

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the March 23, 2005/Chaitra 2, 1927 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions — 155**

#### **Export of branded jewellery**

2316. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of branded jewellery  
exported in 2003-04 and up to  
February 28, 2005 respectively;

(b) whether Government has taken  
special efforts to increase exports of  
branded jewellery from the country;

(c) whether any training institutes are  
proposed in different States to use the  
original skills of jewellery makers in the  
country;

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to  
encourage such exports from different parts  
of the country; and

(e) details of such incentives to increase  
exports of branded jewellery?

#### **Clearance of FDI in construction of commercial properties, shopping malls and hotels**

2317. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI  
BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared  
FDI in construction of commercial  
properties, shopping malls and hotels;

(b) whether FDI up to the 100 per cent  
is proposed to be allowed in these  
commercial properties;

(c) if so, what are the main details of the  
proposed decision taken in this regard; and

(d) to what extent this decision will help  
construction industry and whether this  
decision will also provide opportunities of  
jobs in construction work in the country?

#### **White Paper on WTO's impact on India**

2318. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD: Will the Minister of  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand  
has been made to Government, to bring out  
a White Paper on the profit and loss  
account of India being part of the WTO  
since 1995 and whether Government  
propose to bring out this paper;

(b) whether Government have made  
analysis of the impact if India had not joined  
the WTO and what were the sector-wise

gains or losses as a result of joining the WTO; and

(c) the details thereof?

**Assistance to Orissa for shrimp export**

2319. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Orissa is picking up in shrimp exports and it is expected to rise threefold by 2010 when it would export 1200 crore brackish-water shrimp;

(b) whether Government is also aware that Orissa is a debt-ridden cash-strapped state and lacks resources for development of its infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to extend financial and other help to the State for exploitation of its shrimp potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**India's exports to China**

2320. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite India's exports to China galloping high almost every quarter, significantly a large portion of exports comprises of only four basic items like iron ore, slag, coal ash and steel;

(b) whether in view of price realisation being much less on these primary material, India would attempt to export such commodities with value addition; and

(c) whether, on the contrary, Chinese imports into India comprises of value-added items like mobile communication

gadgets, radio telephone handsets, DVD/VCD players etc.?

**National Design Policy**

2321. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Design Policy to make India a designer hub in the world;

(b) whether any study has been conducted about the potential that India has to offer to MNCs and overseas clients;

(c) whether any consultations/meetings with the stake-holders have been held in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the consultations/meetings?

**Non-utilisation of installed capacity of sesame oilseed industry**

†2322. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installed capacity of sesame oilseed industry is not being utilised fully in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage utilisation of the installed capacity during the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and till the month of December 2004-05;

(c) the reasons for not utilising the installed capacity; and

(d) the estimated effect on the cost of production due to not utilising the installed capacity fully?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Operationalisation of Zowkhatarirhi customs gate**

2323. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that apart from Moreh (Manipur) there is another customs gate namely 'ZOWKHATARIRHI' on the Indo-Myanmar Border;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said gate is not operational for border trade; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to make the said gate operational and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Steps to provide remunerative price to silk producers**

2324. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of wide spread discontentment and disappointment amongst country's silk producers as they are unable to get appropriate price to their produce due to large scale imports, both legal and illegal of silk from countries like China and Thailand; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to ensure remunerative prices to the producers of silk in the country?

**"Ever greening" provision in Patent Act, 1970**

2325. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ordinance amending the Patent Act, 1970 allows "ever greening", i.e. filing patent applications for new forms of older patented drugs and of new uses of older drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the patent applications filed and granted to the above category for the last one decade, year-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether "ever greening" may block the entry of generic drugs into the market;

(d) if so, the details thereof including action taken to overcome the above;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the total number and details of life saving drugs as on today?

**Growth rate of exports and imports**

2326. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of growth of exports is considerably less in comparison to import items in our country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government to decrease our import items?

**FTAs and PTAs with other countries**

2327. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and Preferential Trading Agreements (PTA), the Government is planning to sign with various countries;

(b) the targeted gains for India from these agreements;

(c) the current status of each agreement; and

(d) the additional benefits India will have in terms of market access from these agreements?

#### **Export of agriculture products**

2328. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of agricultural products exported during the last three financial years;

(b) what is the total foreign exchange earned through such export from the country;

(c) what are the main products which are exported out of the country; and

(d) whether these exports affect the domestic market and availability of such products in the country?

#### **Vacant posts of Joint Director (OL)**

2329. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 6 out of 20 posts of Joint Director (OL) are lying vacant since long;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the meeting of DPC has not been convened for the purpose; and

(c) by when Government propose to convene the DPC to fill the vacant posts of Joint Director (OL)?

#### **Proposal submitted by Maharashtra Government to APEDA**

2330. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have submitted a proposal to APEDA regarding accreditation of the state

seeds certification agency for organic farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

#### **Export of Indian expertise in construction sector**

2331. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up any schemes to export Indian expertise in construction sector to Africa and Latin America;

(b) if so, what are the details of this policy to create export potential for the construction sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that a survey has been done by Government on creating a potential for exports in the construction sector;

(d) the details of the findings of this survey done by Government; and

(e) the steps proposed to encourage exports in the construction sector?

#### **Export of fruits and fruit jelly**

2332. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export of fruits and fruit jelly during the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the huge potential for exporting grapes and mango pulp in some pockets of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) the steps taken to provide technical and financial assistance to fruit growers to boost export of fruits and fruit pulp?

**Maharashtra Special Economic Zone and Designated Area Bill, 2004**

2333. SHRIDATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted to the Union Government the proposed Maharashtra Special Economic Zone and Designated Area Bill, 2004 for administrative approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the administrative approval of the Union Government is likely to be accorded to the Government of Maharashtra on the proposed Bill as only after that it can be introduced in the State Legislature?

