

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Thursday, the December 22, 2005/Pausa 1, 1927 (Saka)*

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

Total number of questions —155

#### Sale of Khadi products

3197. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:  
DR. K. MALAISAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND  
RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to  
state:

(a) whether Khadi products could not  
compete with other similar products in the  
open market in view of low productivity  
and high cost of Khadi products;

(b) if so, the measures to promote and  
protect them from this threat;

(c) whether Government are aware that  
there are umpteen number of fake and  
bogus products in the open market and  
even in the Khadi Vastralaya outlets under  
the name and style of Khadi and are sold at  
cheaper rates than that of Khadi products;  
and

(d) the measures and methods to check  
this evil?

#### Progress in Khadi and Village Industries

†3198. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN  
SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRO  
AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased  
to state:

(a) the progress made in Khadi and  
Village Industries during the last three years;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to promote  
and to popularize the Khadi and Village  
Industries; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to  
provide financial assistance for the same?

#### Employment under PMRY

3199. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:  
Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL  
INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created

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additional employment opportunities in the rural non-farm sector under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets and achievements made during the last two years including Tamil Nadu?

#### **Revamping of KVIC**

3200. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is proposed to be revamped;

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

(c) whether any assessment was made on the performance of KVIC;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the profits generated/loss incurred by village industries in the country during each of the last three years;

(e) whether Government propose to take any fresh steps to promote Khadi and Village Industries in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Schemes for poor people**

3201. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes which rural poor people can avail themselves of without running after bank-loans;

(b) whether Government are going to introduce some of the schemes that would depend only on Government grants to encourage the entrepreneurs in respect of village industries;

(c) whether Government are going to take up a good portion of REGP Schemes in order to finance them out of the Government fund, but not out of bank-loans in respect of village industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Employment for rural poors**

3202. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether rural industries are able to give employment to rural poor in a big way;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial measures planned to help this sector?

#### **Setting up of nuclear power plant in Punjab**

3203. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any nuclear power plant in Punjab to overcome the electricity shortage;

(b) whether Punjab State Electricity Board has also demanded a nuclear power plant for the State; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal?

#### **Uranium Mining in Andhra Pradesh**

3204. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department has proposed uranium mining

and processing plant at Nalgonda district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its proposal before the Ministry of Environment and Forest for environmental clearance;

(d) if so, the details thereon;

(e) whether any consultations in this regard with the Government of Andhra Pradesh was held; and

(f) if so, the response of the Government of Andhra Pradesh?

#### **Pact between MCL and SE Railways**

3205. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited has entered into a pact with South Eastern Railways to implement a rail infrastructure project to facilitate transportation of large quantities of coal from Gopalpur-Monoharpur blocks under MCL in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether MCL proposes to develop new mines in Gopalpur-Monoharpur blocks which have the potential to produce an estimated 21 million tonnes of coal annually during the 11th Plan period;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the project also involves the participation of East Coast Railways in the project; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### **NOC from Neyveli Lignite Corporation**

†3206. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to obtain N.O.C. from Neyveli Lignite Corporation for allotment of lignite block in Rajasthan; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that allotment of Raneri lignite block to R.S.M.M., a State Government undertaking, has been cancelled by Union Government on the suggestions of Neyveli Lignite Corporation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Coal import**

3207. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of coal imported during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the coal mining in India?

#### **Captive mining**

3208. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has written to the Union Government for allotment of Tadicherla coal mine block of SCCL for captive mining;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also written to the Union Government for allotment of seven coal mine blocks of

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SCCL to meet the requirement of Krishna Patnam Thermal Power Station;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government is considering to allot the coal mines for captive mining; and

(f) if so, by when and the details thereof?

#### **Coal production**

3209. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production of coal by public and private sector coal companies during the last two years up to 31st October, 2005, company-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether there has been any decline in production especially in the public sector coal companies;

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

(d) what action proposed to be taken to check the decline in coal production?

#### **Joint coal venture of Maharashtra and Gujarat**

3210. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether, faced with a massive electricity shortage, Maharashtra and Gujarat have joined hands to stake exclusive rights to a large 'Machchapada Mahanadi' coal mine in Orissa, to run power plants in the two States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government reaction thereto?

#### **Suspension of CIL's officials**

†3211. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3141 given in Rajya Sabha on the 25th August, 2005 and state:

(a) the reasons for suspending only twenty officers instead of all the officers against whom criminal cases and cases of departmental inquiry are pending;

(b) the charges against the suspended officers;

(c) the measures taken to see that the accused but not suspended officers do not affect the inquiry against them; and

(d) the dates of initiating departmental inquiry against each of the accused officers and the reasons for not completing the inquiry?

#### **CBI raids on MTNL officials**

†3212. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the matter regarding CBI raids on MTNL official was raised in the Parliament but at that time MTNL officers were given clean chit in this regard; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government/department/corporation to punish the persons found guilty, to remove the Government officers and employees from service and to get the works undertaken in various departments during the last five years by the contractors inquired by vigilance wing or some high level agency?

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### **Benefits of CAC**

3213. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details and benefits of Carrier Access Code (CAC) and in what manner it help the consumers;

(b) whether TRAI have instructed Access providers to implement CAC within time bound programme;

(c) if so, the reasons for not implementing the CAC as on date;

(d) whether mobile network are readily compatible with CAC inspite of which the pro-consumer concept has not been enforced; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

### **Waiving of inter-connecting charges**

3214. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested Government to waive inter-connectivity charges for e-Governance applications for e-Seva and other Government projects, in view of BSNL having raised a demand for payment of additional inter-connection charges in addition to leased lines cost by which e-Seva services would be adversely affected and functioning of e-Seva by Andhra Pradesh Government would become economically unviable;

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

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Upgradation of Post Offices in Tamil Nadu**

3215. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Tamil Nadu proposed to be upgraded during this financial year, location-wise; and

(b) the number out of the above on which work has already been completed?

