

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the April 23, 2003/Vaisakha 3, 1925 (Saka)*

(Ministries: Coal; Defence; Home Affairs; Mines; Non-Conventional Energy  
Sources; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Power;  
Rural Development; Textiles)

Total number of questions—155

#### Non-inclusion of nominee of CITU in CMPFO

3402. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nominee of Centre of Indian Trade Unions has not been included as a member of Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation; and

(b) if so, reasons for this discriminations?

#### Purchasing powers of C.I.L.

3403. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken away all purchasing powers that were delegated to the Coal India Limited (CIL) and have decided that henceforth the seven coal producing subsidiaries of the CIL will make their own purchases;

(b) whether Government have also taken away the marketing rights enjoyed by the CIL for non-core sector consumers; and

(c) if so, the objective behind this move?

#### People killed and injured in coal mine accidents

3404. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people killed and injured in the accidents in coal mines under different coal companies during last three years;

(b) the compensation paid to the next of kith and kin of the workers who died and the workers injured;

(c) the steps taken to ensure adequate safety in the coal mines; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### Fire fighting system in coal mines and factories

†3405. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI:  
SHRIMATI SAVITA  
SHARDA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to improve fire fighting system of coal mines and factories;

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(b) if so, details of various coal mines; and

(c) reasons for the recurrence of fire incidence in coal mines and remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

#### **Commissioning of stealth frigate**

3406. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first of the three multi-purpose stealth frigate built in Russia for the Indian Navy is going to be commissioned in May 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Lifting of US sanctions against Pakistan and its impact on Indian defence**

3407. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the lifting of US sanctions against Pakistan both economic and military will have any impact on the Indian defence preparedness;

(b) whether India is planning to enhance its ICBM capabilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Purchase of early advance warning helicopters from Russia**

3408. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Defence has recently purchased two early advance warning helicopters from Russia;

(b) if so, the total amount spent on acquiring these two helicopters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Russia had not finished testing all systems and equipments on these helicopters that India has purchased;

(d) if so, what was the hurry to acquire the helicopters if the war clouds have vanished; and

(e) if not, whether the Russian report on the helicopters has been satisfactory?

#### **Recruitment of persons from Punjab into Army and Central Para Military Forces**

3409. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the details and number of persons recruited in Army and other Central Para Military Forces from Punjab during the last three years; year-wise?

#### **Russian nuclear edge to Indian Defence**

3410. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Russia has agreed to give nuclear edge to Indian defence;

(b) if so, whether India would lease nuclear bombers and a nuclear-propelled submarine from Russia as part of a \$ 3 billion package;

(c) whether Indo-US defence Policy Group visited India and had talks with Indian Government for keeping military co-operations between India and America;

(d) if so, whether India had also in agreement with France for supply of submarines to India;

(e) if so, to what extent US, Russia and France have agreed to provide military assistance to India; and

(f) what were the agreements signed with these countries?

#### **Sino-Indo relations**

3411. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sino-Indo relations were discussed at 5th Asian Security Conference at Delhi, late January;

(b) whether Defence Minister who spoke at the meet described China as having great potential for mutually beneficial economic relations with India;

(c) whether the meet saw hope of improving political relations with China despite the border dispute;

(d) what is the status of the border dispute and how Government hopes to settle it; and

(e) does the Government hope to push economic relations, putting the border dispute in the backburner?

#### **Use of dolphins to blow up enemy warships and submarines**

3412. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy is all set to use dolphins to blow up enemy warships and submarines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has gone into any study before making a maiden attempt in this direction;

(d) how fruitful will this attempt be;

(e) has any country earlier attempted this; and

(f) if yes, the details thereof?

#### **Medium of entrance exam. for admission to RIMC**

†3413. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had given an assurance in the meeting of Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry on 20th November, 2000 that he would take action on the demand of making an option of Hindi question paper in place of only English question paper in the entrance examination of standard VIIth of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun; and

(b) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken on this assurance so far?

#### **Night-time exercises by Air Force fighters**

3414. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Force fighters carry out night-time exercises to enable them to practice and train for night-time combat;

(b) if yes, the details thereof;

(c) whether such exercises are carried out away from towns and cities;

(d) whether the Air Force pilots are equipped with night vision; and

(e) if yes, the details thereof?

#### **Use of B-4 defence lands for public purposes**

3415. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether use of B-4 defence lands

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had been permitted so far by defence cantonment authorities in India for public purposes;

(b) if so, details thereof with regard to B-4 defence lands allotted so far in the past for public purposes;

(c) if so, will Government allot several defence B-4 vacant lands surrounded by massive civilian population for public purposes; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Permission for single-storey houses in Secunderabad cantonment**

3416. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to get No Objection Certificate from airlines authorities of Madras, even for single-storey houses by the people of Secunderabad cantonment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would revoke this rule by fixing the height of single storey houses in consultation with Airlines authorities and by confining the sanctioning power to Secunderabad cantonment board, to avoid hardships to common man; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Use of amphibious vehicles by the Army and Navy**

3417. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any amphibious vehicles used by the Army and Navy;

(b) if so, what are the types of vehicles used;

(c) whether heavy equipments like tanks, jeeps, etc. can be transported on them for land-sea operations;

(d) if so, the capacity of such vehicles used; and

(e) if not, whether bigger amphibious vehicles should be produced to equip the Army and the Navy?