**Production of medicines patented abroad**

2334. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of medicines are available in India which are patented abroad and their patents are still valid;

(b) what will be the status of these medicines under the new Patent Law; and

(c) whether the Indian companies will be required to stop the production of these medicines which are already being manufactured by them?

**Trade between India and Bangladesh**

†2335. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of trade between India and Bangladesh during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the trade between India and Bangladesh during the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the reasons due to which trade between India and Bangladesh is hampered?

**Import of sensitive items**

†2336. PROF. R.B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of sensitive items has dropped in the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total worth of items imported during this period?

**Imposition of anti-dumping duty on sea-food by the US**

2337. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USA has imposed final anti-dumping duty on Sea Food imports from our country;

(b) if so, whether it is lower than the earlier one; and

(c) if so, how far it has put our industry on a better footing compared to the previous duty regime?

**Business in N.E. Region**

2338. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that the economic liberalization of the country and the Government's "look east" policy has created a conducive environment for business opportunities in North-East;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the business through "look east policy" in North-East Region?

**Measures to boost trade between N.E. India and Bangladesh**

2339. SHRIMATISYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is keen to expand its trade with North East India and they have suggested to set up joint venture projects with buyback arrangement to give a boost to the ongoing trade between North East India and Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Virignia tobacco barns in the country**

2340. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Virignia tobacco barns in the country;

(b) the number of such tobacco barns in Andhra Pradesh which are recognized by the Tobacco Board;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Tobacco Board has a scheme to modernise such tobacco barns;

(d) if so, details of this plan; and

(e) the funds earmarked for this purpose to help tobacco farmers in the country?

**Increase in FDI**

2341. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that FDI in India is expected to treble by the close of financial year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with FDI during the last five years, year-wise and sector-wise;

(c) what are the areas the overseas investors are envincing interest in and the sectors that would be of interest to such investors during the next five years; and

(d) what measures are contemplated to facilitate the anticipated volume of FDI?

**Industry in Kanyakumari to exploit rubber**

2342. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an industry in Kanyakumari to exploit the available rubber;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Export of fruits, vegetables and flowers from Tamil Nadu**

2343. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of abundant growth of fruits and vegetables and flowers in Dhampur/Krishnagiri districts in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to set up an export hub to export these products;

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

**Killing of Army Jawans by Assam Police**

2344. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that two Army Jawans were killed on January 6-7/2005 by personnel of Assam Police at Khongia village in Dibrugarh district of Assam;
- (b) the details of the incident, that had led to such killing of Army Jawans; and
- (c) the action taken, if any, against persons responsible for the incident as well as the killer policemen?

**Streamlining procedures for purchase of arms**

2345. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present procedure is very difficult to stick to time schedule in the arms purchases;
- (b) if so, whether Government is going to bring new streamlined procedures for speedier purchases of hi-tech weapon system for the armed forces;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the time by when it would come into force?

**Charges of rape and murder against army personnel**

2346. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of

the charges of rape and murder against army personnels, if so, how many rape cases and how many murder cases have been registered against army personnels during last two years;

- (b) whether such culprits have been punished; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

- (c) what steps Government are taking to put a stop to such practices?

**Reservation benefits to ex-servicemen**

2347. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the name of "horizontal reservation" a majority of ex-servicemen are deprived of taking advantage of reservations; and
- (b) if so, what steps will be taken to remedy this grossly unfair and discriminatory situation?

**Kidney transplant in Army Hospital**

2348. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 11 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1.12.04 and state:

- (a) how many kidneys have been transplanted by the Army Hospital, Delhi during the last two years violating the transplantation of Human Organs Act; and
- (b) what steps Government has taken to stop this illegal trade of kidney transplantation in Army Hospital in Delhi?

**Steps to check false human rights to allegation**

2349. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many of Human Rights Groups and NGOs often inadvertently issue reports on excesses by Armed Forces without adequate verification and at times their activities often lead to trials by media;

(b) if so, what steps Government has taken so far to provide safeguards so that morale of our Armed Forces is not unduly affected by such allegations;

(c) has any comparative study been made on the human rights record of the Indian army and other armies of the world; and

(d) if so, what is the finding thereof?

**Shortage of personnel in defence services**

2350. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of personnel in the defence services in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of shortage in the three forces in the ranks of (i) commissioned officers upto level of Lieutenant General and equivalent rank-wise; (ii) non-commissioned officers and (iii) other ranks;

(c) the reasons for the general shortage in the defence services; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to reduce the shortage in the forces?

**Theft in DRDO**

2351. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether theft of computers from a Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) Establishment in North Delhi has occurred in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any sensitive data relating to the security set-up had been lost in the incident;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken all precautionary measures to safeguard security set-up in the event of passing of such stolen sensitive data to the enemies of our country;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government made any arrests in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far?

**Occupation of agricultural land by Army**

2352. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large area of agricultural land is under occupation of Army for operational purposes on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab;

(b) whether due compensation has been paid to the affected farmers; and

(c) the details of the compensation paid to farmers, district-wise?



**Strategic activities of Chinese forces  
along Indian border**

‡2353. SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:  
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that growing  
strategic activities of Chinese forces along  
the Indian border has been reported;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action  
taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether the said issue was raised in  
the strategic talks held between the two  
countries in January;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of issues raised by  
the Government in the said bilateral talks  
between the two countries?

**Compensation to villagers affected by  
bunkers**

2354. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of  
bunkers were erected in 1971 on the border  
areas of Jammu and Kashmir on the land  
of farmers and peasants;

(b) if so, the number of bunkers in R.S.  
Pura and areas affected by them in each  
village;

(c) whether it is also a fact that neither  
the bunkers have been dismantled nor any  
compensation paid to the villagers for the  
use of their land by bunkers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when the villagers are likely to get  
compensation for the use of their land?

