

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
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(Ministries : Agriculture; Chemicals and Fertilizers; Environment and Forests;
Food Processing Industries; Human Resource Development; Ocean
Development; Railways; Science and Technology; Steel;
Youth Affairs and Sports)

Total number of questions—155

Infrastructure for Agriculture Research and Education in U.P.

†3163. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of the basic infrastructure
provided to Uttar Pradesh for agriculture
research and education;

(b) whether the basic infrastructure
provided to the State is sufficient; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to step
up the same?

Improving quality of groundnuts

3164. SHRI PARMESHWAR
KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the
Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India
produces the maximum amount of
groundnuts in the world;

(b) if so, whether, inspite of this, India's
exports of groundnuts are negligible; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to
improve the quality of groundnuts in the
country?

Infrastructure for Agriculture Research and Education in Gujarat

3165. PROF. ALKA BALRAM
KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of
AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what infrastructure has been
provided to Gujarat for agriculture research
and education;

(b) whether this infrastructure in that
State is inadequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to
augment the existing infrastructure to raise
it up to the desired level?

Suicides by farmers

3166. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers who
have committed suicides in different parts
of the country during 1999-2000 to 2002-
2003 June end, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the total amount of compensation
paid to the families of these unfortunate
farmers, year-wise and State-wise;

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(c) whether Government are aware of the main reasons for the incidences of suicide;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government are taking to avoid such incidents in future?

Assistance to U.P. for agricultural projects

†3167. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance given by the Central Government to Uttar Pradesh during the last two years for the development and upgradation of agricultural projects;

(b) whether the amount given by the Central Government for this purpose has been utilised completely by the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Financial allocation to ICAR

3168. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to reduce financial allocations for the ICAR;

(b) whether it is a fact that the ICAR has not been able to contribute in a proportionate manner to farmers and others for the huge investments being made on an annual basis in it;

(c) what steps will be taken to verify the inactive and non-contributory wings or institutes under the ICAR;

(d) whether any study has been done in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Drought relief to States

3169. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have released 6.34 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for July, 2003 to drought affected areas;

(b) if so, the details of allocation made, State-wise;

(c) whether drought situation in certain States, including Andhra Pradesh, has improved whereas some States, like Karnataka are still experiencing deficit rainfall;

(d) whether notwithstanding this realisation, higher allocation of foodgrains has been made to States where there is mitigation of drought, in comparison with the States still starving for rain water; and

(e) if so, the reasons for this disparity/discrimination in natural crisis?

Amendments in Agricultural Products and Marketing Act

3170. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a legislation for a change in the existing age old Agricultural Products and Marketing Act;

(b) whether the existing laws have immensely benefited the middle-men rather than farmers for which it was actually framed;

(c) if so, what are the main provisions of the Act that are being changed; and

(d) to what extent, these changes will help farmers rather than middle-men?

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**Rationale for increasing
the MSP**

3171. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to fix
a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for
paddy during 2003-04 at Rs. 550/- and Rs.
580/- for two grades;

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind
Government's enhancing the MSP for
paddy, wheat and sugarcane every year
considering that FCI is holding huge unsold
stocks of these commodities in its
warehouses;

(c) whether a component of Special
Drought Relief of Rs. 20/- per quintal is
included in the MSP for 2003-04 as in the
earlier years; and

(d) who is the beneficiary of this Special
Drought Relief Fund — the farmer or
Government, as with good monsoons no
more drought conditions prevail in the
country?

**Production of potato
and onion**

3172. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any
evaluation of the production of potato and
onion in the country during the last three
years;

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

(c) the steps taken to increase the
production of potato and onion; and

(d) the target set thereon for 2003-04?

**Potential of Jharkhand for cultivation
of medicinal plants/energy
plantations**

3173. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will
the Minister of AGRICULTURE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the potentials of Jharkhand
for cultivation of medicinal plants and
energy plantations like Ethanol have been
examined;

(b) if so, the details of the findings
thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Drought relief measures in Andhra
Pradesh**

3174. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA
RAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central team which recently
toured Andhra Pradesh, identified actual
areas, Districts and Mandals affected by
drought;

(b) if so, the full details of the areas,
Districts and Mandals identified under
drought;

(c) whether any action has been taken
by Government with regards to relief
measures in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, details of various relief
measures taken, so far, by Central and State
Governments in Andhra Pradesh to
mitigate the sufferings of the affected
people and livestock, District-wise and
Mandal-wise?

Prices of agricultural commodities

3175. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of agriculture commodities are declining rapidly during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

Milk and vegetable booth at BKS Marg

3176. SHRI BALKAVI BAI RAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no DMS stall or Mother Dairy milk and vegetable booth at Baba Khadag Singh Marg, New Delhi, near Gole Dakhana and as a result thereof the residents of these areas and of adjoining areas such as Mahadev Road and Pant Marg are facing difficulties for years in making purchases of articles of daily use; and

(b) if so, by when a milk and a vegetable booth will be opened in the area?

Scheme for Assam

3177. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch any scheme for the farmers of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the necessary steps taken by Government in this respect?

Self-sufficiency for foodgrains and oil-seeds

3178. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to achieve self-sufficiency target of foodgrains and oilseeds in view of excess rainfall during current monsoon season and cheap loans to farmers?

Terminal markets by NDDB

3179. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in its report on horticulture marketing in the country, has suggested for setting up of four terminal markets in the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details of other major suggestions received and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several State Governments have recently approached the NDDB to help them set up horticulture auction markets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

Selection of farmers under NAIS

†3180. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the farmers who were benefited under agriculture insurance scheme all over the country during the current financial year and the number of farmers proposed to be provided with

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benefits thereunder in the coming financial years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of bases on which the selection of farmers has been made/will be made?