**Removing gender bias towards young lady officers of Armed**

3418. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are exercising gender bias in not extending the tenure of young lady officers of Armed Forces after completion of 10 year commissioned service whereas similarly placed men officers are considered for regular commission in the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, whether Government are thinking of utilising the valuable experience gained and expertise developed by these lady officers in comparable status civilian jobs in Armed Forces; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Release of open Defence lands surrounded by civilian colonies in Secunderabad cantonment**

3419. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would release several pockets of open Defence lands of Secunderabad cantonment surrounded by massive civilian population in favour of Andhra Pradesh Government in exchange

of alternate more security-risk-free land as it was done in the past, for several such pockets of Defence open vacant lands;

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

#### **Army award for present FM**

3420. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present Finance Minister has been selected for the award of a medal by the Army authorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the excellence for which this award is proposed to be given to a civilian who has not rendered any meritorious service in the battlefield?

#### **Demining of cultivable land in Rajasthan**

3421. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the method used by the army to demine the cultivable land in the border areas of Rajasthan and other places;
- (b) whether it is considered to be obsolete and time consuming;
- (c) whether, due to slow demining operation in Rajasthan, the farmers are not getting back their land for farming purposes;
- (d) the areas of cultivable land which are yet to be returned back to the farmers of Rajasthan; and
- (e) the steps contemplated by Government to expedite the operation?

#### **Modernisation of Ordnance Factories during Tenth Plan**

3422. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Ordnance Factories in the country;
- (b) whether Government have a proposal for the modernisation and expansion of some of these factories during Tenth Plan;
- (c) if so, the fund earmarked therefor; and
- (d) the details thereof?

#### **Consumption of CSD liquor**

3423. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that liquor procured from Canteen Supply Depot (CSD), meant for defence personnel, is being served at parties in the premises of a hotel as reported in the media; and
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any enquiry into the matter?

#### **Signing of agreement with M/s. FXC International U.S.A.**

3424. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreement was signed with M/s. FXC International of USA for supply of pilot parachutes and brake parachutes in January, 1996;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the firm encashed the letter of credit in August, 1996 on the basis of a target document;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

**Indo-US Executive steering groups meeting in Honolulu**

3425. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-US Executive steering group meeting was held in Honolulu in December, 2002;

(b) whether any discussion was held to further bolster ties between the two armies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Defence Agreement between India and Italy**

3426. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Italy have signed a Defence Agreement recently;

(b) if so, the items of defence equipments to be obtained by India from Italy under this agreement; and

(c) other details in this regard?

**Setting up of National War Memorial and War Museum**

3427. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National War Memorial and a War Museum;

(b) whether most of the countries have these monuments;

(c) if so, at which place these are proposed to be set up;

(d) the anticipated expenditure; and

(e) by when these are likely to come in shape?

**Steps to boost morale of middle level officers in the army**

†3428. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the arrangements made to encourage officers, specially middle level officers (Captain and Major) in the army;

(b) the number of officers who played their role successfully during Kargil war and what incentives were given to them; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in order to boost the morale of officers and to promote them?

**Facilities for parents of soldiers and officers**

†3429. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the facilities to be provided to the parents of soldiers and officers by issuing them identity cards;

(b) whether it is a fact that certain Canteens do not provide proper facilities on the basis of these identity cards, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what arrangements would be made for providing more facilities to their parents in order to boost the morale of soldiers?

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**Laying of mines in Indian Territory by Pak troops**

3430. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently Pakistani troops have been sneaking into Indian space and laying mines in the Indian Territory particularly along Punjab border;

(b) if so, how many casualties occurred due to such mining; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to intensify patrolling?

**Laying of Mines during military mobilizations**

3431. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one million mines were laid during military mobilization after the December 2001 Parliament attack;

(b) whether Government have since started demining operations and the areas are being handed over back to the farmers;

(c) if so, how much area have since been handed over to farmers in the border States; and

(d) by when the remaining area would be demined and transferred to farmers?

**Indo-US defence policy group meet in India**

3432. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRA-IAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-US defence policy group has met in India recently to discuss about defence cooperation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Supply of Falcon Aircrafts by Israel**

3433. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has shown some reservations on the supply of Falcon Aircrafts to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there has been any violation of the terms and conditions agreed upon for the supply of aircrafts;

(d) steps being taken to ensure adherence to the contract for timely supply of aircrafts by Israel; and

(e) by when the contracted number of aircrafts are likely to be received by India?

**Procurement of AJT**

3434. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether search for a suitable Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) is over;

(b) if so, the details of the AJT finally selected, its source and cost; and

(c) the agreement if any signed/finalised in this regard?