**Denial of permission to U.S. Army F-  
15E Strike Eagle**

2355. SHRI AMAR SINGH:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United  
States Army had flown two F-15E Strike  
Eagle to Bangalore for flight display in  
February, 2005;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Aero  
India did not allow the flight of this aircraft;  
and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

**Enhancing fire-power,  
reconnaissance and surveillance of  
Infantry units**

2356. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will  
the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to  
state:

(a) the details of steps taken, specially  
in enhancing the fire-power, reconnaissance  
and surveillance of all Infantry units in  
India;

(b) whether our Army Infantry units  
specially on our Borders are equipped with  
human and arms detecting sensors, battle-  
field surveillance radars, hand-held  
thermals, various types of rocket launchers  
and automatic grenade launchers etc.;

(c) if so, the details of those items which  
are imported from foreign countries and  
names of those foreign countries;

(d) whether Government has made any  
efforts to manufacture those items in our  
country indigenously; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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‡Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Near collision of aircrafts during  
Republic Day parade**

‡2357. SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of  
the fact that during rehearsal of Republic  
Day parade an incident was averted when  
one Sukhoi aircraft and one plane of Air  
India came so close that they could have  
been collided with each other;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been  
conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the results of the said  
investigation; and

(e) the details of precautions and  
corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken  
during such air rehearsals in future?

**Welfare Schemes for Ex-servicemen**

‡2358. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:  
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased  
to state:

(a) the schemes for welfare,  
rehabilitation and employment of Ex-  
servicemen being implemented up to  
28th February, 2005;

(b) the district-wise number of  
Ex-servicemen of Chhattisgarh and  
Madhya Pradesh who have been extended  
this benefit during the last two years;

(c) the number of Ex-servicemen residing  
in these districts; and

(d) the details of facilities being given to  
these Ex-servicemen by State Governments?

**Renovation of Ballard Bunder of  
Mumbai**

2359. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the  
Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ballard  
Bunder of Mumbai naval dockyard is being  
reshaped, renovated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gate would be open to  
the public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Ex-servicemen Group Health Scheme  
dispensaries**

2360. SHRI SUDARSHAN  
AKARAPU: Will the Minister of  
DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Ex-servicemen  
Group Health Scheme (EGHS) dispensaries  
set up in different parts of the country,  
State-wise, as on 23rd March, 2005;

(b) the number of EGHS dispensaries  
proposed to be set up during the current  
financial year; and

(c) the total amount sanctioned and  
spent under the scheme?

**Hiring of private property by Army,  
Navy and Air Force**

2361. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-  
CHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army, Navy and  
Air Force take on rent, private properties  
for residential and/or official purposes;

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines, if  
any, for hiring and de-hiring of such  
properties;

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(c) whether a number of properties hired by Defence Establishment in Delhi/ New Delhi have not been vacated after the termination of lease even though the owners wanted them for their bona fide needs;

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

(e) by when such properties are likely to be vacated?

#### **Natural calamities in Jammu and Kashmir**

2362. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy snowfall and avalanches during the winter killed many persons and damaged property in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the compensation paid to next of kins of deceased and the steps taken to reconstruct damaged properties?

#### **Use of Nano Carbon**

†2363. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a test on 'Nano Carbon' has been done in Defence (Security) Research Laboratory, Kanpur;

(b) whether it is also a fact that clothes made of Nano Carbon would be impenetrable and as a result soldiers of our Army would feel a great relief;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 'Nano

Carbon' is also helpful in making tankers and bunkers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Merger of cantonments with municipalities in Uttaranchal**

†2364. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received proposals for converting the cantonments of Ranikhet, Lancedown and some other cantonments of the States into municipalities or merging them with the nearest municipalities; and

(b) if so, the details of such requests and the steps being taken by the Ministry in this regard?

#### **Cross-Border action by the Myanmar Army**

2365. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Armed Anti-Myanmar insurgents cross the Indo-Myanmar border and seek shelter in India in Mizoram and Manipur;

(b) whether Myanmar Army has crossed into India in these regions in so called 'hot pursuit' of these insurgents;

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

(d) the action taken to prevent such cross-border action by the Myanmar Army?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Family Court in Chandigarh**

2366. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY:  
SHRIMATI SUSHMA  
SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Family Court for the Union Territory of Chandigarh for the speedy trial of family disputes;

(b) whether the National Commission for Women has made any recommendations in this behalf; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government to the recommendations of the Commission?

**Loans to Tsunami affected States**

2367. SHRI SU.  
THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated loss of properties in Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andaman and Nicobar Islands due to the recent Tsunami destruction;

(b) how much amount was requested for reconstruction and rehabilitation as loans/grant by the above mentioned State Governments;

(c) how much amount was allotted by the Central Government in various categories to the concerned three States mentioned above; and

(d) the amount specifically allotted as compensation by the Central Government to the families of deceased persons in the above three States?

**Rehabilitation of Tsunami victims**

2368. DR. AKHILESH DAS:  
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States affected by Tsunami has submitted request for grants for rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the details including the request submitted and the assistance provided, State-wise, category-wise;

(c) whether the above States requested to provide the entire livelihood assistance as grant; and

(d) if so, the details including the States requested for the same and the action taken?

**Training programmes relating to disaster management**

†2369. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government run training programmes related to disaster management in various States;

(b) if so, the number of places where such programmes are being run at present;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to set up a Disaster Management Institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Unified command to tackle naxal menace**

2370. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:  
SHRI C. RAMACHAN-  
DRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question

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2126 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd December, 2004 and state:

(a) the details of States which have opposed unified command to fight naxal/terrorism in the country;

(b) the reasons given by the States in this regard; and

(c) the other measures being taken by Union Government for socio-economic development of concerned districts of naxal affected States in the country?