Increasing sugarcane production

†3181. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that keeping in view the increasing consumption of sugar in the country, if the production of sugarcane is not enhanced by 2007, a situation of import of sugar may arise;

(b) whether there is little possibility of increasing the production of sugarcane in near future owing to the scarcity of water all over the country;

(c) if so, whether Government would pay attention towards developmental schemes for sugarcane and increasing the production of sugar and also towards providing water for irrigation purposes; and

(d) if so, by when?

Production cost of agricultural products

†3182. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN

SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production cost of the agricultural products will have to be reduced for making improvement in the agricultural sector in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in the matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the production cost of the agricultural products can be reduced by increasing the production rate and enlarging the area of irrigated land; and

(d) if so, the production rate with regard to the irrigated land as well as the non-irrigated land in the country together with its impact on the production cost?

MSP of crops

3183. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of some crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal to enhance the MSP of oilseeds and pulses was under the consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement that proposal?

Promotion of teachers of SAUs

3184. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for promotion of teachers of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Central Agricultural Universities (CAUs), State Veterinary Universities and ICAR institutions is implemented from 27th July, 1998;

(b) if so, the names of the institutions implementing the scheme;

(c) the details of SAUs granting Non-Practicing allowance to teachers/scientists

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with basic veterinary degree showing percentage of basic pay granted as NPA;

(d) whether ICAR is contemplating to initiate action against defaulting SAUs for not implementing the UGC pay package *in toto*; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, with action taken, institute-wise?

Tests by NARI for crops in Rajasthan

3185. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of field tests conducted by various National Agricultural Research Institutes for trying different crops including new or different cash crops in the arid and desert regions of Rajasthan;

(b) what are the new or alternate crops that can be introduced in the State in the near future; and

(c) whether these crops will yield high productivity inspite of the drought like conditions of the State?

Package for farmers

†3186. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced a new package for the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount to be provided under the package; and

(d) the period of the package?

Opening dairy in Maharashtra

†3187. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open dairy in Maharashtra during the financial year 2003-2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the financial allocations made, so far, in this regard; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be implemented?

Decline in calorie intake consumption of foodgrains

3188. SHRI SK Khabir Uddin Ahmed: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in absolute term, the per capita availability of foodgrains in 2002-03 is lower than during the years of the second World War which saw the Savage Bengal Famine;

(b) whether Government are aware that this resulted in a sharp decline in the average total calories intake both in Urban and Rural India; and

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

Agricultural research

†3189. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country has the largest agriculture research infrastructure in the world, where research work is being undertaken;

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(b) if so, the number of scientists, research fellows and their assistants, administrative officials and other employees working under it as on March, 2003; and

(c) year-wise varieties of wheat, rice, sugarcane, oil seeds, pulses and cotton discovered by them during the last three years alongwith the estimates regarding the production cost and the production rate of these new varieties and how it compares with the current production cost and production rates?

Increasing area for agricultural land

†3190. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented any scheme for increasing the area for agricultural land in the country;

(b) the area of additional agricultural land included in the agricultural land of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the total agricultural land available in the country after Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the target in terms of area for providing additional agricultural land during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Central Stock Scheme by NFL

3191. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Stock Scheme extended by the National Fertilizers Limited to its dealers; and

(b) the rate of commission provided to

various dealers for each ton under this scheme?

Operationalisation of DPCO

3192. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has refused to permit the Central Government to operationalise the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) issued under the pharmaceutical policy 2002;

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

(c) whether the Court has also directed Government to take some corrective steps in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the follow-up action taken thereto so that the D.P.C.O. could be put into effect immediately?

Special subsidy package

3193. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have plans to offer further special subsidy on the purchase of Fertilizers for farmers considering that most of the Fertilizer firms are looking at Disinvestment;

(b) if so, what would be the special subsidy package on fertilizers for the year 2003-04; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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Release of document on Union Carbide

3194. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the Union Carbide case of 1984 which has killed at least 8,000 and crippled more than 20,000 till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently a document has been released claiming that 'unproven technology' had been used by Union Carbide which led to leakage of poisonous gas;

(c) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(d) steps taken by Government to end the case earlier?

Assam Gas Cracker Project

3195. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) details of developments made, in chronological order, on Assam Gas Cracker Project from the time of conceptualization, laying of foundation stone, year-wise progress, present status and target fixed;

(b) details of original commitments made by oil companies, basis of availability of gas resources, details of deviations made by oil companies on their commitments, solution found out, likely time of arriving at a final decision on this issue; and

(c) list of public commitments made by Prime Minister and Petroleum Minister from time to time on this issue till date?

Compensation fund for Bhopal Gas

3196. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons succumbed to death following Bhopal Gas Disaster on 2nd/3rd December, 1984;

(b) the number of persons who have, so far, received compensation for injuries;

(c) whether it is a fact that a surplus over Rs. 1500 crores is still left in the compensation fund; and

(d) if so, by when the same will be paid to the Bhopal Gas victims?

Compensation to Bhopal Gas Tragedy victims

†3197. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that even after the lapse of twenty years, the victims of Bhopal Gas Tragedy have not got the proper compensation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these victims are likely to get proper compensation?

Indian pharmaceuticals in US watch list

3198. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacture and distribution of spurious drugs is increasing at an alarming pace and already account for over one-fourth of the pharma business;

(b) whether consequent to the African and Latin American countries' complaints,

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the US Government has put India under special 301 watch which would have serious implication on the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to remedy the situation?

Railway lines running through protected wildlife sanctuaries

3199. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some railway lines run through protected wildlife sanctuaries and that some animals have died while crossing them;

(b) if so, the number of such accidents and the number of casualties in the last three years;

(c) whether Government have discussed the issue with the Railway Ministry to avoid the use of such railway lines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, how Government would ensure that animals can safely cross railway lines without any danger?