**Students from sainik schools who qualified for NDA**

3435. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who successfully completed the class XII Higher Secondary Examinations from the Sainik Schools during the years 1999-2000; and

(b) how many of the above were successful in entering the NDA in absolute numbers, as well as percentage for the corresponding years from each institution?

**MIG crashes**

3436. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) causes of the high rate of crashes of MIG aircrafts; and

(b) how many civilians have died due to the aircraft crashes in the past three years?

**Railway Gauge Conversion of Rangia Murkongchelek**

3437. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for funding the Gauge Conversion of Rangia Murkongchelek section of NF Railway was received by the Ministry on the ground of Defence consideration;

(b) if so, the date of receipt of the proposal from Railways; and

(c) decision of the Ministry showing total provision made in the budget 2003-2004 for the said project?

**Detection of spurious drugs manufacturers and sellers by Delhi Police**

†3438. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police have detected spurious drugs manufacturers and sellers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any comprehensive inquiry is being conducted in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have made assessment of any alliance between competent authority and the spurious drugs manufacturers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Infiltrators living in India**

3439. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infiltrators living in India mentioning countries they are from;

(b) whether Government have taken any step to push them back, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Centre plans to provide financial assistance to the States dealing with 'push back', if so, the details thereof?

**Protection of rights of non-tribals in Bodoland**

3440. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all Bodo Organisations were part of the recent tripartite talk for replacing the existing Bodo Autonomous Council with the new Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC);

(b) whether the non-inclusion of National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) in the talks could mar the effectiveness of the accord signed; and,

(c) the measures taken to ensure protection of rights of non-tribals in Bodoland?

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**Amendment in Official Secrets Act,  
1923**

†3441. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have  
received letters from some Members of  
Parliament insisting to amend the Official  
Secrets Act, 1923;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and  
whether prior to this the Press Council of  
India had also insisted for this; and

(c) if so, the period when the Government  
have received the above letters and the  
decision taken so far in this matter?

**Financial assistance to Kerala for  
modernisation of police**

3442. SHRI N. K. PREMA-  
CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala  
sought financial assistance from the Central  
Government to modernise the State Police  
Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government extended  
financial assistance to Kerala to defray the  
cost of modernisation of the State Police;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any proposal for financial  
assistance put in by Kerala has been pending  
for decision, and if so, the details thereof?

**Amount released for earthquake  
victims of Uttaranchal**

3443. SHRI DARA SINGH  
CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HOME  
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned and released  
so far for the rehabilitation and  
reconstruction in the super earthquake  
affected district of Uttarkashi of Uttaranchal  
State from early 1990 till date;

(b) whether it is a fact that amount do  
not reach the earthquake affected families  
properly while the some NGOs, some State  
Governments and also Central Government  
have sent various varieties of assistance; and

(c) whether Government have  
investigated the matter, if so, what is the  
findings thereof and if not, whether  
Government propose to investigate the  
whole matter again?

**Tainted officials posted in Special Cell  
of Delhi Police**

3444. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the  
Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased  
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number  
of tainted officials have been posted in the  
Special Cell of Delhi Police;

(b) if so, what is the number of officials  
in Special Cell against whom departmental  
enquiries are still going on;

(c) the number of officials of the Special  
Cell who have been arrested on corruption  
charges during the last two years; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take  
to ensure the induction of honest officers in  
the Special Cell?

**Application pending for citizenship**

3445. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be  
pleased to state:

(a) whether veteran artist Adnan Sami  
has applied for Indian citizenship;

(b) when was the application made and  
the stage at which it is pending;

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(c) whether Adnan Sami qualifies for Indian citizenship; and

(d) the reason for delay in decision?

#### **ISI's contact in Punjab**

3446. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH  
LIBRA:  
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) is trying to set up its contact point in Punjab and some North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the situation?

#### **Increasing awareness of extremist activities through street theatres**

3447. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rastriya Rifles has hit upon street theatres to make people aware of the false propaganda by extremists outfits and teach safeguards against grenade & IED explosion, and details of the efforts in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) whether it has been successful in increasing peoples awareness; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take street theatres to other disturbed areas in the North-East and Andhra Pradesh to increase awareness about the naxalites and other extremist groups?

#### **Unification of naxalite organisations**

†3448. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made for unification of various naxalite organisations in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard;

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

#### **Amendment in POTA**

†3449. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drastic outlines for making amendment in POTA;

(b) the nature and basis of the said outlines; and

(c) by when Government propose to bring this amendment?

#### **Deaths of police constables**

3450. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths of police constables are on increasing side due to ill-treatment given to them by their superiors;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are deaths of police constables due to mental torture; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

#### **Need to amend Human Rights Act**

3451. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the National

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Human Rights Commission has conveyed to Government that there is a need to amend the Human Rights Act;

(b) if so, whether he has felt that NHRC must have the power to get its order implemented instead of having to move the apex court for it;

(c) whether Government have considered his view; and

(d) if so, by when they are likely to be implemented?