#### **Rejection of rehabilitation plan by Andaman tribals**

2371. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andaman tribals have rejected the rehabilitation plan drawn up by Government in the wake of Tsunami;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have discussed the matter in the light of objections, if any; if so, with what results?

#### **Making online lottery illegal**

2372. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government differentiated the online lotteries and paper lotteries in the Central Act and whether the Act imposes any restrictions on online lotteries;

(b) whether Government consider that an addictive aspect of gambling is involved in online lotteries and hence it requires restriction;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether Government consider to

amend the Lotteries Act for making online lotteries illegal?

#### **Killing of naxalites in Karnataka**

2373. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a few naxalites were killed recently in Chickmagalur (Karnataka) during a police encounter;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have proposed to deploy STF personnel in the district to combat insurgency despite the fact that naxalism is in its infancy in the State;

(c) whether there has been resentment among the people over Government's move to deploy STF to tackle naxalism which is considered a socio-economic problem; and

(d) whether the Centre would prevail upon the State to attempt solving such issues through dialogue?

#### **Review of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958**

2374. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted to review the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, now in force in NE States has come to the conclusion that people of the NE want the Act be repealed;

(b) whether most of the depositions before the Committee underlined the attempt of Government to legitimize the human rights violations committed by armed forces personnel under the garb of the Act; and

(c) whether Government are committed to go by the recommendations of the Committee when submitted?

**Meeting of inter-State Co-ordination Committee**

‡2375. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the inter-State Co-ordination Committee was held recently;

(b) if so, the suggestions received to check crimes in the National Capital Territory; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement these suggestions and by when these suggestions are likely to be implemented?

**Throwing out of passengers**

2376. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some jawans belonging to the CRPF threw out a passenger near Mirzapur railway station from the running train Purshottam Express on 10th February, 2005;

(b) whether Government are aware of the menacing behaviour of CRPF jawans and officers while they use trains and other public transport;

(c) whether the CRPF has identified these jawans and apprehended them;

(d) what are the reasons for such violent behaviour against the travelling public by CRPF jawans in the country; and

(e) the steps proposed to give exemplary punishment on the culprits who threw out a passenger from Purshottam Express?

**Non-introduction of the Lottery (Prohibition) Bill, 1999**

‡2377. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given up the idea of introducing the Lottery (Prohibition) Bill, 1999 in the Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have banned the sale of lottery tickets of other States;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have handed over this work to private contractors; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the present circumstances?

**Setting up of orphanages and widow homes for Tsunami victims**

2378. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to set up special orphanages and widow homes for Tsunami victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Child trafficking after Tsunami**

2379. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy of Government to tackle the child trafficking issue that has emerged after Tsunami crisis;

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(b) whether India too is contemplating on the lines of Sri Lanka to put a blanket ban on adoption of displaced children; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Left wing extremism in Bihar**

2380. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that left wing extremism thrives in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Developing capabilities to deal with nuclear disaster**

2381. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are developing capabilities of effectively dealing with nuclear disaster, either deliberately designed by any belligerent nation or through sheer accident;

(b) if so, how active association ordinary citizens being primary victims, with such an exercise is being sought; and

(c) whether any guidelines being structured to be followed and practiced by such functionaries from time to time and their percolation at ground level?

#### **Kidney transplantation cases in hospitals**

2382. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports that many hospitals in the country are allegedly involved in kidney transplantation, if so, how many of them found involved

alongwith names of such hospitals and number of cases registered against;

(b) what action Government have taken or going to take against such hospitals; and

(c) whether Government have prepared any concrete plan to prevent such type of practice in future, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Asymmetry in the visa regimes of India and Pakistan**

2383. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted the fact that asymmetry in the visa regimes of India and Pakistan is posing an internal security threat; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the ISI has been exploiting our unilaterally liberal visa policy and the inadequacy of our systems to ensure that Pakistan visitors do not stay beyond the period allowed in the visa, disappear and become untraceable?

#### **Amendment in Commission of Inquiry Act**

2384. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Commission of Inquiry Act so that the inquiries are time bound, the Judges are appointed by Government in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition and the recommendations are mandatory for Governments;

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

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

**Unsolved cases of murders**

†2385. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are cases of murder in the States of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar etc; pending in which investigation could not be completed even in two decades;

(b) if so, what is State-wise number of those cases of murders during the period from 1988 to 2004 in which investigation has not been completed as yet; and

(c) what are the details of those cases of murders during the year of 1989, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, in which investigation work has not been completed so far and the reasons of such delay in investigation?

**Funds received by NGOs from foreign countries**

†2386. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many NGOs working in India receive funds from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the names of such NGOs togetherwith the details of their activities, their sources alongwith the funds received by them during the last three years;

(c) whether existing mechanism/legal infrastructure is adequate to monitor their funds; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to tone up the monitoring process to check the functioning of these NGOs?

**Rape cases**

†2387. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of rape and atrocities on women belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have increased in the country;

(b) the State-wise details thereof for the last three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents; and

(d) the result of the steps taken by Government?

**Disposal of cases by POTA review courts**

2388. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that POTA review courts have been operating sluggishly; and

(b) if so, what measures would be taken to make it possible to dispose of cases with certain measure of urgency?

**Promotion avenues for Nursery teachers in MCD/NDMC**

2389. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no avenues for promotion of Nursery Teachers working in NDMC and MCD;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the rules are likely to be framed for promotion of such Teachers who have B.Ed/M.Ed qualification?

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**Missionaries engaged in conversions**

2390. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of missionaries coming and engaging in religious conversions in the disguise of service to poor in the recent past;

(b) if so, the action taken against these foreigners during the last one year; and

(c) whether any press report has come to the notice of the Government that foreigners engaged in conversions had to return to their own country after strong objections from the local people?