Approval for production of BT crop

†3200. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any policy decision with regard to accord approval for production of B.T. crop in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons and basis of taking such a decision;

(c) names of B.T. crops which have been granted approval for their production in the country; and

(d) names of institutions which have been granted approval for production of such crops?

Import of Genetically Modified food

3201. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow imports of Genetically Modified (GM) food on a case-by-case basis;

(b) if so, whether top nutrition experts have expressed fears that there are no systems as of now to adequately assess the risk or ever to detect unapproved genetic modifications as reported in the media;

(c) whether Government have adopted any cautious approach in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

National Environmental Awards

3202. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Environmental Award entitled Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar for the years 1998 and 1999 were conferred in June 2003 only, and the names of awardees for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002, are still to be decided; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this inordinate delay in finalizing the names and what steps are being taken to see that

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Awards for the preceding years are conferred immediately in the following years?

(f) if not, how does Government support its opinion?

Environmental pollution

3203. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that environmental pollution is one of the greatest health and life hazards of today;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that problem assumes different forms of air pollution, water pollution, food pollution and noise pollution; and

(c) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

Radio collar for Royal Bengal Tigers

3204. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to radio collar the Royal Bengal Tigers in Sunderbans in order to trackdown their movement and behaviour and has also sanctioned Rs. 25 lakh for the purpose;

(b) if so, whether the movement and behaviour of Royal Bengal Tigers is already well researched and documented;

(c) how does Government propose to fix radio collars and conduct DNA test on tigers;

(d) whether there is any possibility of death of some tigers in the process;

(e) whether it would not amount to cruelty to animals; and

Failure of BT cotton

3205. DR. M.N. DAS:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving continuous report from NGOs on large-scale failure of BT cotton in various parts of the country and Centre has sent reminders to all the State Governments to send an official performance appraisal on India's first GM crop;

(b) if so, whether number of companies are said to be preparing the ground for introduction of BT cotton for test trials this season;

(c) whether the companies are seeking the Ministry's nod for environmental clearance and the regulatory authority for testing the seed; and

(d) if so, which centre has successfully tested the trials?

Funds to States under CADF

3206. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far allotted to the States from the Coastal Area Development Fund during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government of West Bengal sought fund assistance from the CADF; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not complying with the demand?

**Sloth bears in the captivity of
Kalandars**

3207. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 1000 sloth bears, an endangered species, throughout the country with 148 in Uttar Pradesh alone in the captivity of Kalandars, who are using them in their shows;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to get them freed;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is only one Bear Preservation Centre working in Agra; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to establish such Centres in other parts of the country?

**Inclusion of tea gardens as forest
cover**

3208. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: whether Government would consider to include tea gardens as a forest cover in any State of India for the purpose of computing the areas under forest cover of that State as tea trees of a tea garden have also effect in ecological balance?

**Registration of cases for causing
harm to forest and wildlife**

†3209. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered for causing harm to forest and wildlife under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wild Life (Protection) Act during the last

three years alongwith the areas where such cases have been registered;

(b) the number of persons found guilty thereof; and

(c) the number of persons punished alongwith the types of punishments given to them?

**World Summit on Sustainable
Development**

3210. DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India, with the backing of other countries such as Britain China and Russia, has been trying to thwart the attempts of some developed nations to impose conditions on sustainable development;

(b) whether the World Summit on Sustainable Development was held recently;

(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken; and

(d) what was the India's view?

**Plan for development of National
parks and sanctuaries in Orissa**

3211. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa has submitted Rs. 9.53 crore plan for development of National parks and sanctuaries in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the individual project *i.e.*, development of National parks, sanctuaries, tiger reserves etc., and

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(c) the progress of utilisation of such Central funds under the Central Plan for forest development?

Inquiry against Coca-Cola factory in Kerala

3212. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inquiry has been initiated during the year 2003, by Pollution Control Board of Kerala, against the Coca-Cola factory situated at Palghat District, Kerala, on pollution control;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether solid waste from the factory is used as a fertilizer by farmers in and around factory;

(d) if so, whether this is as per norms of environmental clearance;

(e) whether many bore wells other than specified were used for extracting ground water;

(f) whether quality of ground water and solid waste utilised as fertilizer were tested periodically;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Progress in National lake Conservation Plan

3213. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that work in only one lake has been started, so far, out of 10 lakes identified for cleaning in the year 1994 under National Lake Conservation Plan;

(b) if so, reasons for such a dismal progress of work under the plan;

(c) number of such other proposals pending with Government for approval; and

(d) fresh steps taken by Government to come out with a comprehensive approach in the matter and execute all the lake cleaning plans with resources in a time bound manner?

Projects under EIA from Government of Tamil Nadu

3214. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many projects have been received under Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) from Government of Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) how many projects are still pending for environmental clearance out of those projects; and

(c) the details of the pending projects and assessment of the EIA?

Deteriorating quality of water of rivers due to pollution

†3215. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quality of water of rivers is continuously deteriorating due to pollution; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and concrete steps likely to be taken by Government to maintain its quality?

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Bio-medical waste by hospitals

3216. PROF. M. SANKARA-LINGAM:

SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tons of bio-medical waste released by hospitals/health units in the country are creating fertile ground for disease like hepatitis, cancer and AIDS;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken, so far, by Government for the bio-medical waste management by the hospitals in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that health units are committing crime against nature and instead of disposing off the bio-medical waste, they recycle it to earn money; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take against recycling of bio-medical waste?

Lakes under NLCP in Karnataka

3217. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of lakes in Karnataka which have been taken up under the National Lake Conservation Plan;

(b) the amount, so far, spent for cleaning up of these lakes;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the progress of work in Karnataka;

(d) if so, what is the present status; and

(e) the amount proposed to be allocated for this purpose during 2003-04?