#### **Reservation of SCs/STs on the basis of census**

†3452. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 1931 census was conducted on the basis of castes;

(b) if so, whether the existing reservations provided for SCs/STs are on the basis of the said census;

(c) if so, whether Government would consider providing reservations to SCs/STs after conducting census of the present population and making the same as base; and

(d) by when?

#### **Sending of elite commanders to Israel for training**

3453. SHRI S. M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India proposed to send elite commandos to Israel for training;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether such agreements to train from other advanced countries are also in the offing?

#### **More posts for women in police units**

3454. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to open more posts for women in all police units around the country;

(b) if so, whether Government also intends to encourage women to come forward to join the Police Force;

(c) whether it is a fact, that inspite of women being present in the Police in small numbers, a big majority male police personnel have to tackle women demonstrators on the streets; and

(d) whether opening more jobs in the police for women discourage such a prejudiced practice?

#### **Sexual harassment of women in police custody**

†3455. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in number of cases of sexual harassments of women in police custody; and

(b) the names of States and the details of increase in the number of such cases in each State during the last five years and the number of culprits punished?

#### **Crimes in Delhi**

3456. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of robberies and murders took place in Delhi during the last three years, year-wise;

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(b) the number of persons killed as a result thereof and the amount of compensations paid to the next of kin of the deceased;

(c) the number of cases solved and arrests made;

(d) whether it is a fact that police do not register smaller cases of theft and stabbing unless the incidents is reported in the press; and

(e) the measures proposed to improve the law and order situation in Delhi?

#### **Revamping of police stations in Delhi**

3457. SHRI B. J. PANDA:  
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Delhi district have revamped their police stations to hone their public dealings and investigations skills, streamlining their public grievances cells;

(b) whether this public-friendly system would be extended to other districts specially crime-prone areas of the capital, if so, by when; and

(c) whether any kind of inter-action between the local police and the public is organized area-wise, to feel the pulse of the public, if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Demolition of Tomb of renowned poet of Gujarat**

3458. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tomb and Grave of renowned poet Wali Gujarati at Ahmedabad was demolished in the carnage last year and whether Government have any plan to rebuild it;

(b) whether it is a fact that the police is not supporting and harassing the voluntary groups who are trying to rebuild the monument; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any action in this regard alongwith details thereto?

#### **Persons killed by Veerappan**

3459. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed by Veerappan and the extent of his illegal activities;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Home Minister at the time of the recent abduction of Shri Nagappa had stated that this was the last crime committed by Veerappan;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Union Government besides advice for nabbing the culprit;

(d) since the coordinated efforts of the State Government has failed, will the Central Government deploy Central forces to apprehend Veerappan; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Integration of Naga areas**

3460. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Integration of Naga areas is a commitment of Government of India as per clause 13 of the 16-point Agreement of 1960, about which Nagaland Assembly has already passed Resolutions to this effect thrice in the past", as asserted by Rio, CM, Nagaland, as reported in the media; and

(b) if so, whether Government are also thinking of this option while finding lasting solution to Naga insurgency?

**Fencing along Indo-Pak border in Gujarat**

3461. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of border fencing along Indo-Pak border in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that some difficulties are being faced in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government propose to overcome these difficulties?

**Cyber related crimes**

3462. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cyber crimes registered in different parts of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate some kind of mechanism to check the increasing graph of cyber crimes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the fresh steps taken to train personnel to detect cyber crimes and to punish the cyber criminals?

**Possible terrorist attack in Vaishno Devi Shrine**

3463. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any specific intelligence warnings about a possible terrorist attack on the famous Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to strengthen security grid in the wake of such serious threats?

**Use of IB and RAW in Public Relations Management**

3464. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is using IB and RAW for public relations management and image building abroad in view of the recent cry over treatment of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the strategy that has been adopted by the Government to sell secular India abroad;

(c) whether the Ministry has identified anybody for this campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Atrocities against dalits and tribals**

†3465. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of atrocities against dalits and tribals have increased during last few years;

(b) the number of such incidents State-wise during last five years;

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(c) the number of dalits and tribals killed in the each incident; and

(d) whether all guilty persons involved in these incidents have been arrested and punished; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Involvement of NSG officers in a criminal case**

3466. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three senior officers of NSG are alleged to be involved in the disappearance of a youth on 18th August 1999 from Army custody in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the status of the criminal proceedings or court martial case against them after CJM has *prima-facie* held these officers responsible for the disappearance as reported in the media?

#### **Public Distribution of Trishul**

†3467. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether distribution of Trishul to public is not contempt of pious religious symbol of the God Shiva and the Goddess Shakti;

(b) whether any person of institution which disgraces any religion for its own interest is not guilty; and

(c) whether Government consider those persons as offenders who behave irreligiously in the name of religion; if so, whether Government propose to take action against them?

#### **Report of International Narcotics Control Board**

†3468. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the report released by International Narcotics Control Board, it has been alleged that India prepares heroine and brown sugar illegally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Activities of ISI along Indo-Nepal border**

3469. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government discussed the subversive activities of ISI along Indo-Nepal border with the King of Nepal during his recent visit to the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what was the response of Nepalese King in this regard?