**Unsafe structures in Delhi**

2391. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the unsafe structures facing fire hazards in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of preventive steps being taken to keep check on construction materials and structural safety?

**Revamping of CISF**

2392. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the mandate that has been given to the CISF under the CISF Act, 1968;

(b) the details of duties performed by CISF in the country;

(c) whether Government are considering of revamping the working of the CISF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Recruitment of surrendered militants in CRPF**

2393. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) recruited 339 surrendered militants of Bodo Liberation Tigers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had agreed to recruit 1,000 surrendered militants of the Bodo Liberation Tigers into the CRPF, BSF and the Assam Rifles; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard to recruit the remaining surrendered militants?

**Unprecedented snowfall in J&K and Himachal Pradesh**

2394. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives and those missing and loss of property in Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh due to unprecedented snowfall and avalanches during winter of 2004-05;

(b) the extent of damage caused to property as a result thereof;

(c) the financial assistance/ compensation given by Central Government for relief and rehabilitation of victims of natural calamity in Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh; and

(d) how many victims are foreign tourists?

**Insertion of the word 'Kashmir' in National Anthem**

2395. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed and admitted in the Supreme Court of India for deleting the name of 'Sindhu' from our National Anthem and inserting 'Kashmir' in its place; and

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

**Universities to study natural calamities**

2396. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Universities in the country have requested for financial assistance for establishing a national centre for the study of natural hazards and calamities;

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

(c) the action taken in this regard by the Central Government?

**Indian citizenship to individuals from Pakistan**

2397. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Competent Authority has initiated steps to confer Indian citizenship to individuals from Pakistan, settled in India many decades ago, so as to avail Indian passport;

(b) if so, the details including steps taken so as to avail Indian citizenship and passport facilities to above individuals and number of individuals who are eligible to

apply for Indian passport State-wise as on today;

(c) whether steps will be taken so that similarly situated persons residing in Kerala will also avail above facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Illegal immigrants in the country**

2398. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal immigrants in the country have increased manifold during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the total number of illegal immigrants staying in India as on 31st December, 2004;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter of illegal immigrants with other countries like, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, the outcome therefrom?

**Compensation to farmers who are deprived of farming due to fencing**

2399. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise area of agricultural land situated beyond the barbed wire fencing on Indo-Pakistan and Indo-Bangladesh borders;

(b) what are the arrangements to cultivate this land;

(c) whether there is any arrangement to compensate these farmers, who are not able to cultivate their lands because of the barbed wire fencing; and

(d) if so, what are the rates of such

compensation and whether Government are paying this compensation regularly or there are some arrears and in case there are arrears to be paid, by when Government plan to pay these arrears?

**Pushing out of passengers by Army and BSF personnel from Farakka Express**

2400. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:  
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:  
SHRIMATI KUM KUM  
RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether three Army Jawans and a BSF personnel threw some passengers out of Farakka Express at Shikohabad Railway Station in U.P. some of whom were run over by Sampurn Kranti Express running on a nearby track;

(b) if so, the number of passengers who lost their lives in the incident;

(c) whether the incident has been investigated;

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

(e) whether any financial assistance has been given to the next of kin of the deceased and to those injured in the mishap;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) such incidents during the last two years; and

(h) whether any preventive action has been taken?

**Contacts of human rights activist with Pak intelligence agencies**

2401. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent arrest of self-proclaimed human rights activist from the Kashmir Valley has revealed, closer contact with Pakistan intelligence agencies; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to prevent the infiltration of terrorist group and informers with the help of Pakistan intelligence agencies in the region?

**Review of Assam accord**

2402. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has agreed to review the Assam Accord made with the All Assam Students Union (AASU); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Missing of children in metropolitan cities**

2403. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 15,000 children go missing from the country's six metropolitan cities every year;

(b) if so, how many of these missing children are traced and how many remain untraced;

(c) whether the police authorities are registering all the cases brought to their notice or majority of the cases are not registered as revealed by a team of experts under the aegis of the National Human Rights Commission; and

(d) how many cases relating to trafficking of children have been reported during the 2004 in the metropolitan cities?

**Sanction of BSF unit for Kerala**

2404. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government sanctioned BSF unit for Kerala and if so, whether any steps have been taken by the State Government to start the same;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala provided land for setting up of the same and if so, the details thereof;

(c) for how many other States in the country BSF units were sanctioned at present and whether land was provided by all those Governments to set up the unit; and

(d) whether the Government finds any lapse on the part of State Government of Kerala to set up BSF unit?

**AIDS among CRPF personnel**

2405. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA :  
SHRIMATI SUSHMA  
SWARAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 CRPF personnel have been detected to have AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special drive is going to be organised either by the CRPF or any other institution to control this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Onus of proof in cases of custodial death**

2406. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Law Commission in one of its report has recommended that in case of custodial death in police custody or judicial custody, the onus of proving of innocence may be fixed on the police or jail administration; and

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

**Modernisation of para-military forces**

2407. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps taken by Government for modernisation of para-military forces;

(b) the total amount sanctioned *vis-a-vis* spent on the modernisation of para-military services;

(c) whether any training/orientation programme is given to the para-military personnel so that they do not misbehave with people while conducting combat operations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Stationing of para-military forces in States prone to natural calamities**

2408. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a section of para-military forces are to be set apart and trained for relief operation during natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such trained forces will be stationed in States prone to natural calamities?

**Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir  
and North Eastern States**

†2409. SHRI UDAY PRATAP  
SINGH:  
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been  
formulated by Government to root out the  
terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir and  
insurgency in the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Setting up cells to encourage the non-  
conventional energy**

2410. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA  
RAO: Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any  
proposals to set up cells in different States  
to encourage the use and production of non-  
conventional energy;

(b) if so, the details of such plans to  
bring Government policies and schemes  
within the reach of small entrepreneurs  
interested in producing non-conventional  
energy;

(c) what are the funds made available  
by Government for this purpose in  
2003-04 and in the current fiscal year;

(d) the details of State-wise release of  
such funds by Government; and

(e) the measures proposed by  
Government to encourage States to produce  
non-conventional energy?

**Potential of solar wind and bio-gas  
energy in the country**

2411. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been made  
regarding the potential of solar energy, wind  
energy and bio-gas energy in the country;

(b) if so, what are the plans to tap these  
energy sources by NGOs and by  
commercial establishments;

(c) what is the amount of subsidy given  
on Capital Investment made in such  
projects by Government; and

(d) the schemes, of Government, in  
force at present to generate electricity by  
Non Conventional Energy Sources?

**Setting up domestic solar energy  
plants**

†2412. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS  
BALAPTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
PANY:

Will the Minister of NON-  
CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government  
have decided to set up domestic solar energy  
plants in order to electrify the remote villages  
as well as jhuggi clusters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of those areas where such  
plants have been set up so far;

(d) whether Government have fixed any  
annual target for it;

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(e) whether Government are also seeking participation of private organisation in this task; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Grants for development of solar energy in Tamil Nadu**

2413. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total central grants released for the development of solar energy in Tamil Nadu during each of the last two years;

(b) the amount utilised by the State Government during the above period; and

(c) the details of the grant to be allotted to Tamil Nadu for the development of solar energy during the current financial year?

**Closure of regional offices**

†2414. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to close all its regional offices;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is likelihood of any kind of adverse effect on the States where these regional offices would be closed;

(d) whether it is a fact that some States have expressed their displeasure over the decision of closure of these offices; and

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

**Potential of wind energy in Uttaranchal**

†2415. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been carried out regarding the wind energy generation potential in the State of Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the areas in the State which have the potential of wind energy generation;

(c) whether any scheme has been formulated for exploitation of the potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Review of power situation**

†2416. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to review the situation of power generation keeping in view the power crisis in north India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such projects where power generation is less than their established capacity; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

**Irregularities in the import of machinery by NHPC and NTPC**

†2417. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

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have got report with regard to irregularities in the import of machinery by the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation and National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, the details of allegations made with regard to irregularities in the import;

(c) whether facts have been ascertained by conducting non-departmental enquiry;

(d) if so, the details of the enquiry; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Unutilised funds for Power Projects**

†2418. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2002-03 and 2003-04 the funds allocated as budgetary support by the Government for construction of the projects in power sector, remained unutilised;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of the allocated funds utilised during each of the above mentioned years; and

(d) the details of the projects whose construction has been adversely affected as a result thereof?

#### **Sources of conventional and non-conventional energy sources**

2419. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:  
SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the sources pertaining

to conventional energy and non-conventional energy;

(b) the quantity of power generated at present from each of categories of energy sources;

(c) the percentage of households covered by the supplies of power (State-wise list of performance);

(d) the target of generation of power during the Tenth Five Year Plan and the extent of achievement made till date; and

(e) the reasons of lapses, if any, in attaining the target proportionately and the steps to be taken to overcome the lapses?

#### **Increasing the per capita availability of power**

2420. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken by Government to increase per capita availability of power over 1000 units as against present availability of 500 units;

(b) what is the requirement of funds to achieve this target;

(c) how the funds for the purpose are proposed to be raised; and

(d) what are the other salient features of the policy and the details thereof?

#### **Electrification of one lakh villages and one crore households**

2421. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the annual targets of Government's programme of electrification

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of one lakh villages and one crore households by the year 2012 and the year-wise financial outlay for this purpose; and

(b) the names of the agencies implementing the scheme, their obligations and means to achieve the targets?

#### **Demand of power of States**

2422. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand of power of each State;

(b) whether the demand is commensurate with the generation;

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

(d) if not the details thereof?

#### **Bids for Subansiri hydro-electric project**

2423. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has accepted the bid of a multi-national company for supply of equipment for 2000 MW project at Subansiri in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited (BHEL), a public sector undertaking, had also submitted its bid for the same;

(d) whether the bid of BHEL was rejected, though it was lower;

(e) if so, the reasons for rejecting the bid of BHEL; and

(f) the reaction of the Government thereto?

#### **Streamlining of procedure for customers**

2424. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has streamlined the procedure for customer seeking open access in inter-State transmission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that CERC had introduced Part-day charges to reduce the cost of wheeling of placing power; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pendency of Power Projects**

†2425. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards media reports about pendency of power projects for twenty years;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon;

(c) what are the reasons for non-completion of the such projects even after a lapse of such a long time;

(d) what has been the additional burden of funds on the Centre on account of pendency of these projects;

(e) whether Government propose to hand over these projects or some of them to private sector; and

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(f) if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Floating of IPOs of PGC and PFC**

2426. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has approved the appointment of Merchant Bankers for the forthcoming IPOs of Power Grid Corporation and Power Finance Corporation;

(b) the total amount that Government is thinking of raising through Power Grid and Power Finance Corporation;

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed to float the IPOs of the above companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines for power purchasing policy**

2427. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any guidelines with regard to power purchase policy entered into by State Governments with various private independent producers for supplying power;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Power projects in TN involving inter-State issues**

2428. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many power projects are held up in Tamil Nadu due to non-resolution of inter-State aspects;

(b) if so, the details of the projects involving inter-State aspects;

(c) whether any tribunal has been set up to resolve the issues; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues for smooth implementation of the projects?