Monkey menace

3218. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monkey menace in Delhi is assuming grave proportions with attacks on women and children in selected areas;

(b) whether the Supreme Court had ordered, on a suit filed by an NGO, for action by civil authorities for elimination of stray animals from the city;

(c) whether the neighbouring States UP and Madhya Pradesh have agreed to keep Delhi monkeys in their jungles; and

(d) the steps being proposed to end monkey menace in Delhi?

Encroachment of forest land

†3219. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the orders issued by the Supreme Court in 1996, the number of persons, who encroach the forest land illegally in the country, is increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any action to deal with this problem;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the encroachment by human is considered main cause of the extinction of species of animals; and

(d) if so, the details of measures being taken by Government to prevent it in future?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Forest fire in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

3220. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI LALU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large part of forests in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh were affected by severe forest fire during this summer;

(b) whether Government propose to make a long term strategy to prevent recurrence of this loss of National property in future; and

(c) if so, by what method and by what time?

Sustainable forest management in Karnataka

3221. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent a proposal titled "Sustainable Forest Management in Karnataka" seeking external assistance;

(b) if so, what is the total cost of the project;

(c) whether the Ministry has approved the proposal; and

(d) if not, what is the present position?

Food parks in Uttarakhand

†3222. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of establishing food parks in Uttarakhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Food Parks

3223. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the grants given for setting up Food Parks, during 2001-02 and 2002-03, State-wise;

(b) the amount released, so far; and

(c) the schedule time for completion of Food Parks?

FPI proposals of Tripura

3224. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the proposals on Food Processing put forward to the Central Government by the Tripura Government which are pending, upto now;

(b) the reasons for not according sanction in respect of many of the schemes; and

(c) by when the cases will be fully funded?

Assistance to FPIs in NEER

3225. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Food Processing Industrial Units are there in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the classification of the categories of these units;

(c) the names of the units in Tripura getting Central assistance and those not getting Central assistance as yet; and

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) by when, every Food Processing Industrial Units of Tripura will get the required assistance?

National Bal Bhawan

3226. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the staff strength, post-wise of National Bal Bhawan (N.B.B.) as on 1st January, 1997 and 1st January, 2003;

(b) whether any review/study has been undertaken during last few years regarding N.B.B. staff structure and others related matter;

(c) if so, the details of the findings/recommendations of such a review/study;

(d) whether these recommendations have been implemented fully; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to protect/promote promotion avenues of officers/staff of N.B.B. caused by said implementation during last three years?

Mushrooming of technical colleges

†3227. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of mushrooming of technical colleges which collect huge donations for admission in the name of vocational education in Uttar Pradesh and other parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have fixed any policy to control the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Kothari Commission

†3228. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kothari Commission had laid stress on the uniform education system of 10+2+3; and

(b) if so, Government's viewpoint in this regard?

Estimates of girls drop out rate

3229. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government's estimates of girls drop out rate have been reported to be lower than the actual figures; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

Human Development Index

3230. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the human development index published under the aegis of the UNDP in 2003, based on the date for the year 2001, India's ranking has been down graded substantially;

(b) if so, the details of the rankings published in 2003;

(c) what are the main factors which this declaration of India's ranking has been attributed to;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(d) its impact on the flow of assistance under UNDP to India during the following year; and

(e) the steps contemplated, if any, to achieve improved position of the country in human development in a time-bound manner?

Registration of engineers

3231. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE, in the first week of March, 2003, issued a public notice announcing that it has decided to undertake the responsibility of registration of engineers in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have also come out with a proposal of introducing a licence for engineers to practice their profession;

(c) whether any consultation have been carried out in this regard with the associations/representatives of the engineering community; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Government syllabi in Madarssas upto class sixth

3232. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to ensure that all Madarssas adopt Government syllabi upto class sixth even as they impart Islamic teaching to students, as has been done in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether Madarssas are being asked to register themselves as a society or trust

and have a Chartered Accountant to look into financial dealings?

Reduction in the prices of NCERT books

3233. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested for reducing the prices of all costly NCERT books by atleast 50 per cent;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that there are large disparity in prices of text books published by the Maharashtra Text Book Bureau and NCERT?

Charging of fee by Navodaya Vidyalayas

3234. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and details of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any decision to charge fee from the students of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this decision will have adverse effect on the students particularly from the rural areas;

(e) whether charging of fee is against the concept of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the decision?

Monetary aid from foreign countries to Madarssas

3235. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madarssas authorities get monetary aid from foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the quantum of the money received from 1st January, 1990 to 31st December, 2002, year-wise?

Rejection of NCERT text books by CMs of Delhi, M.P., Rajasthan and Punjab

3236. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Ministers of Delhi, M.P., Rajasthan and Punjab have rejected NCERT text books;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this has defeated the purpose of setting up of NCERT?

Protection of genetic reforms and traditional knowledge

3237. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the protection of genetic reforms are not being taken care of;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the traditional knowledge bank of our heritage is also not protected;

(c) if so, the effects of this situation; and

(d) what steps are being taken to protect this system from losing its importance?

Education to children of sex workers and AIDS infected children

3238. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the children of sex workers and AIDS infected children are refused admission in schools, in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that in Kerala, West Bengal and Karnataka, the AIDS infected children are not getting admission in schools; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to provide education to the children of sex workers and AIDS infected children?

Modern system of education in Madarssas

3239. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to have the Deoband and other madarssas training their pupil in Hadith and Figh in Arabic language, opened up to modern scientific and technological education and to integrate them with the modern system of education currently imparted all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the aid, fiscal and material given in this regard, during 2001-02, 2002-03 and the current year; and

(c) whether computer and IT education has been introduced therein?