#### **Cross-border terrorist activities**

3470. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Chief Minister of Assam regarding the transborder terrorist activities being carried out by some militant outfits which are being provided shelter and material and moral support from some of our neighbouring countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's response thereto and action, if any, taken thereon?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Fight against terrorism**

3471. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:  
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees that the cancer of terrorism has to be dealt with at any cost;

(b) if so, whether Government also agrees that this is the single largest danger to humankind;

(c) whether Government also agrees that the best way to fight terrorism and succeed is through precautions and to take pre-emptive and pro-active measures; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to finish the root of terrorism in the country?

**Legislation to amend Citizenship Act, 1952**

3472. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enact a special legislation to amend the Citizenship Act, 1952 to formalise the long-pending proposal of providing dual citizenship to people of Indian origin;

(b) if so, whether any preference will be given to those living in countries like US, UK and Australia;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether this dual citizens will have no voting rights; and

(e) if so, by what time the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

**Induction of women in commandos**

3473. MISS MABEL REBELLO:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women are now being inducted as commandos in the police force as reported in the media;

(b) the States where women commando units have been constituted; and

(c) whether such a unit is also proposed to be set up in Orissa State, if so, details thereof?

**Killings of Kashmiri Pandits**

3474. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:  
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militants gunned down 24 Kashmiri Pandits in a gruesome massacre on March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has been able to identify the assailants and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

**Women inmates languishing in jails**

3475. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:  
SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women inmates

including foreign women national languishing in Indian Jails at present;

(b) whether the prolonged stay of women in Indian Jails is due to slow trials of women by Courts in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for speedy trials of women inmates?

**Co-ordination between Central and State intelligence agencies**

3476. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the recent Conference of Chief Ministers on internal security, a proposal was moved for more direct and institutionalised sharing of State and Central Intelligence agencies and coordination between them in view of the growing threat to internal security from various militants, terrorists, fundamentalists and secessionists elements; and

(b) if so, the precise proposals mooted and the decision taken thereon?

**Setting up of Coastal Commissionerate in Maharashtra**

3477. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:  
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal to set up Coastal Commissionerate for management of its 784 Kms. coastal international border;

(b) if so, the broad features and functions of the Commissionerate; and the Central Government aid sought therefor; and

(c) whether such Coastal Commissionerates are also proposed to be set up in the other coastal States for management of the coastal borders?

**Capacity of jails**

†3478. SHRI BASHISTHA  
NARAIN SINGH:  
SHRI PARMESHWAR  
KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of each central prison in the various States and the names of prisons out of them presently having the prisoners beyond the capacity thereof;

(b) the percentage of such prisoners among them who if convicted would be awarded punishment less than their period of detention; and

(c) the steps likely to be taken by Government to abolish such judicial irony and to release the persons being detained beyond the requisite period of time?

**Fencing of the Indo-Bangla border in N.E. States**

3479. SHRI KARNENDU  
BHATTACHARJEE:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the States in North-Eastern Region have urged upon the Central Government to expedite the work relating to fencing of the Indo-Bangla border to stem the growing influx of Bangladeshi migrants into the Indian Union; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



**Steps to combat the terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir**

3480. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ghazi Nasirudeen, the new chief of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen has vowed to step up terrorists attack in the valley of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to combat the attacks and flush out Hizb cadre from the valley; and

(c) the precautions being taken to prevent spreading of this outfit to other States/UTs?

**UN convention on organised crime**

3481. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has signed UN Convention on organized crimes;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement signed in this regard; and

(c) to what extent India will be benefited from this agreement?

**People reported missing in J & K**

†3482. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:  
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 3,744 people are reported to be missing in Jammu and Kashmir during last three years;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any action has been taken by Government to ascertain the whereabouts of these people; and

(d) if so, the information gathered about these people so far and the number of persons out of the same who are supposed to be out of the country even now?

**NHRC concern over suicide cases of farmers**

3483. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA  
RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been hauled up by NHRC for violation of human rights as the cause for the farmers' suicide and forcible collection of dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role of National Human Rights Commission in this regard?

**Rehabilitation of earthquake victims in Gujarat**

3484. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two years after the Gujarat earthquake, Government has reviewed the progress made in rehabilitating and resettling the quake-victims, in the context of enormous Central Government and foreign aid received by Government of Gujarat through official and unofficial channels;

(b) if so, the amount of Central aid and foreign aid received by that Government and the details of rehabilitation and resettlement work done so far; expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) how far the rehabilitation work still remains to be implemented?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

### **Open jails in States**

3485. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States have not found practicable to construct open jails in their respective States;

(b) if so, reasons therefor along with names of the States where one or more open jail exists; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to establish more open jails and also to impress upon the States to do the same?

### **Migration of Kashmiri Pandits from Valley**

3486. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kashmiri Pandit families, indicating the total number of persons, who migrated out of Kashmir Valley after the Nandimarg massacre on the night of 23rd March, 2003;

(b) the places where they have been given residential accommodation and what monetary and other material assistance has been provided to them by the Central and the State Governments separately; and

(c) the steps taken or are proposed to be taken for the security of the members of the minority communities who choose to remain in the valley?