#### **Disinvestment in PGCIL**

2429. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to disinvest its equity in Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL);

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) how much Government equity will be disinvested in PGCIL?

#### **Renewal of power purchasing agreement by NTPC**

2430. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation had reached to a broad understanding on the terms for renewing the bilateral power purchase agreement which expired in February, 05 with a State Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Distribution of power to household by NTPC**

2431. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) will

start distribution of electricity to individual households;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether NTPC is going to set up a separate subsidiary for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Thermal Power project at Maudla in Maharashtra**

2432. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a review meeting dated 2nd July, 2003 on capacity addition on Power Sector reform of the State of Maharashtra the then Power Minister had directed NTPC to prepare a feasibility report of 1000 MW Thermal Power Project at Maudla, Distt. Nagpur within six months;

(b) whether NTPC has proposed for setting up 1000 MW Coal Thermal Power Station at Maudla;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the present status thereof; and

(e) by when the said Power Project is likely to be started?

**Providing power at a low price to States**

†2433. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government provides power to the States at a low price;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Centre has reduced the share of power being given to various States;

(d) whether it is also a fact that inspite of request repeatedly made by these States they are not being given full quota of their share;

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor alongwith State-wise details thereof; and

(f) what is the extent of additional financial burden on the States caused by this?

**Advance to contractor by NEEPC**

2434. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contractors are getting considerable interest free advance from North-East Electrical Power Corporation (NEEPCO) for executing hydel power project, causing considerable revenue loss;

(b) if so, the details of such contractors along with advance amount separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NEEPCO is taking money from the Government of India with interest; and

(d) the reasons for giving advance amount without interest to contractors?

**Providing more than 40 per cent as a grant to M.P.**

†2435. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Central rural electrification policy financial assistance is fixed as 40 per cent in the form of grant and 60 per cent in the form of debt;

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(b) whether Government are considering to provide more than 40 per cent as a grant changing this ratio since the geographical position of Madhya Pradesh is different compared to the other States; and

(c) if so, by when Madhya Pradesh would get said benefit?

#### **Pending proposal of M.P.**

†2436. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal of Madhya Pradesh Government for Rs. 9450 crore under Central scheme of cent per cent electrification is pending for approval with Central Government;

(b) the action being taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) by when, it would be accorded approval?

#### **Tehri Dam Project**

2437. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tehri Dam Project has failed as no water is being collected in the reservoir, no power could be generated and no water could be diverted for irrigation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that by now, there should have been 12.5 billion metric tonnes of water in the reservoir, but actually there is only small lake of about 20,000 tonnes in all; and

(c) if so, whether Government have done any investigation to find out why Tehri Dam Project has failed?

#### **Money for rural electricity distribution**

2438. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has allocated Rs. 1100 crore for rural electricity distribution in 2005-2006;

(b) what are the incentives provided to generation companies to invest in Power Generation in rural areas; and

(c) how many Private sector power generation companies invested money to generate power only for rural areas during the last three years?

#### **Development of Uttaranchal as a power generation province**

†2439. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State of Uttaranchal can be developed as a power generation province; and

(b) if so, the action plan prepared by Government in this regard and the details thereof?

#### **Construction of power projects in Uttaranchal**

†2440. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 20,000 MW power could be generated by construction of the major Power Projects in Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, what is Government's view in this regard and the details thereof?

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**Power generation to meet growing demand**

2441. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the power generated at present is adequate to meet the growing demand particularly the forth coming summer demand all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Rural electrification**

†2442. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount spent on the rural electrification during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the year-wise details of the target fixed and achievement made in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) the norms fixed for declaring a village electrified; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the villages actually electrified as per these norms?

**TSC in Chhattisgarh**

†2443. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts for total sanitation campaign in respect of which the proposal from Chhattisgarh Government are pending for approval and by when the approval is likely to be accorded; and
- (b) the number of districts which have got approval under the TSC in the State of

Chhattisgarh, the amount of the Central Government contribution in this regard released to the State and by when the second instalment of the contribution is likely to be released?

**Proposal of construction of roads in 1059 route in MP**

†2444. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted the proposal of 1059 route of 7754 km costing Rs. 1196.80 crores on 20th January, 2004 for clearance under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;
- (b) what is Government's point of view on the proposal; and
- (c) by when the same is likely to be sanctioned?

**Providing loan under SGSY**

†2445. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) the Government have made arrangement to provide loan to marginal farmers, agricultural and non-agricultural labourers and artisans etc. whose annual income is below Rs. 13,000;
- (b) if so, what was the average rate of interest on this loan in the year 2003-04 and 2004-05;
- (c) the total amount which was targeted to be given as loan under this scheme during the above years; and

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(d) the actual amount of loan provided from March, 2003 to December, 2004?

#### **Total Sanitation Campaign**

†2446. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that decision has been taken to expand the Total Sanitation Campaign in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, since when the said scheme was implemented in the country;

(c) the facilities being provided to the rural citizens under the same; and

(d) the number of villages in each of the State in the country wherein the villagers availing the said facilities till December, 2004 together with the average number of villages availing these facilities?

#### **Crisis of potable water in Rajasthan**

†2447. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rajasthan falls in the category of States facing severe crisis of potable water;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of potable water and many districts of the State are facing the crisis of contaminated potable water which has flouride contents;

(c) whether Central Government plans to provide special economic grants to Rajasthan for providing pure potable water to the public of Rajasthan under National Water Policy granting special status to Rajasthan keeping in view the potable water crisis there; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Minimum labour component in different Rural Development Schemes**

2448. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum labour component in different Rural Development Schemes;

(b) the number of man days offered to an individual labour on average during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05; and

(c) the steps Government contemplate to adopt to increase the number of mandays for an individual labour during 2005-06?