Night shelters for women

3240. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to financially assist the States for construction of night shelters for women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

Curbing malpractices in educational institutions

3241. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IITs Kanpur, Kharagpur, Delhi, Mumbai, Roorkee, Chennai, Guwahati have recently sold a large number of their prospectus including admission forms at unreasonable prices for admission to M.Tech. and postgraduate programmes without mentioning the cut-off marks of admission and earned a lot of money unscrupulously by rejecting the applications; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action for curbing malpractices in the educational institutions and advise them to return the money to those students who have not even been called for interview or written test for admission in the above courses?

Special assistance to women belonging to disadvantaged sections

3242. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

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

(a) whether any measures and programmes have been undertaken to provide special assistance to women belonging to disadvantaged sections such as disabled, widows, elderly women, deserted women etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Cases of innocent girls being forced into flesh trade

3243. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether cases have come to light where innocent girls from Assam and other North-Eastern States have been lured and forced into prostitution in Haryana, Delhi and other Northern States;

(b) whether a survey was conducted by an NGO-Shakti Vahni in the matter; and

(c) if so, cases detected where such innocent girls were sold away to brothels with action taken to control this menace?

Voluntary institutions of Bihar

†3244. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of voluntary institutions of Bihar granted with *ex-gratia* amount by Central Social Welfare Board during the last three years alongwith names of the institutions and amount allocated therefor; and

(b) the district-wise and year-wise details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Survey to find out the number of illiterates

3245. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out the number of illiterates in the country;

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

(c) whether any steps have been taken to remove this;

(d) whether there is any improvements in admission in classes I—VIII compared to last years;

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

(f) whether Government have formed any Committee to implement recommendations of various Committees regarding admission for reservation of 40 per cent of poor students; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Foreign assistance to Anganwadi Kendras

†3246. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are receiving any foreign financial assistance for running 'Anganwadi Kendras' in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise number of 'Anganwadi Kendras' in the country at present and the number of employees working therein;

(d) whether Government allocate funds for functioning of these 'Kendras' and

(e) if so, the details of the funds allocated during the last three years?

Missionaries of charity for copyright for their intellectual properties

3247. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Missionaries of charity have moved to Government to obtain a copyright for their intellectual properties including the original house logo designed by the mother;

(b) whether Government granted the same without objection; and

(c) if so, the progress of the process?

Decrease in research students in science fields

3248. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year there is a gradual decrease in the ratio of students that are going for research in various science fields after higher degrees;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of students that went into research for various fields throughout the country during the last three years;

(c) whether there is much scope for research after students obtain their higher degrees then the percentage of students opting for research after finishing their degrees; and

(d) what steps Government are willing to take to help more students going for research?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of carrier oriented education

3249. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian education system does not equip students with skills and is not job oriented;

(b) if so, whether Government have made vocational education a focus area and industry and corporate bodies have been roped in as part of the effort to provide education with vocational relevance; and

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions from the State Governments to implement carrier oriented education?

Amendment in Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act

3250. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, on the recommendations of the National Commission for women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Alternative premises for IAS

3251. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) alternative premises under consideration of Government for shifting Indian Institute of Advance Study from Rashtrapati Niwas in Shimla;

(b) whether it can be accommodated elsewhere in Shimla itself or Dalhousie or some other quiet hill station; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the institute is being brought to NOIDA, if so, will it not add to the congestion in the capital?

Grants to Madarssas

3252. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madarssas in the country have been given grants by Government of around Rs. 96 crores between 1993 to 1997 and around Rs. 434 crores between 1997 to 2002;

(b) if not, what are the actual figures in this regard;

(c) whether State Governments also give similar grants-in-aid to Madarssas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

Fee structure in K.V.

3253. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fee structure in respect of various branches of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi/New Delhi is different; and

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

Migration of Indian professionals

3254. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that every year Engineers, Scientists,

Management Experts and Doctors who passout from various IITs and other specialised organisations leave the country permanently for foreign destination;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and profession-wise;

(c) the countries of their preferred destination; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to stop the exodus by addressing their problems and difficulties?

Anganwadi buildings in Kerala

3255. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Anganwadi buildings sanctioned to Kerala under World Bank assisted Centrally Sponsored ICDS project phase-III;

(b) how many buildings have been completed, so far, and how many among them are remaining to be completed in Kerala;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala requested to reschedule the time frame for the completion of construction; and

(d) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the construction of remaining buildings; if not, the reasons therefor?

Representation received from Chartered Accountants Association

3256. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any representation from any Chartered Accountants Association for not allowing

US based accountancy firms to practice in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Ministry in this regard?

Mechanism to co-ordinate academic and professional standards

3257. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created any mechanism to co-ordinate academic and professional standards in the field of higher education;

(b) if not, how does Government propose to ensure keeping up of necessary standards in the context of establishment of Private Universities; and

(c) what are the details thereof?

Appointment made by DU/UGC

3258. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total post-wise appointment made by Delhi University and U.G.C. till date; and out of which how many belong to SC/ST and Physically Handicapped;

(b) how much post-wise backlog is available as on date and efforts being made to fill up backlog;

(c) number of post exchanged from SC to ST and *vice-versa* in third recruitment years from 1990 to till date, year-wise; and

(d) by when backlog vacancies will be filled in?

**UGC note to colleges and Universities
for generating funds**

3259. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI
BARUPAL:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

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

(a) whether the University Grants
Commission has circulated a note urging
the colleges and universities across the
country to generate at least 10 per cent of
the funds they seek;

(b) if so, whether the Centrally-run
universities and colleges forwarded to
all the State Governments and UTs to
raise at least 10 per cent of their
budgetary requirements from the coming
fiscal year;

(c) what are the main points of the
circular issued;

(d) what was the main need of it; and

(e) whether this will greatly affect the
education system in the country?