### **Action Plan for development of naxalite affected districts**

3487. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Action Plans for speedy development of the naxalite affected

districts of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and other States have been taken up;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, indicating their respective costs; and the progress made in implementation thereof; and

(c) the special central funding so far sought therefor and response of the Central Government thereto?

### **Setting up of Disaster Management Authority**

3488. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Disaster Management Authority comprising of hand picked personnel from Security Forces and train them to tackle crisis situation;

(b) if so, whether it has also been decided to challenge terrorists by commando teams trained to counter weapons of mass destruction are being set up with the help of Israel;

(c) the places where these commandos will be stationed; and

(d) the other details in this regard?

### **Measures taken to protect Kashmiri Pandits**

3489. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre and the Jammu and Kashmir Government have revived the 1998 Action Plan to constitute a Special Group to review the existing 'Macro strategies' in tackling militancy in the State in the wake of the recent massacre of 24 Kashmiri Pandits in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the time bound plan drawn up for the review; and

(c) the special measures taken to protect the Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley?

#### **Illegal Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals**

3490. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of large-scale concentration of illegal Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals and continuing infiltration from Pakistan and Bangladesh, State Government like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and other have been pressing for necessary changes in the Foreigners Act to enable the Foreigners' Registration offices to deport such illegal immigrants without prosecution;

(b) if so, whether the matter was discussed at the recent Conference of Chief Ministers on internal security and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the decision taken in the matter?

#### **Mining projects undertaken by MMTC in Rajasthan**

3491. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:  
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any new mining projects undertaken by the Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the MMTC has made any new surveys to find new Minerals in Rajasthan?

#### **Judicious exploitation of mineral resources**

3492. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent report entitled "undermining India" brought out by Kalpvariksh, a Non-Governmental Organisation highlighting that indiscriminate mining of bauxite, iron ore, lime stone etc. in certain parts of the country is destroying some of the most ecologically sensitive areas, including catchment that provide water to millions of people, and is a threat to long term water security;

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

(c) details of fresh strategies drawn up for a more judicious exploitation of the mineral resources of the country?

#### **Electricity from mills waste and garbage**

3493. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a plan to generate electricity from sugar mills waste and garbage in Urban areas in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of expected capacity and the approximate amount needed for generation in the country and the details of Co-operative Sugar Mills, which have applied for generating electricity by such method in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Karnataka so far?

#### **Assistance to promote non-conventional energy sources**

3494. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented by

Government to promote non-conventional energy sources;

(b) the details of the assistance provided to the States in the country specially Gujarat during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the assistance likely to be given to Gujarat and other States during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Supreme Court's direction regarding division of any State**

3495. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble Supreme Court has made it clear that the Government can review its final allocation orders in case of the division of any State in the Country;

(b) if so, whether Government will follow the direction of the Apex Court; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have received thousands of applications from the State Government Employees of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh for review of their final allocation order; and

(e) if so, how long Government will take to decide the above matter to minimize the agony and plight of such employees?

**Pending cases of appointment on compassionate ground**

†3496. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of appointments on compassionate grounds to the kith and kin of an employee who dies in

harness have been lying pending for the last so many years;

(b) if so, the department-wise details of such cases; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to deal with such cases?

**Printing rights of rules and office memoranda**

†3497. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have authorised the Bahari Brothers for publishing the rules and office memoranda pertaining to the services of the Central Government employees issued by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to the disparity in publishing the said rules and office memoranda; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the index of authorised publishers and the steps taken for doing away with the disparity in the publications brought out by them?

**Review of final orders allocating Government employees**

3498. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed some of its final orders allocating State Government employees between Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not reviewing the similar cases of several other requests pending in the same States?

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Allegation of favouritism in UPSC**

†3499. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the media report under the caption "Chayan Prakriya mein pakshpat ka aarop";

(b) whether the allegation of favouritism has been made against the UPSC in the selection of 33 Executive Engineers for the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and

(c) if so, the details and status thereof and action being taken by Government in this regard?

**Restoration of LTC**

3500. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Leave Travel Concession (LTC) for the Central and State Government employees may be restored to boost tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would be extended once in four years to retired pensioners for encouraging inland domestic travel?

**Medium of entrance examinations in defence services**

†3501. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether English paper is compulsory in NDA, CDS and other entrance examinations of defence services;

(b) whether Hindi paper is also compulsory or is optional in the said examination;

(c) whether good knowledge of English is essential for higher officers of defence services;

(d) whether knowledge of Hindi is also desirable; and

(e) if so, action taken/proposed to be taken by Government so far for examination of Hindi in entrance examination of defence services for judging knowledge of Hindi?