#### **Construction of roads under PMGSY**

†2449. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of roads is in progress in Beaschatti-Deve Prayag, Patti Banelshun, Pauri-Garhwal under PMGSY;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that construction work of road was scheduled to be completed by December, 2004 but it is yet to be completed due to the slow pace of work;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the fact that the State Government had sanctioned the three k.m. long road for village Kota, Patti Banelshun but the construction work of the same is yet to be started; and

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

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### **Special Employment Scheme**

2450. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared a Special Employment Scheme to provide employment to one member of a family in 150 most backward districts identified in the country and submitted the same to Government;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

### **National Fund Under EGS**

†2451. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up national fund under 'Employment Guarantee Scheme';

(b) what will be the initial amount in this fund;

(c) the manner in which financial resources would be mobilised for the said national fund;

(d) the details of the authority which would control this national fund; and

(e) whether CAG and Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance would be authorised to do auditing of the said fund?

### **Employment opportunities under EGS**

†2452. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of opportunities of

employments provided through the Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) the nature of such opportunities of employment;

(c) whether the opportunities of employment provided under the scheme are permanent; and

(d) the details of per capita/per day income generated through such opportunities of employment?

### **Purifying sea water into drinking water**

2453. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that certain State Governments have set up plants in rural areas to convert sea water into protected drinking water;

(b) if so, whether any action plan has been taken to finance those plants by giving suitable assistance to State Governments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Marketing of rural products**

2454. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to develop the rural products marketing;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan indicating the amount that would be invested in the sector; and

(c) the number of jobs that would be generated as a result thereof, year-wise?

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**Pending proposal for land development and irrigation for BPL in MP**

†2455. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal regarding a special project of land development and irrigation for the families living below poverty line in three development blocks of Sivani district has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to Central Government and the same is pending for approval so far; and

(b) if so, by when it would be accorded approval?

**Misappropriation of funds for rural development programmes by NGOs**

2456. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of NGOs are blacklisted for misappropriation of funds extended for undertaking various rural development programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details, within quantum of funds sanctioned and accounted for during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether any inquiry has been initiated for fixing responsibility for indiscreet sanctions and action taken against defaulting NGOs and for recovery of the sanctioned amount; and

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

**Implementation of PMGSY in Assam**

2457. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented in Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the last three years;

(b) the number of schemes under same Yojana for the financial year 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(c) the funds to be released for new projects?

**Promoting water shed management**

2458. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans of promoting water shed management in the drought hit areas of rural India;

(b) if so, the areas where such projects are taking places; and

(c) the details of Central assistance and funds given to the various State Governments to implement such projects?

**Role of MPs under PMGSY**

†2459. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise amount and length of roads sanctioned and cost thereof to Chhattisgarh till 31st January, 2005 under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the role of Members of Parliament of the respective constituency fixed for the sanctioned roads under the scheme; and

(c) the details of the Members of Parliament of State invited to give their advice for this purpose?

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**Survey for identifying BPL families**

2460. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any State-wise survey to identify facilities available to Below Poverty Line families in the country;

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

(c) the details of essential facilities being provided by Government to BPL families in different States?

**Patent of Banarasi sarees**

†2461. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to patent the Banarasi sarees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the scheme made by the Government for the upliftment of this trade?

**Funds spent on development of handicrafts**

†2462. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise total amount spent on the development of handicrafts in the country during last three years;

(b) the steps taken by Government for the development of handicrafts in rural areas in the country; and

(c) the details of incentives provided by the Government in handicraft sector in the country?

**Payment to labourers of textile mills facing closure**

†2463. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding payments of the labourers of the textile mills which are facing closure;

(b) the reasons for the non-payment of the same;

(c) the present market value of the assets of the textile mills which are facing closure; and

(d) whether the Government are planning to sell the assets of such textile mills for the commercial use?

**Ban on import of worn readymade clothing**

2464. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE: SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any suggestion from the Clothing Manufacturers' Association of India to ban the import of huge volumes of worn readymade clothing into Kandla SEZ from different countries for domestic sale as it is contributing to a major loss of foreign exchange to the country as per media reports;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the cheap sale of these imported worn garments are potentially affecting the employment of 72 lakh workers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/to be taken by

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Government to protect the indigenous textile industry in future?

**Decrease in production of cotton cloth**

†2465. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been decrease in the production of cotton cloth in comparison to 1947;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures proposed by Government to deal with the situation?

**NTC mills**

2466. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of NTC mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of mills that the Government closed down during the last ten years; year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) what are the reasons behind closing down the above mills?

**Production of fabrics, fibres and yarns**

2467. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of different fibres, yarns and fabrics in 2002-03, 2003-04 and estimated in 2004-05;

(b) the fibre-wise (*i.e.* cotton, wool etc.) and sector-wise (*i.e.* Mills, Powerlooms etc.) details thereof;

(c) whether the production figures

match with Tenth Five Year Plan estimates; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor and what corrective actions Government have contemplated or already undertaken?

**Powerloom Parks**

2468. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many Powerloom Parks have been set up so far;

(b) whether Government aims to set-up more powerloom parks in next three years;

(c) what facilities the powerloom sector workers will get at these powerloom parks;

(d) the number/percentage of units who have benefited by TUFs (Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme); and

(e) the report of performance of Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)?

**Import of raw silk**

2469. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of raw silk including Yarn imported during 2004;

(b) the countries from whom silk was imported;

(c) whether import of raw silk is likely to continue during 2005 also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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**Bhadohi carpet weaver**

2470. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Women in its study report has indicated that the financial position of Bhadohi carpet weavers, 70 per cent of

which constitute women, is precarious and it will further worsen unless Government help is rendered to extricate them out of poverty; and

(b) if so, the problems in brief faced by these weavers and Government's action plan to help them out?

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*Secretary-General.*

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