including films has been constituted under her Ministry;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of meetings of the Committee held, so far, and decisions arrived at with details thereof; and
- (d) whether these decisions will be implemented?

### Appointment criteria for News Readers and Correspondents in Doordarshan

†3012. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the eligibility criteria for the posts of Correspondent and News Reader of Doordarshan:
- (b) the emoluments and allowances paid to them;
- (c) whether they are appointed on permanent basis; and
- (d) if not, the period for which the first appointment is made alongwith the ground on which the same is renewed?

# Setting up of high power transmission stations in Orissa

- 3013. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that DD-2 is not being viewed in all parts of Orissa;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government are taking for setting up high power transmission stations in major areas of Orissa?

## Telecast of DD programmes in rural areas

- †3014. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that programmes aired by new channels of Government managed Doordarshan and Radio are available in metro cities only and are not available in rural areas:
- (b) if so, by when Government will make available all channels of Doordarshan to rural people;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the cable operators have made a pressure for accepting

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

their new rates and that Government have accepted their demands and the rates are likely to be doubled as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### New DD Kendras in Rajasthan

3015. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing Doordarshan Kendras in the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) whether Government propose to setup a few more Kendras in the State;
- (c) if so, the places where these Kendras are proposed to be set up; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Working of National Film Archives of India

- 3016. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have reviewed the working of National Film Archives of India;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NFAI is facing paucity of space and infrastructure for storage of films;
  - (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to provide adequate storage facility for new acquisition of NFAI?

### Winding up of Publications Division

3017. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to wind up the Publications Division:
- (b) if so, what would be the fate of the huge stocks of books available;
- (c) what will be the position of printing of Presidents' and PMs' speeches in volumes; and
- (d) what will happen to the contracts already entered into with the authors?

### Ban on pornographic films

- †3018. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that pornographic films are being shown in various parts of the country and the students have started agitations to ban these shows;
- (b) if so, whether Government are taking any measures to ban such film shows and the action proposed to be taken against the guilty; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Abolition of posts in the Ministry of I&B

†3019. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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

- (a) whether Government have decided to abolish 1334 posts in various departments of her Ministry on the recommendation of the Expenditure Reforms Commission;
  - (b) if not, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Government have also identified the posts for abolition;

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (d) if so, the categories and the number of these posts; and
- (e) what will be the total annual financial saving by abolition of these posts?

### **Entertaining programmes on DD**

#### †3020. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of entertaining programmes are telecast on Doordarshan;
- (b) if so, the average number of such programmes telecast on Doordarshan during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the number, out of those programmes, which were produced by employees/artists in Government studios; and
- (d) the number of those programmes which were got produced by outside agencies, togetherwith the payments made therefor?

### Recommendations of Geetakrishnan Committee

- 3021. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of employees identified by the Geetakrishnan Committee from surplus pool in her Ministry, categorywise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Committee has also recommended for closure of Films Division, Directorate of Field Publicity,

- Songs and Drama Division, Publications and Photo Division etc.;
- (c) if so, the reasons for such a recommendation; and
  - (d) its impact on the Ministry?

#### Upgradation of DD Kendra at Jammu

- 3022. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan Kendra at Jammu has been upgraded from PGF to a full-fledged centre;
- (b) if so, whether staff required to run such full-fledged Television Centre has been deployed after creating the posts; and
- (c) whether her Ministry and the Prasar Bharati have taken into consideration the media requirements including cultural and linguistic diversities of the people in Jammu Division where Dogri, Pahari, Gojri, Punjabi and Bhadarwahi speaking population form a multi-lingual and multicultural audience of audio visual media?

#### Sale of duplicate CDs, cassettes, etc.

- †3023. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that duplicate CDs, cassettes and other such items are available in abundance in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the said articles have also been seized in Delhi during the last six months;
- (c) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete step to check the same; and

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

### Formulating special plan for entertainment

- †3024. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that even after fifty years of country's Independence, there are 75 crore people who are watching only DD-1 channel:
- (b) if so, whether Government would consider formulating special plan for the entertainment of such people;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Telecast of awareness programmes on dreaded diseases

- 3025. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the programmes telecast on television by her Ministry to spread awareness among the masses in preventing and controlling dreaded diseases like cancer, AIDS etc, for the past three years;
- (b) whether her Ministry is monitoring such telecasts to know whether masses are benefited from such telecasts or not; and
- (c) if not, whether her Ministry will consider taking up innovating ways to spread awareness through the national channel?