### **Shortage of staff in post offices**

3216. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of clerical staff, postmen and other junior supporting staff in the post offices in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, the cadre-wise sanctioned and actual strength of the above mentioned categories of staff as on the 1st November, 2005; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to fill the vacant posts expeditiously so as to ensure that the people visiting post offices do not have to stand in queues for unduly long hours?

### **TRAI's directions to CDMA operators**

3217. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telecom Regulator TRAI have received complaints for disconnection of telephones by CDMA operators even when the payments are made regularly by the subscribers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and  
 (c) the steps taken by TRAI to warn the CDMA operators for harassment to subscribers?

**Investment for infrastructure in NLD markets**

3218. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Long Distance (NLD) market requires a lot of investments in creating infrastructure;
- (b) if so, what are the total investments made by NLD operators in creating infrastructure in the country;
- (c) what is the total NLD capacity currently available in India and what are the current utilization levels;
- (d) whether the current infrastructure is sufficient to cater to the projected demand during the next three years; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by Government to create more infrastructures in NLD market?

**Production of handsets of mobile phones**

3219. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that India depends for the production of handsets of mobile phones on foreign companies;
- (b) if so, what measures are being taken

to encourage indigenous production thereof;

(c) the number of Indian companies who are producing such handsets;

(d) the reasons that the domestic efforts at manufacturing of handsets are being blocked; and

(e) the details thereof?

**Promotion of broadband in Karnataka**

3220. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken so far by B.S.N.L. in Karnataka to promote the use of broadband connections in Karnataka; and
- (b) the amount spent so far and proposed to be spent in this regard during 2005-06 in Karnataka?

**Service tax on the largest source of revenue**

3221. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to the ASSOCHAM-ECO PLUS study released recently, the Communications Ministry is getting its largest source of revenue through service tax and is going to get Rs. 12,650 crores by 2007-08;
- (b) if so, the anticipated subscriber base in the country, State-wise, by 2007-08; land-line-wise and mobile-wise;
- (c) the details of services provided by Ministry in the country; and

(d) the break-up of revenue, the Department of Telecommunication is getting through different services, service-wise?

#### **Outstanding amount of MTNL**

3222. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total outstanding amount which MTNL has to recover from the subscribers;

(b) in what manner the amount has been allowed to accumulate when the telephone of an average subscriber is disconnected on non-payment of a bill; and

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed against the officers in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Growth of telecom service in rural areas**

3223. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has released recommendations on growth of telecom service in rural India;

(b) whether, according to regulator it is recognized that without focus on rural areas, sizeable growth in telecom sector would not be possible and current policy would barely be able to achieve targeted 4 per cent rural development by the year 2010 even after giving huge subsidy support of around Rs. 30000 crore; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made by TRAI in this regard and how many of its recommendations have been accepted and the steps being taken to implement them?

#### **Funds collected under various heads from cellular operators**

†3224. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount collected under various heads from cellular phone operators is in India is higher in comparison to China;

(b) if so, the various heads and the amounts collected thereunder in India;

(c) whether it is also a fact that common consumer is not able to get cost effective services due to heavy Government recoveries; and

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

#### **Mobile Number Portability**

3225. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has recently initiated a consultation process on Mobile

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Number Portability (MNP) under which subscribers can change service provider while retaining the same number;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and what is the current Status on the same;

(c) whether MTNL and BSNL have given their views on MNP and if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) whether any study in countries where MNP is permitted has been conducted and if so, the details in this regard?

#### **Increase in employment in IT Sector**

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

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons engaged in information technology industry from 1999-2000 to 2004-05 is estimated to have increased from 2,85,000 to 10 lakhs;

(b) if so, the fact thereof and the name of institute that made this estimate; and

(c) the extent of increase in employment in the above sector in comparison to the labour-force of the country?

#### **Use of surplus land of VSNL**

3227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a difference of opinion between Government

of India and TATAs with regard to the use of surplus land available with VSNL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a new entity called 'hemisphere' has been created to use surplus land available with VSNL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Suggestion/inputs from COAI**

3228. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cellular Operators Association of India categorically denied the reports that they are opposing "India One Tariff Plan" proposed by the Ministry;

(b) if so, whether the Government can think of setting up of an implementation committee to facilitate the process of "India One Tariff Plan" smoothly and expeditiously;

(c) whether Government sought any inputs from the Cellular Operators Association of India as to how the facility could be introduced and whether Government have received any suggestions/inputs from the COAI on "India One Tariff Plan";

(d) if so, the details thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Congestion at inter-connection level**

3229. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently brought out a

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Network Congestion Report revealing an alarming degree of congestion between the operators in several cities;

(b) whether the report has found that 193 locations had congestion level of 10 per cent at points of interconnection;

(c) whether the regulator's (TRAI) benchmark for maximum congestion at interconnection level is under 0.5 per cent; and

(d) whether the congestion at the interconnection level at worst affected locations is at 40 per cent or more?

#### **Expansion of mobile services in Uttaranchal**

3230. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of BSNL mobile connections in Uttaranchal as on 31st October, 2005;

(b) whether this mobile service has been introduced in all the districts, Block headquarters and Tehsil headquarters in the State;

(c) the expansion plan of this mobile service in Uttaranchal;

(d) whether mobile connections of BSNL are available on demand in Uttaranchal; and

(e) if not, by when such situation would prevail?

#### **New infrastructure for metro cities**

3231. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with one lakh additional mobile subscribers adding to the subscriber population per month in Delhi, Mumbai and other metros each, the airwaves have become jammed making it difficult to inter connect by mobile telephones; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to augment the infrastructure or to cap the subscriber limit?

