

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: Defence; Home Affairs; Non-Conventional Energy Sources; Power;
Rural Development; Textiles; Youth Affairs and Sports)**

Total number of questions — 155

Defence imports

2055. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three fourths of India's needs for military equipment modernisation is met through imports;

(b) whether India is still not able to make its own production, designing and development of equipment;

(c) whether Government is not providing the necessary funds for the above; and

(d) if so, the details about the import and the funds being given thereto?

Status of APDRP in Karnataka

2056. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the present status of the accelerated Power Development

and Reforms Programme for rural Karnataka ?

Objectives of NCC and TA

2057. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Territorial Army (TA) were raised as auxiliary manpower among students and youth trained to face emergency situations;

(b) the details of the objectives that led to raising of NCC and TA;

(c) the year-wise details of number of students received NCC training and people joined TA along with funds allocated to the respective wings;

(d) whether keeping in view the growing threats from weapons of mass destruction to the civilian society, in

particular, any special training is being imparted to NCC cadets and TA members for disaster management in such eventuality; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Defence agreements with Russia

2058. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Defence Agreements/ mutual commitments negotiated with Russia during the recent visit of Russian President;

(b) whether Russia has promised to provide fighter/bomber aircrafts to India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

U.S. defence aid to Pakistan

2059. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Government proposed to give 300 million Dollar defence aid to Pakistan; and

(b) whether the Government of India is fully prepared to meet the challenges posed by Pak in view of the U.S. aid to Pakistan?

Sale of C-130J Super Hercules Military Transport Aircraft to India

2060. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the US is aggressively hawking the C-130J Super Hercules military transport aircraft to India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the American delegations have held several meetings

with the Indian Air Force officials in the recent past to push for the multi-million dollar contract for the C-130J; and

(c) if so, Government's response thereto and the action proposed thereon?

Withdrawal of troops from Siachen

†2061. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the move to withdraw the troops deployed in Jammu and Kashmir to certain extent will be enforced in Siachen glacier also, if so, the extent of troops to be withdrawn from Siachen;

(b) whether Pakistan Government has sent a proposal for withdrawal of troops from Siachen to the Government of India, if so, the reaction of Government of India thereto; and

(c) whether Government of India are of the view that India's security interests would be affected by withdrawal of troops from Siachen, if so, to what extent?

Effect of withdrawal of Indian troops on Pakistan army

†2062. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in response to Indian action of withdrawal of army from Jammu and Kashmir has any effect on Pakistani army;

(b) whether Indian army has received any proposal from Government of Pakistan to visit Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government of India to invite a group of Pakistani soldiers to visit India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Repair/replacement of defective missiles by Air Headquarters

2063. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Air Headquarters had failed to get defective missiles repaired/replaced at the cost of the foreign vendor within the warranty period; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Proposed sale of Orion PC-3 Surveillance Aircraft to Pakistan by USA

2064. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that USA has proposed sale of Orion PC-3 Surveillance Aircraft and Tow Missiles to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether our Defence Forces are fully prepared to take on the enhanced capability of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Villages trapped between LoC and barbed wiring

†2065. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several villages are trapped between Line of Control and barbed wiring due to barbed wiring on the Line of Control on the border with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the number of such villages and the number of persons affected from this;

(c) the distance in Kilometers between the Line of Control and barbed fencing; and

(d) the land in Kilometers between Line of Control and barbed wire?

Army personnel killed in J&K

2066. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of army personnel of different ranks killed in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years and up to 20th December, 2004, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a fresh spurt in the violence in the Jammu and Kashmir by terrorists;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to evolve a fresh strategy to counter terrorism in the Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Making appendices of Kargil review committee report public

2067. SHRI MURLI DEORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some appendices of the Kargil Review Committee report, which examined the events leading to Kargil Conflict in 1997, have not been made public;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to make them public; and

(d) if so, by when these will be brought in national limelight?

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Procurement of F-16s by Pakistan from Belgium

2068. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reaction of the Government to Pakistan's formal request to Belgium to procure F-16s from it and the Belgium's acceptance of the request made by Pakistan;

(b) whether F-16s can carry nuclear warheads; and

(c) if so, how it affects the security of India?

Integrated National Aerospace Command and Control System

2069. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been apprised of the need to setup an Integrated National Aerospace Command and Control System; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken by the concerned Defence and Aviation Authorities to put the system in place?

Objectives of Coast Guard in EEZ

2070. SHRI V. HANUMANTHARAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives of the Coast Guard in the EEZ and other areas;

(b) whether the Coast Guard is harassing small fishermen at every opportunity, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Coast Guard has initiated action against those who indulged in rough tactics against fishermen and their boats;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are no guidelines for Coast Guard when dealing with Indian fishermen and others; and

(e) the steps proposed to initiate urgent action to ensure that the Coast Guard does not treat Indian fishermen as enemy forces?