### Ceiling on charges by TV channels

- 3026. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether advertisement has been the main revenue earner for the T.V. channels:
- (b) the reasons for shifting of burden to subscribers who are subjected to frequent hikes:
- (c) whether Government propose to protect the common man by imposing a ceiling on charges demanded by the T.V. Channels; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Advisory Committee on Advertisement**

- 3027. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the details and functions of Advisory Committee for advertisement and the expenditure incurred on it; and
- (b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve its working and output?

# Proposal for telecasting of scientific programmes for children

- 3028. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to telecast scientific programmes for children on DD Metro and Doordarshan National Channel from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.;
- (b) if so, the action being taken by Government for telecasting these programmes; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### Family courts

- †3029. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up family courts in the country;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
  - (c) the salient features of such courts;
- (d) whether the said courts will be bound to dispose of the cases in a stipulated timeframe; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Ratio of Judges

- 3030. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Law Commission in its 127th Report in 1988 had recommended that the ratio of judges per million population should be increased to atleast 50 judges per million in the following five years;
- (b) the ratio of judges per million at present;
- (c) whether the shortage of judges is the cause of huge arrears of cases in courts; and
- (d) the steps being taken to appoint more judges so that arrears could be cleared?

# Funds for free legal assistance to poor in Gujarat

- 3031. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the amount allocated by Government to provide free legal assistance to poor

- persons during the last one year in Gujarat;
- (b) whether Gujarat Government has utilised the said amount; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### Success of family courts

- 3032. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have assessed the success of family courts in terms of number of cases disposed of in the last three years;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the family courts are inadequate in number in some States; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken to open more family courts in those States?

# Amendments in Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996

- 3033. SHRI C.P. THIRUNA-VUKKARASU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to enact amendment in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 to make it more effective and relevant in the current context;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Arbitration has made suggestions in this regard;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) the reaction of Government thereto?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Departmental enquiry in sub-judice matters

- †3034. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that if any matter is sub-judice in the High Court, the departmental enquiry cannot be initiated on the same:
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the mechanism to check violation of the concerned rules/guidelines?

#### **Electronic Identity Cards**

- 3035. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have now decided to issue Electronic Identity Cards for voters;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) how it will be ensured that these cards are issued to all the voters;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the issuance of present Identity Cards has not been completed and now it is stopped;
- (e) the amount Government have spent for issue of Identity Cards so far; and
  - (f) the budget for new electronic Cards?

## Annual vacation and working days in courts

3036. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of working days in the Supreme Court, High Courts and Subordinate Courts in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the High Courts and the State Governments to re-examine annual vacation and working days in the High Courts and Subordinate Courts;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the Chief Justice of India rejected the proposal of Government for reviewing the working days of the Supreme Court; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

### Setting-up of permanent Benches of Supreme Court

3037. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several Bar Associations, other bodies and Members of Parliament have requested Government to provide equal opportunities to all in operation of our legal system and set-up permanent Benches of Supreme Court in Southern, Western and North-Easthern Parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction; and
- (c) the reasons for not setting up Benches of Supreme Court outside Delhi in the interest of litigants and to provide them cheap justice?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

# Economic embezzlement by registered companies

### †3038. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cases of economic embezzlement in a number of registered companies in the country have come to light during March, 1998 to March, 2002:
  - (b) if so, the names of these companies;
- (c) the embezzled amount for which allegations have been levelled against them; and
- (d) the agency by whom investigation has been made in respect of each company?

#### Increase in registered companies

### †3039. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of registered companies have increased constantly during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the total number of companies registered in the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and
- (c) the names of ten States where maximum number of companies got registered during said years and annual turnover by these registered companies in each State?