#### **New Spectrum Policy**

3232. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to form the new Spectrum Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to freeze fresh allocation of radio frequency to BSNL till the new policy is finalized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Greater Noida as new I.T. destination**

3233. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Greater Noida will be emerging as new I.T. destination after Bangalore and Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the facilities provided by Government to the I.T. companies for inviting them to invest in this city?

### **Network capabilities of BSNL and MTNL**

3234. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the network capabilities of BSNL and MTNL and how many subscribers of various services categories can be serviced by BSNL and MTNL;

(b) whether BSNL and MTNL is considering to offer surplus infrastructure capacities to private operators on payment basis; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Release of commemorative stamp**

†3235. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the eve of 300th anniversary of Gur-da-gaddi in Nanded, Government are going to release any postal stamp;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Villages without VPTs**

3236. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided by BSNL during each month of the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages still remain without VPTs, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the villages in the country would be provided with VPTs by the end of 2007;

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

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

### **Expenditure in telecom sector**

3237. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to spend Rs. 17,186 crore on Telecom Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the BSNL plans to provide 75 lakh lines during 2005-06; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Height and depth of towers**

3238. SHRI JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what should be the height and depth of tower for receiving clear connecting of mobile connection;

(b) whether the towers installed in the country fulfil the requirement, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action is proposed to be taken against the defaulter?

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**Telephone facilities in the  
villages of Rajasthan**

3239. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Rajasthan having telephone facilities as on date, district-wise;

(b) the number of those villages where the said facility could not be provided so far;

(c) by when, these villages would be covered; and

(d) the details of the necessary steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Introduction of mobile services in  
Bihar**

†3240. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that mobile service has not been put in operation or not in operating properly in Khagaria in Bihar due to telephone exchange being in disorder;

(b) if so, by when the mobile service would be launched with the use of modern technology; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor along with the details thereof?

**Shortage of employees in Gogri  
Telephone Exchange, Bihar**

†3241. SHRI VIDYA SAGAR NISHAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is acute shortage of employees in the Telephone Exchange of Gogri, Khagaria in Bihar State;

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

(c) if not, by when the employees will be appointed; and

(d) the details thereof?

**Broad-band connections in Jharkhand**

†3242. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of broad-band connections given in Jharkhand;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target in this regard;

(c) if so, whether the progress in achieving this target is satisfactory; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Clearance of waiting list of landline,  
mobile and WLL phones in Eastern  
U.P.**

†3243. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of landline, WLL

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and mobile phones provided by BSNL during the last two years in Mau, Azamgarh, Sultanpur, Ambedkar Nagar and Jaunpur districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the district-wise details of the number of applications received for installation of new telephone connections in the districts during the aforesaid period as well as the existing waiting list therein; and

(c) by when the waiting list of land line, WLL and mobile phones would be cleared?

**Voluntary retirement benefits to employees of ITI, Rai Bareli**

3244. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that services rendered under other Government of India Public Sector Undertakings need to be reckoned with while calculating Voluntary Retirement compensation in respect of employees of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, who took voluntary retirement as per scheme notified by DPE's OM dated 5th May, 2000;

(b) if so, whether some employees of I.T.I. Rai Bareli were deprived of this benefit while calculating their Voluntary Retirement ex-gratia; and

(c) if so, what corrective measures Government propose to take to do justice with such erstwhile employees of the Rai Bareli Unit?

**Distribution of Sim Cards in Chhattisgarh**

†3245. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3743 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th April, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of Sim Cards distributed alongwith the number of those whose distributions has been kept pending in Chhattisgarh during the last two years;

(b) the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the number of willing subscribers whose names figure in the district-wise waiting list; and

(d) the details of targets fixed for the district-wise distribution of Sim Cards during the year 2005-06?

**Provision of telephones in N.E. Region**

3246. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise details of village Panchayats in the North Eastern Region where telephone facilities has not been provided so far; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government for providing telephone facilities to each village Panchayats of NER?

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**Internet Telephony**

3247. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the concept of Internet Telephony and how it is different from conventional telephone network;

(b) whether Government have any policy guidelines on Internet Telephony and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any future plans to promote Internet Telephony more aggressively and if so, the details in this regard?

**Revival of I.T.I.**

3248. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's largest telecom equipment manufacturing company ITI was established in 1948 and is India's first Public Sector Undertaking (PSU);

(b) whether this company is making losses for more than a decade;

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

(d) the amount of accumulated loss of this company as on 31st March, 2005;

(e) whether Government have taken any measures to revive this India's first PSU; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Quality of powerline communication**

3249. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the use of power lines for communications on the pattern of PLCC;

(b) if so, will that render the optical fiber network of the operators redundant; and

(c) the quality of power line communication as compared with the optical fiber communication?

**Link road to Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan**

3250. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the historic Sikh Gurudwara Kartarpur Sahib in Pakistan where Guru Nanak Devji spent last days of his life before passing away and which is located only 2.5 Km. away from Indo-Pak border; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take up with Pak Government, the request for opening of link road (Galiyara), without any restrictions from either country, made by whole Sikh Community/ devotees from all over the world as well as SGPC Amritsar?

**Surrender of Maoists**

†3251. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has

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been drawn towards the news published in the major newspapers of India on 20th November, 2005 wherein it has been reported that the Maoists of Nepal have accepted to surrender weapons under United Nations Organisation;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the said decision of the Maoists have come during the dialogue held with the political parties of Nepal in India; and

(c) if not, the facts in this regard?

**Assistance to Indian civil nuclear programme**

†3252. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries have given assurance to extend full assistance to India in its civil nuclear programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made by Government, so far, in the civil nuclear programme?