**Removal of Munshi 'Premchand's novel
Nirmala from Hindi Syllabus**

†3260. SHRIMATI SARLA
MAHESHWARI:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA
KALA PANDEY:

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

(a) whether Government are aware of
the fact that various literary-cultural
organisations of the country have expressed
their anguish over the decision to remove
Munshi Premchand's novel 'Nirmala' from
Hindi Syllabus of 12th class by Central
Board of Secondary Education;

(b) whether they have given any
memorandum to the Chairman of the Board
in this regard; and

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

Change in CBSE syllabus

3261. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will
the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while CBSE
syllabus of science and commerce subjects
has been revised, but such revision in case
of various subjects of humanities is facing
opposition from various quarters;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this
opposition and whether efforts are being
made to come to a consensus on this issue;
and

(c) what has been the periodicity of
changing the CBSE syllabus in the past ten
years?

**N.G.Os in implementation of women
and child development programmes**

3262. SHRI JANARDHANA
POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be
pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government agencies
and NGOs engaged in the implementation
of women and child development
programmes;

(b) the amount released to each such
agency during the last three years, with the
details of the task assigned;

(c) whether there has been reports of
misuse, misappropriation of grants and non
performance by many of the agencies;

(d) if so, the details of such cases and
action taken against the defaulting
agencies;

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(e) whether Government propose to set up an agency to monitor the activities of the recipient agencies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

IIT and IIM in Bihar

3263. SHRI LALU PRASAD:

SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that as per census of 2001 Bihar has a population of 8.28 crores and there are only five state level engineering colleges in the State;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is no IIT nor an IIM in this State;

(c) whether Government propose to set up an IIT and an IIM in the State; and

(d) if so, how and by what time?

Percentage of result at CBSE exams

3264. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of result at CBSE exams which a teacher of Kendriya Vidyalaya is expected to achieve *vis-a-vis* students taught by him/her;

(b) what is the line of action for failure for which a teacher is proceeded against under CCS (CCA) Rules; and

(c) the details of teachers against whom departmental action is initiated in the current academic session in Delhi region, grade-wise?

Increase in education expenditure ratios by States

3265. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have registered increase in the education expenditure ratios;

(b) if so, the details of these States;

(c) the States which have not registered appreciable increase in the education expenditure ratio;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to correct the position?

Corruption in awarding tenders for supply of food under Mid-day Meal Scheme

3266. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news reports about the rampant corruption in awarding tenders for supply of food under Mid-day Meal Scheme. bad quality of food supplied etc. as has been reported about the Municipal Corporation of Delhi schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and what steps are being taken by Government to see that the Mid-day Meal Scheme is properly implemented in the schools all over the country?

Gandhian Institute Varanasi

3267. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Gandhian Institute at Varanasi has been taken over by Government; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for doing so?

Performance of Government aided/managed schools

3268. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the performance of Government aided/managed schools across the country;

(b) whether any student(s) has/have got distinction or merit;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Use of Sub-standard material in gauge conversion

3269. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that sub-standard and low quality material has been used in conversion of rail lines into broad-gauge ones;

(b) whether it is a fact that for the newly upgraded broad gauge track between Guwahati and Dibrugarh the speed limits is restricted to between 50 to 80-kms. per hour against the normal broad gauge speed of 110 to 120 kms.; and

(c) if so, whether it is largely attributable to the low quality material used in upgrading this track from metre gauge to broad gauge; and the outcome of enquiries made into the matter?

Rail project in J and K by KRCL

3270. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) embarking on an ambitious projects of linking Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country by rail;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of the project;

(c) whether Rs. 1200 crores project on Jammu-Udhampur-Baramullah railways project will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) or World Bank; and

(d) if not, the source of funding to the project, and likely time frame for the completion of this project?

Linking of Andheri and Ghatkopar by Railway

3271. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Andheri and Ghatkopar suburbs in Mumbai by Railway; and

(b) if so, the detail of the feasibility and techno-economic survey?

MG rail lines in UP

†3272. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length in terms of kilometer of metre gauge railway line in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the details of these lines region-wise;

(c) whether some of these lines are lying damaged for many days;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take for the reconstruction and restarting these railway lines in the State?

Loan from ADB to railways

3273. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has agreed to extend \$ 600 million to the Indian Railways during 2002-2005;

(b) if so, whether they have attached preconditions for sanctioning the loan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Railways have accepted these conditions; and

(e) if so, to what extent the Railways are implementing the projects after getting this loan from Asian Development Bank?

Recruitment in SCR

3274. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board had given permission to the South Central Railway to take up recruitment of posts

under group D category to over come shortage of man power;

(b) whether the process of recruitment to these posts has been started;

(c) if so, when the recruitment is to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay?

Restoration of narrow gauge rail lines in Gujarat

3275. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to restore five narrow gauge lines in Gujarat;

(b) whether after completion of restoration work these lines were not opened for traffic;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the infructuous expenditure incurred thereon; and

(e) the action taken against the responsible persons for causing loss to Government and lacking for sightedness?

Condition of railway stations in North Eastern Region

3276. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken by Government to improve the conditions of railway stations in the country particularly in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) the details of funds allotted, released and utilised for the same during the last three years?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Items confiscated by RPF in random checking

3277. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many passengers that carry inflammable materials with them concealed in their baggage;

(b) if so, whether RPF is entitled to conduct surprise baggage checks at all major railway stations;

(c) if so, the number of checks conducted by RPF at Delhi station in the last one year and the details of questionable/objectionable items confiscated by the RPF during these surprise checks; and

(d) how many cases were booked after such checks for questionable/objectionable items?

Mobile bookstall-cum-library

3278. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mobile bookstall-cum-library on the long distance trains is an important passenger amenity as indicated in the letter No. 75TGIII/461/37ML, dated 21st November, 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that one IInd class card pass with one IInd class berth in each rake of long distance trains is being provided to a contractor of mobile bookstall-cum-library; and

(c) whether the mobile bookstall-cum-library is only to be awarded to the unemployed graduate categories as per the letter No. 77TGIII/461/31, dated 6th February, 1978?