### **International Criminal Court**

- 3040. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether an International Criminal Court (ICC) is finally taking shape half a century after the UN called for its creation;
- (b) if so, whether India has ratified the treaty;
- (c) if not, the steps taken in that direction; and
- (d) the precise jurisdiction of the contemplated Court and its constitution?

# Advisory Committee for reviewing the Companies Act, 1956

- 3041. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Companies Act, 1956 with over 560 sections has become archaic and redundant in the present day context;
- (b) whether the Department of Company Affairs has set-up an Advisory Committee for reviewing the Act to make it user-friendly and practical; and
- (c) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report and if so, the details thereof?

### Filing of returns by MNCs

- 3042. SHRI K.B . KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Department of Company Affairs has decided against exempting

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MNCs from filling returns on their overseas subsidiaries;

- (b) whether this move is prompted by reports that MNCs are suspected to be parking/siphoning illegal funds abroad to avoid tax; and
- (c) whether the MNCs have opposed Government's move and if so, the reasons advanced by them towards continuing the exemption?

### Pending matrimonial cases in various courts

3043. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of long-pending matrimonial cases in various courts;
- (b) if so, whether any proposal to set-up a family court in every district in the country is under consideration;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Role of ports in foreign trade

3044. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 80 percent of country's foreign trade is trans-shipped at ports outside the country;
  - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the loss for Indian economy as a result thereof; and
- (d) whether Government have any plans to rectify this situation?

### Opening of IWAI office at Bhubaneswar

- 3045. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Inland Water Authority of India (IWAI) has got no office in the Eastern region;
- (b) if so, whether Government are considering to open an office at Bhubaneswar; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Increase in container traffic at NMPT

3046. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a significant increase in container traffic at the New Mangalore Port Trust;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to encourage container traffic at other ports also?

# Proposal to bring all ports under one regulator

3047. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to bring all ports under one regulator;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Dalit Intellectuals Conference held at Bhopal

3048. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item relating to the resolutions adopted and conclusions reached at the recent Dalit Intellectuals Conference held at Bhopal, which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 16th January, 2002; and
- (b) if so, the decisions taken by Government in the light thereof to meet out justice to those sections which are still deprived in tune with the spirit of the Constitution of India?

# Sexual exploitation of dalit women in Telengana

- †3049. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the dalit women in the villages of Telengana are still being sexually exploited on the pretext of old customs;
- (b) whether Government have made any efforts to enforce the laws to stop this evil practice;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, whether Government would issue strict directions to the State Governments in this regard?

# Corruption in National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped

3050. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "A premier institute now handicapped", which appeared in the Pioneer, New Delhi, dated the 21st March, 2002;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the outcome of the probe conducted in the matter in June, 2001; and
- (d) the fresh steps taken to get rid of the corrupt practices in the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped?

#### Social Welfare Schemes in J&K

- 3051. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state.
- (a) the number of Social Welfare Schemes in operation in Jammu and Kashmir, District-wise and since when:
- (b) whether there is any proposal for enhancing the number of Social Welfare Centres in sensitive and militancy ridden Rajouri and Poonch border Districts which have devastated and destroyed infrastructure; and
  - (c) if so, the details thereof?

# National programme for rehabilitation of weaker sections of society

- 3052. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether any National programme has been launched in various States/districts for the rehabilitation of weaker sections of society;
  - (b) if so, the details of such programme;

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- (c) the names of districts identified for the purpose in Jharkhand;
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated to these districts, so far; and
  - (e) the results achieved in these districts?

#### Recommendations of NMC

- 3053. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the important recommendations made by the National Minorities Commission during the last three years and the current year; and
  - (b) the action so far taken thereon?

#### Assets of NMFDC, NBCFDC, etc.

- 3054. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the assets/corpus/capital of the National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and the SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation;
- (b) the work done by the NMFDC, so far, minority community-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken to accelerate the work of NMFDC?