**Missing of Punjab Armed Police river rafting team in USA**

3253. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether six members of Punjab Armed Police (PAP) river rafting team who went to USA are missing since long;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to seek the help of US Government to trace these missing PAP personnel; and

(c) whether it is the first such instance which has happened or such similar incidents happened earlier also?

**Cut in UNO contribution by Japan**

3254. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Japan has decided to curtail its current contribution to UNO because of the opposition from US and China to bid by G-4 Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, being considered for permanent membership of Security Council; and

(b) if so, whether any such type of implicit diplomatic demeanor is also being thought of by India?

**Assistance to earthquake victims of Pakistan**

†3255. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided a large quantity of material as assistance to Pakistan for the earthquake victims;

(b) in what manner it would be ensured that this material do not fall in the hands of terrorists; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Indian sentenced in Saudi Arabia**

3256. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian nationals are facing various charges and sentences in Saudi Arabia as on today;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Indian nationals from Kerala are facing the sentence of "left eye to be scooped out";

(c) if so, the details including the steps taken to save the citizen from the above sentence, if any; and

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(d) the number of Indian nationals in the jails of Saudi Arabia and action taken to examine their cases?

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

#### **Extradition treaties with SAARC countries**

3257. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extradition treaties between India and all the other SAARC member countries are existing;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the dates of signing of such treaties with the respective countries;

(c) if not, the details of countries with whom extradition treaties could not yet be entered into;

(d) the reasons therefor in respective cases; and

(e) the details of efforts made/being made to enter into extradition treaties with those SAARC member countries with whom no treaty exists?

#### **Haj assistants**

3258. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Government/ State Governments and autonomous bodies employees selected to assist Haj pilgrims for 2006;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are so many candidates who have been selected twice, thrice or even for the fourth time for the said purpose;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government would also consider to make available to said list on Ministry's website for perusal of applicants;

#### **Discussions during SAARC Conference**

3259. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent SAARC Conference held in Bangladesh Government held discussions on the combating terrorism in the North-East including Tripura in particular and demolition of terrorists hide-outs in Bangladesh, transit passages between the North-Eastern States and West Bengal through Bangladesh and possibilities of transit business through Bangladesh; and

(b) the details of the decisions arrived at?

#### **CTBT**

3260. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty has become irrelevant as far as India is concerned;

(b) if so, whether India was under compulsion any more to comply with the terms of CTBT; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Amendment of Labour Laws**

3261. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to amend Labour Laws;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the move has been resisted by Trade Unions; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

**ILO convention on International Safety of Fishermen**

3262. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ILO convened a convention on the International Safety of Fishermen in July, 2005;
- (b) if so, whether India represented in the convention;
- (c) whether Indian representative abstained from the voting on the law on safety of fishermen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reason for abstaining from the voting?

**ESI hospital in Bangalore**

3263. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) has it come to the notice of the Government that lack of proper supply of drugs and absence of ICU in the 500 bedded ESI Model Hospital in Rajajinagar, Bangalore, has caused great hardship to patients;
- (b) the steps if any taken to provide ICU facility and ensure proper supply of drugs; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to hand over this hospital to the Karnataka Government for proper maintenance?

**Guidelines for child labour**

3264. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have formulated the guidelines on child labours;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a fact that many States are not implementing the guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the action taken against these States for non-compliance of the guidelines?

**Review of wages**

†3265. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government propose to review the wage of daily wages labourers;
- (b) if so, whether Government are going to amend the labour laws;
- (c) if so, whether any discussion has been made with the recognized National Labour Organizations; and
- (d) if so, its time-frame with the details thereof?

**Employment through retail market**

†3266. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that employment is being provided to people through retail market of the country;

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(b) if so, the number of persons of the country provided employment during the year 2005 through this medium; and

(c) the Government estimate of rate of increase of annual opportunities of employment in this sector during the past five years?

**Job for educated unemployed youths in NE Region**

3267. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented for providing jobs to educated unemployed youths of NER particularly in the Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) the details of new schemes proposed to be formulated and implemented in NER?

**New deal for unorganized sector**

3268. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to give favours for unorganized sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are working out programmes that will offer a new deal for those;

(d) if so, whether Government are aware that Inspector Raj is plaguing tiny and small units;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken in the direction to ease the situation?

**Jobless graduates**

3269. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of reports in print media on number of jobless graduates;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of unemployed is up three-fold in ten years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide employment to graduates within a reasonable time of two years; and

(e) if Government are not in a position to provide employment to graduates, it would grant "unemployment allowance" to them till they get a reasonable job?

**Full time and part-time employees working in employment exchanges**

†3270. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 350 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 2005 and state:

(a) the State-wise number of employment exchanges in the country alongwith the number of full time as well as part time employees working in each of these; and

(b) the State-wise and year-wise amount spent on these employment exchanges from the year 2000 till date?

**Unemployed graduates**

3271. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 45.2 million

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are unemployed and amongst them are graduates whose percentage is 17.2; and

(b) if so, does it indicate that the employment exchange had failed in its objective and needs restructuring?

**Amendments in Child Labour  
(Prohibition and Regulation)  
Act, 1986**

†3272. SHRISURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the number of efforts of Government, the number of child labourer in the country is increasing;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider bringing some effective amendment in the existing Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation), Act, 1986; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Safety at work place**

3273. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of fatal accidents due to poor safety and health facilities at work place in India according to the latest report of International Labour Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the number of fatal accidents at work place in India;

(d) whether any new mechanism is proposed to introduce to ensure safety at work place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Pension to retired employees of  
Labour Commissioner's Office,  
Indore**

†3274. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired employees from out of those employees that were given compulsory retirement on attaining the age of 50 or completing 20 years service and reinstated in July, 2004 in the office of the Labour Commissioner, Indore are getting the pension and other benefits;

(b) if not, the reasons for the said delay; and

(c) by when the payment would be made to them?