**Power to ERCs**

3502. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the media report captioned 'Power lack teeth, Study';

(b) if so, whether the Electricity Regulatory Commission in the country are not given adequate powers to deal with various problems;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and whether Government propose to give more powers to ERCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Subsidy on interest on loan given to rural electrification projects**

3503. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:  
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has decided that subsidy should be given on interest on the loans for rural electrification projects;

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

(c) by when, the final decision will be taken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Power to neighbouring States by DPP**

3504. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra is working on revival of Dabhol Power Project;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has taken any initiative in this regard;

(c) once operationalised, whether there is any proposal to sell surplus power to neighbouring States like Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**On-going Hydel/Thermal Power Projects in the country**

†3505. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of on-going Hydel Power/Thermal Power Projects in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are forced to spend five-fold more amount due to non-completion of these projects in time, and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the reasons of the increase in the cost of these projects; and

(d) by when, the projects will be dedicated to the nation?

**Setting up of gas based power plants in the country**

3506. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the method being adopted in the sanction/setting up of gas based power plants in the country;

(b) whether the sanction is made wholly on the basis of recommendations of the State Governments' or at the discretion of Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Fund for improving power system in rural and urban areas of M.P., Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh**

†3507. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fund allocated for improving power system in rural and urban areas in the districts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether State Governments have utilised the entire fund allocated by the Centre to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Formula of power allocation**

†3508. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh for amendment in the formula for power allocation to States from Central power generation stations;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide additional power to States for meeting the demand of power for 'Flood lighting'; and

(d) if so, by when, the additional power would be supplied to the State?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Setting up of power projects by private/public sector companies in NE States**

†3509. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects set up in North-Eastern States by private sector and public sector companies;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has not been any effective improvement in North-Eastern States even after the setting up of above projects; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Media reports captioned: 'Rolls-Royce powers Andhra bribe'**

3510. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the media reports captioned 'Rolls-Royce powers Andhra bribe';

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action proposed against those found guilty?

**Allotment of coal to Thermal Power Plants**

†3511. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the quantity of coal allotted to Thermal Power Plants by Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the States have demanded more coal during the said period; and

(c) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard?

**Package to reform the SEBs**

3512. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Press news-item captioned "Rs. 40,000 crore package to rein in SEBs losses" as reported in the media;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has put together a massive package to reform the SEBs;

(c) if so, the details of the SEBs to be affected by this package; and

(d) the overall growth of power sector due to implementation of the package on SEBs?

**Committee on rates of power for SEBs**

†3513. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) when the committee for deciding the rates on which power would be provided to the Electricity Boards by power producing companies was constituted and names of members included in this committee and by when this committee was supposed to submit its report;

(b) the reasons for non-submission of the report till now; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure immediate submission of the committee's report?

**Execution of hydro power projects during Ninth Five Year Plan**

3514. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States where the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) has executed hydro power projects during Ninth Five Year Plan;

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(b) the total MW of power generated by NHPC through hydro sources during that plan period;

(c) the amount of investment made by NHPC in the generation of power during that plan;

(d) whether any such hydro power project has been executed or proposed to be executed by NHPC in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Non-electrified villages in the country**

3515. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of non-electrified villages in the country, State-wise;

(b) the present status of rural electrification in the State of Jharkhand with reference to the total number of villages against those which have been electrified;

(c) the target and actual number of villages electrified in the last two years (year 2001 and 2002) in Jharkhand; and

(d) the reasons of not achieving the target?

#### **Demand and supply of power in NE States**

†3516. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details with regard to steps taken by Government to reduce the gap prevailing between demand and supply of power in the north-eastern States; and

(b) to what extent the situation of power has improved in the States due to initiation of aforesaid necessary effective steps?

#### **Organisation of an Energy Summit in Chennai by CII**

3517. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Confederation of Indian Industry has organized an "Energy Summit" in Chennai at the end of last year; and

(b) if so, the issues discussed in the summit and solution offered to conserve energy, augment power supply and control losses by State Electricity Boards?

#### **Investment in power projects in Gujarat**

3518. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any investment in power projects in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and amount of investment of the last three years; and

(c) the share of the State Government in this regard?

#### **Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of Hydro Power Projects in NER**

3519. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply of Starred Question 417 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th December, 2002 and state the details of DPR prepared and being prepared on 17 Hydro Power Projects in NER, showing location, outlay and present status?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



### **Financial status of SEBs**

3520. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest financial status of each State Electricity Board as on 31st December, 2002;

(b) how much money is due to SEBs payable by the respective State Government's/Union Territories; and

(c) whether Government propose to help them?

### **Unelectrified villages in U.P. and Uttaranchal**

3521. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 306 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th March, 2003 and state:

(a) the number of villages in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal, separately, which have not so far been electrified; and

(b) by when all the villages in these States are expected to be electrified?

### **Incentive scheme for States to minimise the T&D losses**

3522. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial condition of the State Electricity Boards are in a precarious position with total transmission and distribution (T & D) losses accounting for Rs. 30,000 crores annually;

(b) if so, the measures initiated by Government to mitigate the situation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Centre proposes to launch an incentive scheme to help States to minimise the T & D losses; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme and the States which have so far qualified for the incentive?

### **Status of power projects in Rajasthan**

3523. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the status of each power projects sanctioned for Rajasthan as on date?