Proposal of Pak President regarding withdrawal of Indian troops from Siachen

2071. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent meeting between the Prime Minister and the Pak President on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly the Pak President had proposed and assured that if Indian forces withdraw from Siachen, Pakistani troops would not encroach up or occupy the vacated area/posts; and

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

Revival of Airborne Early Warning System project

2072. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the revival of Airborne Early Warning System project which was scrapped in January, 1999;

(b) whether any committee has been constituted to study the platforms for the above system; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Suggestions of Kargil Review Committee

2073. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kargil Review Committee (KRC) under the Chairmanship of security expert K. Subramaniam has suggested amalgamation and pooling of various Service Intelligence organizations to ensure synergy between the three armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government to the above suggestion of KRC?

Networking in naval forces

2074. SHRI C. PERUMAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether networking in naval forces has been undertaken; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Joint armed services doctrine

2075. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint armed services doctrine is under way;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it will be in place?

Conclave of ex-chiefs

2076. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first ever conclave of ex-chiefs was held recently and if so, what was the purpose thereof;

(b) whether it will help the Army to improve in any manner; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of MIG-29K Fighters

2077. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to purchase 16 MIG-29K fighters from Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how would it help strengthen our Army in defence preparedness; and

(d) what are the terms and condition of such a deal?

Funds for Special Forces Modernisation

2078. SHRIMATIS.G.INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government had decided to allocate funds for Special Forces modernisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering to engage the Special Forces for conducting a range of operations in land, water, and air; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Hike in disability pension of Jawans

2079. SHRISANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to increase the disability pension of the Jawans; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

Complaints of bribery in purchase of Mirage

2080. SHRIC. RAMA-
CHANDRAIAH:
SHRIS.M. LALJAN BASHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received of alleged efforts to bribe for procuring orders of purchase of 32 Mirage aircrafts;

(b) if so, the details of complaints made; and

(c) the action taken to expedite Mirage deal?

Upgradation of T-72 tanks

2081. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the entire fleet of T-72 tank of Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the cost and the timeframe;

(c) whether as our State owned Heavy Vehicles-Factory (HVF) is not qualified for undertaking the upgrading, Government is going to entrust this job to a Russian Company; and

(d) if so, details and justification thereof?

VIPs security

2082. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have asked States to share the burden of providing security to VIPs as the Home Ministry is facing a severe manpower

shortage due to the deployment of security personnel for internal security duties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of VIPs whom the Union Home Ministry is providing various categories of security at present;

(d) whether the Union Government have also decided to provide additional funds to States on this account; and

(e) if so, the response of States to the above proposal of the Union Government?

Population growth

2083. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest religion-wise census (2001) figures reveal outstanding increase in population growth and growth rate in respect of certain religious communities;

(b) the population growth and growth rate in respect of different religious communities, showing comparative figures of 1981, 1991 and 2001 census;

(c) the reasons attributable to such rise in growth rates in different communities and whether the vast disparity was found attributable to a flaw in basic figures; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken to enforce curbs in population and contain fertility and birth rate?

Controversy over census data

2084. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB
PEEVEE:
SHRITARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instituted any inquiry into the controversy over the

census data on the religious compositions of country's population; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Seizure of boxes during Operation Blue Star

2085. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether following Operation Blue Star in June, 1984, the authorities took custody of several boxes from the precincts of the Golden Temple, Amritsar;

(b) the details of number of boxes taken over and in whose custody these were lying since then;

(c) whether custody of the seized boxes has recently been transferred to the Siromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) and the boxes have been opened for public viewing of its contents; and

(d) if so, the details of the boxes so handed over, authorities which had sealed them and those who opened it, and items which the boxes found to be containing?

Funds received by militant outfits from foreign countries

2086. SHRI BALAVANTALIAS BALAPTE:
SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the militant outfits involved in secessionist activities and receiving funds from foreign countries; and

(b) the number of such outfits banned by Government so far?

Land allotted for Assam Rifles

2087. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Mizoram has allotted a plot of land at Zokhawsang for shifting Assam Rifles from the heart of Aizawal city;

(b) if so, the action taken so far for land development and construction of approach road; and

(c) whether Government have approved expenditure sanction for construction of residential accommodation of ARs at Zokhawsang?

Policy to tackle hostage situations

2088. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a policy on tackling hostage situations in view of recent hostage crisis of Indian truck drivers in Iraq;

(b) if so, its broad outlook; and

(c) the policy of the U.S., Russia, Israel etc. in this regard in view of growing international terrorism?

Involvement of hospitals in Kidney transplant

2089. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police have found Apollo, Ganga Ram and Army Hospitals to be involved in kidney transplant cases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against these hospitals in the matter?

Review of Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958

2090. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendations from the National Commission for Women (NCW) for the review of Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958 to resolve the impasse between the Army and People of Manipur; and

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

Threat to visiting Indian Cricket-Team to Bangladesh

2091. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a death threat from a terrorist outfit to the visiting Indian Cricket Team to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to assess the death threat and security arrangements being made for the visiting Indian Cricket Team before the team actually visit Bangladesh;

(d) if so, the details of the assessment of the experts;

(e) whether the Central Government have permitted the Indian Cricket Team to visit Bangladesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Terrorist training camps in Bangladesh

†2092. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOT: SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 250 terrorists training camps are running in Bangladesh at present;

(b) whether Government of India had handed over a detailed list of such 125 terrorist training camps to Bangladesh which are being operated from their soil;

(c) if so, whether Government of Bangladesh have been taken any cognizance of the same; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to resolve this problem?