**Verification of Employees Unions/  
Federations**

3275. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees Provident Fund Organization is an Industry;

(b) if so, whether CCS (RSA) Rules are applicable to EPFO;

(c) whether CBT authorized Central P.F. Commissioner to conduct membership verification of Employees Unions/ Federations;

(d) if not, how verification was conducted by check-off system;

(e) the details of verified membership of Unions/Federations; and

(f) if the conducted verification is wrong, whether the Minister considers to rescind it and order for fresh verification by secret ballot through CLC (C) machinery?

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**Implementation of Industrial  
Tripartite Committee**

3276. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Tripartite Committee on Road Transport have submitted its report/recommendations to the Labour Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the report/recommendations;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Ministry is examining to accept the report and take steps to implement it; and

(e) whether the Labour Ministry has interacted/consulted with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in this regard?

**Cess on construction workers**

3277. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cess on construction sector projects has been proposed for the benefit of construction workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a magnify 55% of the construction workers are unskilled; and

(d) if so, the action taken to train them?

**Change in the technologies of ITIs**

3278. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number

of vocationally trained labour force in India is negligible as compared to other countries;

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

(c) the percentage of vocationally trained labour force in India and in what manner it compare with that of Korea, Japan, Canada and Germany; and

(d) the measures taken by Government for revamping Industrial Training Institutes in the country to meet the needs of the units in tune with technological changes?

**Good health and education for Child  
Labour**

3279. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of children, both male and female, are working as domestic help, boys in tea stalls and road side food joints;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these children do not get food, rest and even decent wages; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure good health and education for these children?

**Objections raised by Centre of Indian  
Trade Union**

3280. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

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

(a) whether EPFO had appointed M/s Mercer Human Resources Consulting as

consultant to suggest investment of option on EPF funds;

(b) whether the Centre of Indian Trade Unions had drawn the attention of the Ministry during March 2005 to the antecedents of the said consultant firm;

(c) if so, the details of objections raised by the CITU and whether the EPFO agreed to verify such antecedents;

(d) whether the same were verified;

(e) if so, the result of such verification; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Assistance for Tsunami Warning System**

3281. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the setting up of Tsunami Warning System;

(b) whether Government have taken the assistance of World Bank or Asian Development Bank for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the interest to be paid to them for this purpose?

#### **Tsunami warning system**

3282. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tsunami warning expert Tad Murthy has predicted that next Tsunami would be in Arabian Sea within next sixty years;

(b) whether it is a fact that his predictions are based on the fact that Tsunami had struck alternatively in Bay of Bengal and

Arabian Sea on three occasions in the gap of sixty years; and

(c) whether Government propose to take necessary steps for installing warning system?

#### **Indians working overseas**

3283. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Indians working overseas is highest in the world;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, with number of emigrants, State-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that remittances from overseas by NRIs is the highest in comparison to foreign exchange generated through any other exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any special facilities, concessions and preferences are extended to the NRIs in the matter of tax, cess, etc., if they wish to set up any enterprise in India; and

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

#### **Announcement at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, 2005**

3284. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister in his speech at the last Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, 2005 had announced the granting of dual citizenship and participation of NRIs and PIOs in the development of aviation sector in India;

(b) if so, whether, so far, only NRIs have been allowed to bring 100 per cent FDI in aviation sector;

(c) if so, the reasons for creating discrimination for PIOs who want to use FDI to supplement their own 100 per cent investment in India in domestic aviation sector; and

(d) whether Government would clear the discrimination between NRIs and PIOs and allow both NRIs as well as PIOs to invest 100 per cent in aviation sector (including domestic airlines) before the next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas scheduled in January, 2006 and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Communal harmony in Pravasi  
Bharatiya Meet**

3285. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the subject of communal harmony is included in Pravasi Bharatiya Meet scheduled in January, 2006; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Comprehensive legislation for  
reservation in services**

3286. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite repeated recommendations in reports, Government had failed to enact a comprehensive legislation on reservation in services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the relaxations and concessions provided to the

SCs/STs did not make much impact as the shortfall in various posts reserved for them still exists; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Changes in RTI Act**

†3287. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued by the Prime Minister to make amendments in the Right to Information Act;

(b) if so, the details of these orders; and

(c) the reasons for issuance of such orders?

**Reservation for OBCs/SCs/STs**

†3288. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision for reservation for OBCs, SCs and STs in Government jobs;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that reservation is also available to the above persons in Indian Administrative Services, Indian Police Services and Indian Foreign Services;

(c) if so, what would be the number of above said persons in all the above services as per the reservation by the end of March, 2005; and

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(d) the category-wise details of actual appointments in abovesaid service?

#### **Lok Pal legislation**

3289. SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has asked for a status report on the long-intended Lok Pal legislation;

(b) whether the proposed Lok Pal Bill is now reads for legislative process; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

#### **Compassionate appointment**

3290. PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of requests from dependent family members of deceased Government employees for appointments on compassionate ground are lying in various departments of Government in general and Delhi offices of DGHS and Food Corporation of India in particular;

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

(c) the policy and the details of steps being taken to accede to such requests on priority; and

(d) whether Government consider it appropriate to relax the ceiling of 5 per

cent quota in such cases to provide relief to the dependents of deceased Government employees?

#### **Supreme Court's ruling on regularization of daily wage staff**

3291. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court recently that the staff employed by Government organizations/autonomous bodies/PSUs on contract basis/daily wages cannot be regularized without appearing in tests/exams designed for the posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the subsequent action taken by Government to give effect to the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(d) whether the Chief Secretaries of States/Union Territories etc. have been informed of this ruling; and

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

#### **New rule for trainee officers of IFS**

‡3292. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trainee officers of Indian Forests Services are not allowed to appear in any Civil Services Examination for three years as per a particular rule of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT);

(b) whether above rule is also applicable on the trainee officers of other Indian Administrative Services;

(c) if not, the reasons for this anomaly; and

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(d) whether said rule has been formulated with the consent of Union Public Service Commission and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for violating the rules of Union Public Service Commission?