### Extension of Childline Service to more cities

- 3055. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
  - (a) whether Government have decided

- to extend the Childline Service to more cities and towns;
- (b) the number of cities where this facility is available:
- (c) whether Government have any proposal to give more publicity to this facility so that more and more people can avail of this facility; and
  - (d) if so, the details in this regard?

### Adarsh Vidyalayas and Girls Education complexes in M.P. and Chhattisgarh

- †3056. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to bring specific institutions (Adarsh Vidyalayas and Girls Education complexes) being operated by Tribal Welfare Department in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh under new autonomous bodies to be created for the purpose;
- (b) if so, since when the matter is under consideration:
  - (c) the action taken in this regard; and
- (d) the details of progress made and the targets achieved in this regard?

### Formation of Bodo Territorial Council Area

- 3057. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the decision taken by Government in regard to the formation of Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) Area; and
- (b) the safeguards which are proposed in BTC Areas with respect to the political, socio-economic, cultural, land and language rights of Non-Bodos?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### Measures taken under the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998

3058. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether following the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998, a number of positive policy measures have been initiated on the financial, fiscal and legislative fronts;
- (b) if so, whether these are not adequate to fulfil the Budget 2000-2001 vision target of "Housing for All" to be realised by the year 2010;
- (c) if so, the main reasons for not taking adequate steps in this regard; and
- (d) the latest position about these projects?

# Mobilisation of resources for projects under IDSMT Scheme

- 3059. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether out of the total 3870 projects approved under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme during the decade 1992—2001, only 812 projects were completed;
- (b) whether to make the scheme selfsustaining, Government had envisaged State Urban/Municipal development funds and revolving funds;
- (c) if so, whether these resources were mobilised and if so, to what extent;
- (d) whether Government failed to raise institutional finance for the project and also in enlisting private participation in the scheme; and

(e) to what extent urban migration has been arrested during the last decade?

### New Master Plan for NCT of Delhi

3060. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a New Master Plan for National Capital Territory of Delhi;
- (b) whether the Lt. Governor of Delhi has recently announced the broad parameters to be used for the New Master Plan; and
- (c) if so, the broad features of the proposed Master Plan and to what extent it will benefit the residents of NCT of Delhi?

#### Access to Dwarka Sub-city from NH-8

- 3061. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have finalised a project for providing an access to the Dwarka Sub-city from National Highway No. 8;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the length of the approach road, its estimated cost and the time of its commencement and completion; and
- (c) whether the project has received clearances from Government, Defence Ministry and civic authorities?

# Government accommodation to employees

- 3062. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of Government employees having 15 years' service or more who have not been allotted Government accommodation, so far;
- (b) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that all these persons are allotted Government accommodation in the near future; and
- (c) the priority date for allotment of Type-II and Type-III accommodation as on 1st March, 2002 in General Pool and Ladies Pool, separately?

# Joint campaign by DDA and MCD against encroachments

- †3063. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the reasons for tough and violent resistance by the people against the joint campaign initiated by DDA and Delhi Municipal Corporation to remove encroachments and illegal constructions in the Capital recently;
- (b) whether any discrimination is being done in the campaign ignoring the feelings of common man;
- (c) whether administration had given prior information to the concerned persons/ establishments after notifying the places/ areas of illegal constructions and encroachments; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

# Display of phone numbers at CPWD Enquiry Offices

- 3064. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per rules the office/ residential phone numbers of senior Engineers should be displayed at all the CPWD Enquiry Offices/Service Centres in Delhi/New Delhi;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether he is aware that at many Enquiry Offices/Service Centres of CPWD these numbers have not been displayed and complaints to this effect were received by the CPWD authorities concerned from various Government colonies during 1st January, 2002 and 28th February, 2002; and
- (d) the action taken against the officials found guilty?

# Submission of report on complaints of residents of Vasant Vihar

- 3065. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Superintending Engineer (E), Delhi Central Electrical Circle VII, CPWD, East Block, R.K. Puram, New Delhi wrote to Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No. V, CPWD, on 1st December, 2001 and 31st January, 2002 in respect of various written and verbal complaints of the residents of Vasant Vihar with the directions to submit detailed report on each of the complaints;
- (b) if so, the date of each of such communications issued and date of receipt of report by the officer concerned; and

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(c) the action taken against the officials found guilty?