Problems of eunuchs

2093. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eunuchs are facing a lot of problems in procuring even essential documents such as ration cards, voters I-cards, driving licence etc; and

(b) whether Government have issued any instructions to various authorities to facilitate them to get the documents of day to day use without any hassle?

Acquisition of land by MCD

2094. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that civil authorities like MCD and Land and Building Department have forcibly

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acquired land in Varinder Nagar, Village Tihar, New Delhi for laying of sewage and other development purpose;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble High Court have passed order for paying of adequate compensation under Land Acquisition Act to the land owners; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government on the orders of High Court for proper compensation to land owners?

Sex rackets in Kerala

2095. SHRI A. VIJAYA-RAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN
PILLAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of sex rackets have been reported from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details and number of such cases reported;

(c) whether the CBI has been asked to inquire into any of the cases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Proposal to repeal Armed Forces Special Powers Act

†2096. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to repeal the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether several innocent persons have been inhumanly killed in the North-Eastern States because of this law; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering appointing a Commission to review the incidents of killings of innocent persons by security forces in Manipur

during last one year, if not, the reasons therefor?

Suicides by farmers

†2097. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER
SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of NGOs have apprised Government of the facts of suicides by farmers in different States in the country;

(b) if so, the names of NGOs;

(c) whether Government have sent high level officers to the States to gather facts in this regard; and

(d) if so, the names of officers along with the name of respective States where they have been sent and details of reports received from them regarding those States?

Chain link fencing at Indo-Bangladesh Border

2098. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chain Link fencing of the Indo-Bangladesh Border will be completed this year; and

(b) what are the steps proposed of patrol the fenced border to prevent further illegal infiltration of Bangladeshis into the country?

Organisational structure of Delhi Police

2099. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the

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organisational structure of Delhi Police comprise of ranges, districts, sub-divisions and SHO; and

(b) the total strength of officials/ personnel in each range, district, sub-divisions and the number of SC/ST in each of these ?

Cases of rape with minors in Delhi

2100. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rape cases in Delhi are on increase;

(b) the details of rape cases with minors, District-wise, Police Station-wise during the current year;

(c) the number of rape cases with minors registered in Mandawali Police Station, Delhi during June/July, 2004 and action taken to apprehend the culprits in each case;

(d) whether it is also a fact that many culprits after procuring the false birth certificate get bail; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action contemplated to arrest them?

Rape and sexual harassment by cops

2101. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing tendency of rape and sexual harassment among cops;

(b) whether any survey has been made to find out the reasons in this regard, if so, the details thereof, if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any action plan or is willing to make stringent

laws by bringing any Bill to prevent such incidents and other mal-practices of police force?

Long Term Visa

2102. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4006 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 2001 and state:

(a) whether practice of granting Long Term Visa for persons living since long in India has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons and justification thereof;

(c) the number of persons living since 1954 in Uttar Pradesh on Long Term Visa;

(d) whether Government propose to consider this matter sympathetically and would continue to grant Long Term Visa to such persons so that they don't face any problem who are now in their old age; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when it would come into force?

Dharamvir Enquiry Commission

†2103. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the image of police network among the people is quite negative;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had constituted "Dharamvir Enquiry Commission" keeping in view the said condition of police network; and

(c) if so, what were the main recommendations of the above enquiry commission along with the problems being faced in their implementation?

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Reconstitution of central Intelligence Bureau

†2104. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration for the reconstitution of the Central Intelligence Bureau;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme for its offices, officials located in States; and

(c) if so, whether Government have proposed any committee for the purpose of increasing meagre facilities in this vital department along with details thereof?

Tribals exploited in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

2105. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tribals of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are losing their land through illegal sales after the death of the land holder, through the connivance of revenue authorities;

(b) whether the tribal girls are being exploited through temporary marriages with non-tribals settling in the territory;

(c) whether adivasi girls are being exploited in the flesh trade because of their property; and

(d) whether Ministry has examined the report of the National Commission for Women on the condition of women in the territories and what follow up action is being taken?

Peace talks with NDFB and ULFA

2106. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of peace negotiation with National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) and the United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA);

(b) whether any modalities have been framed for the settlement of the problems raised by NDFB; and

(c) the level at which the discussion with NDFB is going on?

Secret meeting between PWG and ULFA

†2107. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a secret meeting was held between Naxalite leaders (PWG) and ULFA in Dhaka in October, 2004;

(b) any other information received by Government in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

Kidnapping of NHPC engineers

†2108. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the central point behind the incident of kidnapping of General Manager and Chief Engineer of National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) in Vaishali, Bihar on 20th November, 2004;

(b) the main motive for this kidnapping and the organisation responsible mainly for the same; and

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