**Cases registered against Karipur airport official by CBI**

3293. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action is taken by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on complaints/reports of corruption, grafting hence harassment of passengers in Karipur airport located in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof including number of cases registered, officials *prima facie* involved, and charges levelled as on today, category-wise;

(c) the details of assets of these officials observed/recorded and irregularities/graft found to be received as on today; and

(d) the number of cases registered and official charged on above charges in various airports of Kerala for last three years, year-wise?

**Removal of gap between common man and IAS officers**

†3294. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to remove gap between common man and IAS officers;

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

(c) the extent to which this gap would be removed; and

(d) the benefit likely to be had by common man as a result thereof?

**Acquittal of accused**

†3295. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of corrupt officers raided by CBI in September and October, 2005;

(b) the number of persons out of these at whose place unaccounted for property had been unearthed and the action taken against them;

(c) whether it is a fact that about 95 per cent of the accused go scot free;

(d) if so, whether it is not necessary to evolve such system in these cases which can ensure rational ending to these cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Posting on sensitive post**

3296. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines set out by Central Vigilance Commission for an employee holding on sensitive post or re-appointed on the same post related with public dealings even after completing five years of service;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the States where these are not being implemented all over India including Delhi?

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**Information under RTI Act**

3297. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received by his Ministry for supply of information under the Right to Information Act till date;
- (b) the number of cases the information has since been supplied; and
- (c) the number of cases pending alongwith reasons therefor?

**Appointment of Section Officers**

3298. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 212 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2005 and state the cases filed in various High Courts and CATs on the issue of creation of posts of Section Officers of CSS Cadre and diversion of 50 per cent of the posts to Limited Departmental competitive Examination, etc.; with the present status of each case?

**Reforms in coal sector**

3299. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has put forward some proposals to bring reforms in the coal sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposals sent by Planning Commission;
- (c) whether one of the proposals is regarding captive Coal Ministry by private parties; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**BPL People in Goa**

3300. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who are below poverty line in the State of Goa;
- (b) the criteria/formula adopted to arrive at the figure;
- (c) whether the criteria/formula so far adopted are focused not to be fool-proof; and
- (d) if so, whether Government propose to evolve a new formula?

**Bharat Nirman Scheme**

3301. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are thinking of adoption of public-private partnership model for successfully completing "Bharat Nirman" aiming at development of rural infrastructure with an outlay of around Rs. 1.7 lac crores;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Rural Infrastructure Committee is reviewing the "Bharat Nirman Scheme" for identifying problem areas;
- (d) the problems identified;
- (e) if so, whether the Envisaged Development Programme of irrigation facilities in 1.3 crores hectare, power supply to 1.25 lakh habitation and road connectivity to all villages etc. would be implemented; and
- (f) the action plan chalked out?

**BPL population in Madhya Pradesh**

3302. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUK-KARASAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the number of people living Below Poverty Line in Madhya Pradesh and the steps taken and amount provided under the poverty alleviation scheme?

**Implementation of 75 point programme**

3303. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to ensure timely implementation of 75 point priority programme emerging from mid-term appraisal of Tenth Plan, Prime Minister has asked Planning Commission to monitor monthly progress of identified programmes;

(b) whether mid-term appraisal has also recommended moving full all-India coverage of welfare schemes like employment guarantee and mid-day meals; and

(c) if so, what is the latest position of these programmes and, if so, whether the Ministry is satisfied with the progress?

**Double digit growth rate**

3304. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an address at the Indian Economic summit held during the last week of November, 2005, the Dy. Chairman of

the Planning Commission is reported to have observed that double digit growth was not possible in India because of the constraints of coalitional policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

**Balanced Development of North-Eastern Region**

3305. SHRI B.J. PANDA:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-Eastern Region, including Sikkim despite being rich in mineral resources and forests has lagged behind from the rest of the country;

(b) whether Government propose to undertake various initiatives to bring these States at par with others;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that Orissa State is also similarly placed and it continues to be in the pangs of poverty and has the lowest per capita income in the country next only to Bihar; and

(e) if so, what is the action plan of Government to reduce the imbalance in development of this State as well?

**Package for SSIs**

3306. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government has asked the Central Government for a special financial package for Small Scale Units in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to consider such a package for backward poverty-stricken States such as Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Orissa to develop this sector to improve the economy of these regions; and

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

#### **Pruning of development programmes**

3307. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government feel that effective weeding out/pruning of the ongoing development programmes before the Eleventh Plan Period would set the clock back in terms of economic and social justice to the poor;

(b) whether Government would seek a gross budgetary support of more than 30 per cent of the previous fiscal; and

(c) whether Government would attempt to strike a balance between the projected budgetary demand and its resource generation capacity while framing the next budget?

#### **Poverty in rural areas**

3308. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of poverty in rural areas is 27.09 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Sharing of the cost of MUIP**

3309. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of the

Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project (MUIP) to be shared on 50:50 basis between the Central and State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government are going to take in this regard?

#### **Global Strategic Development**

†3310. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going to consider the constitution of a task force, for Global Strategic Development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of constitution of this task force; and

(d) the selection procedure and functioning of the constitution of this force?