#### Modernization of Government Press at Shimla

†3066. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has forwarded a plan for modernization of Government Press at Shimla, Himachal Pradesh to the Ministry of Finance for its approval and for providing funds; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

# Conversion of cinema houses into multiplexes in Delhi

3067. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many cinema houses are being closed in the capital city of Delhi;
- (b) whether permission has been granted to convert cinema houses into multiplexes;
- (c) if so, the names of cinema houses allowed to close down and convert them for other commercial activity; and
- (d) the reasons for granting permission for the closure of cinema houses and their conversion to commercial use despite the fact that the places have been specifically earmarked for the specific purpose of cinema houses?

### Corruption in DDA

3068. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the DDA Vice-Chairman in an interview to the Hindustan Times on 9th February, 2002 admitted that the DDA dominated by its own monopoly was plagued by corruption;
- (b) if so, the details of the corrupt practices and the action taken during the last two years in this regard, items-wise;
- (c) the nature of complaints received among the Group Housing Societies of illegal construction alongwith the action initiated against erring persons with the time frame by which it would be completed; and
- (d) the preventive and curative steps contemplated?

### **Development of towns under IDSMT**

3069. SHRI C.O.POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the towns considered for development under the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme in the country, State-wise; and
- (b) the details of the amount so far, released to each of the cities, State-wise?

### Encroachment on Government land in Delhi

†3070. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that encroachment

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on Government land in Delhi is still going on:

- (b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the encroachers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Unemployed persons in small and medium towns

†3071. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have ascertained the number of unemployed persons in small and medium towns;
- (b) if so, the number of small and medium towns in each State of the country; and
- (c) the percentage of unemployed persons assessed in these towns in each State?

### Possession of DDA flats

†3072. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in spite of completion of the construction of thousands of residential dwellings by DDA, allottees have not taken possessions thereof;
- (b) if so, the total number of such dwellings till March, 2001; and
  - (c) the total amount spent for the

construction thereof and the reasons for not taking possession of these dwellings by the allottees?

# Population residing in small and medium towns

†3073. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in the country are living in small and medium towns;
- (b) if so, the total number of small and medium towns and the total number of people residing in these towns;
- (c) whether any target has been fixed to generate new employment opportunities in these towns; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof?

# Water charges fixed by DDA in Dwarka

3074. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the per month per dwelling unit water charges fixed by DDA in different areas of Delhi;
- (b) whether DDA has fixed water charges @ Rs. 200 per month from owners of Group Housing Society Flats in Dwarka from back date without considering their date of possession or date of individual connections;
- (c) the criteria for fixing water charges and the date from which these have been charged;

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- (d) the reasons for fixing such exorbitant flat rates instead of meter reading basis; and
- (e) whether water charges would be rationalised?

### Steps to reduce migration to Delhi

- 3075. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that three lakh migrants come to Delhi in search of better employment opportunities;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the said phenomena not only add to the burden on the city's infrastructure but add to the congestion; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to reduce the migration?

### Slums in metro cities

- 3076. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of slums in four metro cities, namely, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai:
- (b) the number of slum dwellers, metro city-wise;
- (c) whether the slum dwellers have access to drinking water, sanitation, drainage, electricity and schools; and
- (d) the proposals and schemes of Government to improve the living conditions of slum dwellers?

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# Appraisal study for restructuring of IDSMT Scheme

- 3077. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have conducted any appraisal study for restructuring the Integrated Development for Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) Scheme;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has acknowledged that the scheme has not fulfilled the objectives for which it had been launched; and
- (d) if so, whether Government have plans to shelve the scheme and re-launch a new scheme in its place?

### MRTS in the country

- 3078. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of passengers transported per day through the Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) in the country;
- (b) the cities where the MRTS is planned to start in the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the present status of the project in Delhi Metro System in respect of costoverrun and time-overrun; and
- (d) the probable employment generation by this system?

R.C. TRIPATHI, Secretary-General.

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