EMUs in Delhi

3279. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special trains on the Delhi Circular Railway are run for limited period both in the morning and evening mainly to cater to the needs of office goers, unlike Mumbai, where EMUs run for most part of the day; and

(b) if so, whether Railways are considering to extend the operations on Delhi Circular Railway on the pattern of local trains in Mumbai?

Recruitment of staff in RPF

3280. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to recruit personnel for the purpose of cleaning up the passenger trains and for improving the safety records of the Railways and to increase the staff of Railway Protection Force;

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

(c) the budget allocation for this purpose;

(d) the details of staff that would be recruited from Rajasthan; and

(e) by when the whole process of recruitment would be completed?

Mechanism to run trains in fog

3281. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3887 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th April, 2003 and state:

(a) whether RDSO and Safety

Commissioner have received the details of the mechanism in July, 2003, which has been indigenously developed;

(b) if so, the steps taken by RDSO to test run the mechanism and to call upon the inventor for further clarifications and explanation of diagram;

(c) in view of the crores of rupees being spent on safety measures, the reasons for delay being done by RDSO to get the mechanism installed at the earliest to avoid any untoward incident in future; and

(d) by when Railways plan to install the said mechanism after its successful run?

**Irregular and unauthorised
expenditure in Kolkata
Metro Railway**

3282. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances have come to Government's notice regarding irregular and unauthorised expenditure in the Kolkata Metro Railway and payment of huge amounts made to the Contractor M/s. ATSL for work which has not been carried out at all;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received in this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Special trains for political parties

3283. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the outstanding dues of the Railways, with each of the political parties and others for

running special trains during the last three years?

Use of satellite phones by passengers

3284. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether satellite phones provided at Zonal and Divisional Headquarters can also be used by railway passengers;

(b) whether this facility is further proposed to be introduced on railway stations also; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

**Stainless steel coaches in Rajdhani
Express**

3285. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that light weight coaches made of stainless steel offering advanced safety and passenger comfort would be attached to Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) whether these are built by RCF, Kapurthala on technology transfer; if so, details of technology transfer; and

(c) whether these coaches are fire-proof and would eliminate the train burning incidents as had the case of Frontier Mail at Ludhiana in May last?

Inadequate safety

†3286. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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allocate hundred crores of rupees every year for safety and relief work of Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons of inadequate Railways safety inspite of this allocation;

(c) reasons for taking many days and even months together to save stranded passengers/to take out dead bodies from railway coaches after rail accident; and

(d) details of the steps taken by Government for bringing immediate improvement in all the above matters?

Separate tracks for ordinary and superfast trains

†3287. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to implement an effective scheme for laying separate tracks for ordinary and superfast trains;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, how long the Railways would continue to subject the rail passengers to untimely death?

Insurance scheme for passengers

3288. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce railway passengers insurance scheme by charging nominal premium so as to assure their life and baggage; and

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

Final report of Godhra train incident

3289. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the final report of the Railway inquiry on the Godhra train burning incident in February, 2002;

(b) if so, the accurate figure for the loss of lives, with break-up by sex, age-group (adult or child), State of domicile and passenger status (whether listed or otherwise);

(c) whether all the victims have been identified and their next-of-kin received the *ex-gratia* announced by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Cleanliness in passenger trains and at railway stations

3290. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services regarding sanitation and cleanliness in the passenger trains and at the railway stations are unsatisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of complaints received during the last one year and till date; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken to bring about improvement in the sanitary conditions at all the railway stations and passenger trains?

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Lending of shops by SER to private parties

3291. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South-Eastern Railway has discontinued the practice of lending shops on Railway land to private parties on rent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that number of shops are vacant due to this policy and causing huge losses to Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures proposed for proper utilisation of Railway property?

Price of Rail Neer

3292. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways pure bottled water 'Rail Neer' is freely available in running trains as well as in the open market;

(b) whether its price is higher than the other bottled water available in the market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Discrimination in recruitment in NF Railway

3293. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that local aspirants for posts in North Frontier Railway are deprived of by the Railway Board from recruitment;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the cause of appointing only 16 local aspirants, when about 1000 posts were given to the aspirants from outside the North East Region of the country?

Panel of advertising agencies in SR

3294. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5239 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two advertising agencies which have been discredited by the Indian Newspaper Society and having dues over crores of rupees payable to the members publications have been continuing in the panel of advertising agencies of Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not disqualifying them from the panel;

(c) whether there is nexus between the concerned agencies and officials of Southern Railway; and

(d) the action to be taken by Government against such officials?

Golden hour scheme

†3295. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have decided to undertake 'golden hour scheme' to ensure that relief and medical team approach the victims within 60-90 minutes in case of rail accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) the amount estimated to be spent on said scheme; and

(d) the details of Railway Divisions in which the said scheme is proposed to be started initially?

Train service from Mau and Azamgarh

3296. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train service from Mau and Azamgarh in U.P. to New Delhi and a considerable number of Members of Parliament are residing in that area;

(b) whether he has repeatedly assured Members of Parliament of that area to introduce a direct train for New Delhi; and

(c) if so, by when a direct train connecting Mau and Azamgarh to New Delhi would be introduced for convenience of the MPs and the public?

Funds for bridges

3297. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of rail bridges in the country need urgent repairs/replacement;

(b) if so, how many such bridges have been identified during the last five years and how many have actually been repaired/replaced;

(c) what has been the Budget allotment of funds for bridge works during the last ten years and how much has been spent by the Railways; and

(d) has the Special Cell for each Zonal

Railway, as recommended by the Sub-Committee of Railways Reforms Committee in 1998 been created; if not, the reasons therefor?