#### **NDC meeting**

3311. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently held National Development Council meeting has decided to set up a sub-committee to look into the debt relief to States;

(b) what are the other divisions that have been taken with regard to Ministry of Agriculture;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the NDC has opined for increasing the cash component in the Food-for-Work programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereon?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Amendment in proportion of  
assistance to States**

†3312. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis of granting 70 per cent loan and 30 per cent grants to the States;

(b) whether the State Governments have sought an amendment in this proportion; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

**Earthquake prone building  
in Delhi**

†3313. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted survey regarding earthquake prone buildings located in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of most vulnerable buildings in Delhi which might collapse at the time of earthquake; and

(d) the steps taken by Government keeping security of the said buildings in view?

**Seismic zones in the country**

3314. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has been divided into four seismic zones by the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(b) if so, the details of the four zones;

(c) when was this last received; and

(d) whether Government propose to revise this based on the seismic activities in the country in recent past?

**Highways under Golden  
Quadrilateral**

3315. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are expected to spend at least 18 per cent more than the estimated cost of Rs. 30,300 crore for widening the highways under the Golden Quadrilateral Project; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, and the details of the escalation in cost?

**Safety on the National Highways**

3316. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to setting up of a regulatory body to oversee the safety on the National Highways;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Committee on infrastructure has been recommended for setting up of such a body;

(c) if so, by when such a recommendation be made by the above Committee; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in setting up such a regulatory authority?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Shipping companies neglecting  
sea farers**

3317. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sea farers are easily abandoned and neglected by the shipping companies and ship owners despite the fact that they are the backbone of maritime economy which in turn drives the world economy;

(b) the legal and other processes available to protect them; and

(c) when the sea farers international identity documents were revised after the twin tower attack in September 2001 and why such revision did not take place in India?

**Setting up of Orissa Maritime  
Academy**

3318. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the approval of the Central Government, Orissa State has set up Orissa Maritime Academy to train Seamen for Indian and Foreign Shipping Companies and a number of batches have been imparted training since its inception in 1993;

(b) whether lack of job opportunities for the passed-out cadets in shipping companies has become a major cause of disappointment among them;

(c) whether Chief Minister of Orissa has written to him in the matter with the request to prevail upon the DG Shipping

to conduct selection of these seamen for recruitment in the shipping lines; and

(d) if so, the status thereof?

**Opening up of cruise  
shipping sector**

3319. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR  
SANGHI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:

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

(a) whether Government have decided to open up cruise shipping sector for foreign direct investment as part of its efforts to promote tourism;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to amend Merchant Shipping Act;

(c) whether high power steering group under Chairmanship of Minister of Shipping and Minister of State for Tourism as its Co-Chairman have been set up to finalise policy in this regard;

(d) if so, what are their main suggestions and by what time a final decision for implementation of their suggestions is likely to be considered; and

(e) to what extent Government have agreed for foreign direct investment of shipping sector?

**Development of roads in Uttaranchal**

3320. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the various roads in the State of Uttaranchal as National Highways;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this behalf?

- (c) whether such undesired persons have also been nabbed at certain places; and

- (d) if so, the details of the persons nabbed during last one year?

#### **Model drivers training schools in NER**

3321. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that State Governments/NGOs are being given assistance for setting up model drivers training schools;

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

- (c) whether any such school for training of drivers has been opened in North East, more particular in Assam and if so, the locations thereof; and

- (d) the number of drivers that have been trained during the current year under refresher training schemes of heavy vehicles?

#### **Corruption in DTOs**

†3322. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that practice of getting driving licences, fake registration certificates etc. through brokers in the District Transport Office (D.T.O.) is rampant throughout the country due to which persons in real need have to face a lot of difficulties;

- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to prevent this;

#### **Universal safety on National Highways**

3323. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to adopt a new scheme for providing universal safety on National Highways, to be funded from tolls and cess on petrol and diesel etc.;

- (b) if so, what are the safety measures envisaged under the scheme; and

- (c) the steps taken to implement the same?

#### **Accidents due to overloading of trucks**

†3324. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the overloading of trucks more than their capacity leads to accidents due to imbalance;

- (b) whether Government propose to formulate any new norms to check such fatal overloading of trucks in view of the above fact; and

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

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Proposals under CRF by Orissa**

‡3325. SHRISURENDRALATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the proposals sent by Orissa under the Central Road Fund (C.R.F.) during the last three years alongwith the number of proposals that were cleared and the amount released;

(b) whether it is a fact that the utilization certificates for the amount released have been submitted to Government; and

(c) if so, by when the remaining amount would be released?

### **National Highways passing through Punjab**

3326. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic on the National Highways passing through Punjab has increased considerably with the result that the Highways have become accident prone; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to widen these Highways under the National Highways Development Project Phase III?

### **National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh**

3327. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Highways passing through Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the length of each and every National Highways connecting the main cities at the shortest and the longest distance;

(c) whether a large number of these Highways are in a dilapidated conditions and the public has to face a lot of difficulty while travelling on these roads; and

(d) the maximum amount to be provided to Uttar Pradesh Government for improvement of the Highways and the roads in the State and by when?

### **Fifth phase of NHDP**

3328. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Phase of National Highways Scheme has since been cleared by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the areas where the scheme is to be implemented have been identified;

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

(e) by when the work under this phase would be completed?

### **NGOs in road safety matters**

3329. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has developed a list or roster of Social NGOs involved in road safety who have been regularly representing on the matters of road safety through the years;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for

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NHAI ignoring the potential role to be played by concerned citizens of this country;

(c) to what extent has NHAI been adopting a cavalier approach to such committed people who do not receive any financial help or salaries from the NHAI or Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to adopt a graceful and positive attitude by NHAI and Government to road safety organizations?

#### **Development of rest areas**

3330. SHRI S.M LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NHAI has advertised for parties to come and bid for development of rest areas;

(b) if so, the steps that would be taken to select a good and most advanced design for rest areas by NHAI as demanded by the road safety forum;

(c) the steps proposed by NHAI to ensure that a modern and useful design is developed for rest areas along the national highways as represented by the road safety forum;

(d) whether it is also a fact that a proper and modern design has not been developed by NHAI for rest areas; and

(e) if so, the details of such advertisements and offers by NHAI?