Status of projects of doubling of rail lines

†3298. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects for doubling of rail lines in the country, zone-wise;

(b) the present status of each sector and funds allocated during the Tenth Five Year Plan for the purpose and the amount spent thereon so far; and

(c) the expected time for completion of this doubling works?

Gauge conversion of Kollam-Virudhu Nagar

3299. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the anticipated cost required for the gauge conversion of Kollam-Virudhu Nagar rail line;

(b) the amount set apart in the current year's budget and the total amount spent so far from the beginning of conversion work;

(c) the stage at which the progress of gauge conversion stands at present;

(d) reaction of Government on providing adequate funds for the completion of gauge conversion starting from Kollam; and

(e) the time by which the gauge conversion is likely to be completed?

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Completion of Railways projects

†3300. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 85 projects of Railways are under construction at present;

(b) if not, the number of projects under construction during March, 2003;

(c) whether it is a fact that the time limit for the completion of the 51 projects out of the said 85 projects has not been fixed so far; and

(d) if not, the number of such projects alongwith the total amount spent on their construction till March, 2003?

Projects in North Eastern Railway

3301. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects in the North Eastern Railway indicating the date of sanctions, original and present cost of projects, year-wise allocation and utilization made, progress of work, allocations for 2003-04 alongwith the target set; and

(b) the details of additional budgetary support received from various sources to complete those projects?

Supply of poor quality food

3302. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received complaints of supplying poor quality of

food on the stations of South Eastern Railway and Central Railway around Nagpur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Railways would take cognizance of this and improve the food quality?

Late running of trains between Kasganj-Mathura

3303. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passengers are facing hardships for the last several months due to late running of trains between Kasganj-Mathura section; if so, details of late departure/arrival of various trains particularly passenger train Nos. 121 and 122 for the last three months and reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that decades old well tested timings of the above passenger trains have been changed arbitrarily and the requests from the people to restore the timings are being ignored by the concerned railway authorities; and

(c) whether Government propose to restore the decade old timings of the above trains?

Seismological Research Institute at Gandhinagar

3304. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2205 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd March, 2002 and state:

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(a) whether Government have agreed to establish the Institute of Seismological Research at Gandhinagar, Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken therefor;

(c) what is the estimated project cost; and

(d) by which sources the funds are to be provided?

Discovery of vital evidence on Portuguese shipwrecks

3305. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the marine archaeologists at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) have discovered vital evidence on Portuguese shipwrecks of Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Jai Vigyan Health Project

†3306. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch Jai Vigyan Health Project in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the names of districts which have been identified for the same in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) whether Government propose to associate private sectors and NGOs also in this regard?

Prediction on Monsoon

3307. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI PARMESHWAR

KUMAR AGARWALLA:

SHRI EKANATH K.

THAKUR:

SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Meteorological Department's predictions on monsoon rain fall this year are not correct;

(b) whether it is also a fact that predictions of foreign agencies are correct;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Meteorology has failed in providing correct information and right forecast of monsoon for the last several years;

(d) if so, what are the main factors responsible for this; and

(e) how Government propose to improve the work efficiency of the Indian agencies?

Assistance to Jharkhand for development of S&T

†3308. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Government of Jharkhand for development of Science and Technology in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Development of Sree Chitra Thirunal
Institute for Medical Sciences and
Technology**

3309. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of heart-patients registered for open heart surgery up to June 2003?

SAIL profits

3310. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India has earned profit during the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the figure of profit for this year;

(c) the loss suffered during the year 2001-2002; and

(d) other details in this regard?

**Setting up of Synthetic Rutile
Plant in Kerala**

3311. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Mineral Development Corporation proposes to set up Synthetic Rutile Plant at Chavara in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the project

alongwith the details of the estimated investment;

(c) the details of the steps taken so far for setting up the plant; and

(d) the expected time by which this plant will become operational?

**Demand of steel
in States**

†3312. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of steel in various States of the country including Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the arrangements made for its supply alongwith the names of the States having maximum demand?

Accidents at VSP

†3313. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the industrial accidents occurred in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant during the last three years alongwith the number of people died in these accidents;

(b) the reasons of the said accidents and the total loss took place due to it; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government for the safety of life and property and to prevent such accidents in future?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Surrendering medals by
Commonwealth medal winners**

†3314. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sports persons being aggrieved by non-payment of declared amount due to be paid by Government to the Commonwealth medal winners, have surrendered their medals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to check the humiliating treatment being meted out to them as also to confer honours upon them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Transparency of dope
testing facility**

3315. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI JHUMUK LAL
BHENDIA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tokyo Dope testing facility which is associated with IOC has charged the Indian Dope testing facility with non transparency;

(b) whether the Indian dope testing facility is currently run by Sports Authority of India which is not associated with the IOC;

(c) whether the clearing of Sunita Rani and finding many athletes and sportspersons guilty of using dope during the National games is justified when the facility is not even associated with IOC; and

(d) the details of all banned dope and related substances for sportspersons by IOC and whether the Indian facility is capable of testing on all of them, if so, the names thereof?

**Competition from China in
Steel Export**

3316. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is the biggest consumer and importer of steel, with the demand growing at the rate of 15 million tonnes per month;

(b) if so, to what extent China has increased the quota for steel import from India, particularly after the agreement, if any, entered after the recent visit of the P.M. to China;

(c) what are the total exports, so far, made by India, Year-wise during the last three years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Steel Industry faces competition from China for its reported move to export steel; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Assessment of NRC scheme

†3317. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS
AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer
to Unstarred Question 711 given in the
Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 2003 and
state:

(a) whether the achievements of the

National Reconstruction Corps Scheme
were assessed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amount incurred on the scheme,
so far;(c) the reasons for discontinuing the
scheme; and(d) whether Government are
contemplating to introduce any new scheme
on the basis of the assessment of the NRC
Scheme?

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