#### **Port connectivity in Goa**

3331. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of construction of roads/

highways undertaken in Goa under Port connectivity;

(b) the date, cost and status of construction;

(c) the details regarding sharing of expenditure;

(d) whether any hurdles have cropped up in the way of constructions; and

(e) the details thereof?

#### **Acquisition of ships by SCI**

3332. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India had sought Government's approval to acquire more ships for it;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total amount involved for acquiring new ships; and

(d) whether the SCI has sought financial assistance from Government to meet its target?

#### **First phase of National Highways project**

†3333. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on first phase of National Highways project is moving at snails' pace;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

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**Announcement for sanction of road projects**

3334. SHRINANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on September, 9, 2004 his Ministry announced the sanction of several projects, i.e. four laning of Hyderabad-Vijayawada-Machilipatanam Highway (NH-9), improvements (two-laning with pavement shoulders etc.) of NH-18 from Mydukur to Kurnool, Four-laning of NH-18 from Kadapa to Mydukur and construction of Khajipet by-pass, four-laning of NH-18 from Tirupathi to Tiruttani, four laning of NH-202 from Hyderabad to Yadagirigutta; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in giving sanction orders for the above already announced projects?

**Highway building programme**

3335. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:  
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

(a) whether after a lull, country's ambitious highway building programme has picked up speed for two projects, companies have queued up to offer National Highways Authority of India Rs. 1000 crores to build two stretches on NHAI as also bagged another Rs. 866 crores in a bid amount for their similar projects;

(b) if so, total highway projects that are under construction and by when they are likely to be completed; and

(c) whether all road projects are under

completion and by when they are likely to be completed?

**Proposals under CRF for Arunachal Pradesh**

3336. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by Arunachal Pradesh for financial assistance under Central Road Fund during the last three years; and

(b) the details of amount granted to the State during this period?

**Four laning of NH-77**

†3337. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the four laning of Patna-Muzaffarpur Highway-77;

(b) if so, the funds allotted for said project and the amount spent so far; and

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

**Conditions of SSI Units**

3338. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the conditions of Small Scale Industries in the country are deteriorating and weakening;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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(c) the details of annual investment made in this regard during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government to strengthen the SSI Sector in the country?

### **Launching of GSLV Mark 3**

3339. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved so far in the launching of the GSLV Mark 3;

(b) the amount so far incurred for this purpose;

(c) the amount to be incurred in future;

(d) the time-frame set to launch this project;

(e) whether Government had taken the financial assistance from alien countries for this purpose;

(f) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Manned space flight**

3340. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has successfully launched a manned space flight;

(b) whether India is successfully and technically capable to send manned space flight;

(c) if so, whether we are planning; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Satellite images of areas of country**

†3341. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:  
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that satellite images made available by the well known search engine "Google" under its new tool namely "3 (three) D interface to the Planet" include Rashtrapati Bhawan, Residence of Prime Minister besides commercial airports, Navel bases, atomic establishment and other sensitive installation which can create crisis from safety point of view;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to remove the said image from search engine of Google and result achieved therefrom?

### **Utilisation of MPLADS fund**

3342. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) are misused or remain unutilised;

(b) whether Government have received complaints in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereon?

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### Promotion of sports in U.P.

3343. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted to various institutions engaged in promotion and development of sports in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the details of target fixed and achievements made in this regard?

### Grant allocated to rural schools

3344. SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:  
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

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

(a) the quantum of grants allocated to create sports infrastructure during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of grant allocated to rural schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground during the last three years; and

(c) how many sports persons of International level produced in rural areas during the last three years and the details of the medal won by them sports-wise?

### Opening of new sports centres

3345. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports coaching/training centres in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more centres in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### Government service to sports persons

3346. SHRI BASHISHTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines/criteria in existence for sports person for representation at national/international level;

(b) the facilities to which sportspersons who represent at national/international level are entitled;

(c) the details of the facilities, representation-wise and sports-wise;

(d) whether these sports persons are also entitled for jobs in Central Government/State Government/PSUs;

(e) if so, the criteria and details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that most of the State Governments are not giving jobs to sports persons who have represented India at the International level; and

(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by Government in the matter?

### Plan for Commonwealth Games

3347. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any inter-Ministerial Committee to formulate a plan for Commonwealth Games in 2010 in India; and

(b) if so, the budgetary proposal for different Ministries in this respect?

**Non-payment of salary to the trainers  
of SAI**

3348. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 700 trainers employed in Sports Authority of India (SAI), who have been transferred have not been paid their salary for past few months; if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(b) whether this is likely to affect their work and come in the way of practice and training in games; and

(c) by when their salary is likely to be released?

**Funds allocated for promotion of  
sports**

†3349. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds spent on construction of stadium, sports complex, and play ground etc. during the last three years in order to promote sports events, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned and to be spent therefor during the current financial year?

**Sports training centres in  
Uttar Pradesh**

3350. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of sports training centers functioning at present in the State of Uttar Pradesh as on 30th November, 2005;

(b) whether any new initiatives are being taken by Government to set up sports training centers in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

**Holding of Olympic Games in Delhi**

3351. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is bidding for 2014 Olympic Games in Delhi;

(b) if so, the response received from World Olympic Association;

(c) whether infrastructure is available to hold games of such a magnitude in Delhi; and

(d) if not, how the necessary infrastructure is proposed to be created before the Olympic Games in case it is held in Delhi?

NEW DELHI;  
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YOGENDRA NARAIN,  
*Secretary-General.*

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