### **Renovation and modernisation of thermal and hydro power stations in Andhra Pradesh**

3524. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd. is renovating and modernising the existing thermal and hydro power generating stations in the State; and

(b) if so, what technical and financial assistance is being extended by the Union Government to the corporation?

### **Import of power from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan**

3525. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import power from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the present status of Bilateral Arrangements made with each of these countries?

**Utilisation of grant under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission by Kerala**

3526. SHRI N. K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala failed to utilise the grant under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission during the previous financial years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount granted to Kerala during the years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for the above purpose and the actual utilisation by the State Government and the reasons for further reduction of the grant;

(d) whether the Government of Kerala requested for allotment of entire grant due to Kerala for the last financial year; and

(e) if so the decision taken by Government thereof?

**Proposal to grant cent per cent funds for potable water**

†3527. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the cent per cent provisions of funds for the schemes of the villages affected by quantitative potable water in the event of non providing of 25 per cent thereof by the State Governments; and

(b) if so, by when the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

**Swajal Dhara Scheme of Uttaranchal**

†3528. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from Uttaranchal under the Swajal Dhara Scheme;

(b) whether any proposals have been sought under the Swajal Dhara Scheme from the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Increase in PMGSY allocation**

†3529. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for increasing amount under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana and change in criteria therefor;

(b) if so, the details with regard to Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(c) action Government have taken in this matter?

**Involvement of elected representatives in rural development programmes**

3530. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elected representatives to the State Legislative and Parliament have any designated role in assisting the rural development programmes which are to be implemented through the Panchayati Raj institutions;

(b) if so, whether they are included as member in the District Planning Committees and other local development boards in their respective States;

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

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(d) whether there is any proposal to review the functioning of developmental programmes through the Panchayati Raj institutions and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Rural Development schemes for Madhya Pradesh**

3531. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Rural Development schemes particularly relating to employment generation and Food for Work which are under implementation in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) funds earmarked and released so far for each of the Schemes;

(c) whether the funds have been released as per the demand of the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Wheat released to Uttaranchal under SGRY**

†3532. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) quantity of wheat etc. demanded by the Government of Uttaranchal and wheat released so far to the State under Sampurna Grameen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) after commencement of relief works during the current year;

(b) reasons for delay in releasing wheat despite approval granted by the Task Force constituted for this purpose; and

(c) details of steps taken to fulfil maximum formalities to release relief supplies under the said scheme?

#### **Computerisation of land records**

3533. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for updating of land records, modernisation of land record management system and their simultaneous computerisation to eliminate corruption and protecting illiterate farmers from exploitation?

#### **Revision of norms for execution of PMGSY**

3534. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':  
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently revised the norms and procedures for execution of works under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details and purpose thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the revised system seeks to establish a system of dual control on all projects both by Central and State Governments; and

(d) if so, whether the proposed duality of control would ensure smooth work of projects under PMGSY and provide easy connectivity in the rural areas?

#### **Projects for drinking water in Gujarat**

3535. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified

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some districts in Gujarat for implementation of the Sector Reform Projects for providing drinking water supply in rural habitations on a pilot basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the project in each district of the State?

**Funds to Karnataka for rural water supply scheme**

3536. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Karnataka under the rural water supply scheme during 2002-2003; and

(b) the amount utilised by Karnataka during the year including comparative statement of other States in this regard?

**Request of Mahila Mandal, Nandla for sanction of fund under PMGSY**

†3537. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government under PMGSY to Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-2003 along with the names of schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the head of Mahila Mandal, Nandla had sent an application sanctioning the fund under PMGSY;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken so far on the demands made by Mahila Mandal, Nandla; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide financial grant on priority basis in order to fulfil the demands of the said 'Mahila Mandal'?

**Funds to Gujarat under Old Age Pension**

3538. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is the only State in the country giving monthly Old Age Pension at the rate of Rs. 250/- per pensioner;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are reducing the funds released to the State for this purpose year after year;

(c) if not, the details of funds released to the State for Old Age Pensions during the last four years, year-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take to enable the State to pay the pension at the same rates in future?

**Economic activities of women of Andhra Pradesh**

3539. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the women in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh have under the aegis of the UNDP's South Asian Poverty Alleviation Programme, been organising themselves as Self Help Groups (SHGs) for reducing their poverty and attain economic prosperity by income generating activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would like to provide generous assistance to the State Government and encourage them to replicate the programme to other parts of the States and if so, the details thereof?

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**Loan to Andhra Pradesh by World Bank for Rural Poverty Reduction Project**

3540. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide Andhra Pradesh a loan of \$150 million for the Rural Poverty Reduction Project during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the various infrastructure and social sector projects on which the loan is likely to be utilised and the number of rural households the project is likely to cover?

**Vigilance and Monitoring Committees**

3541. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:  
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has reconstituted the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at State, District and Block levels as reported in the media;

(b) if so, the purpose of reconstituting such Committees;

(c) whether the reconstitution of such Committees is going to improve quality expenditure under various programme; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

**Allocations for poverty alleviation schemes**

3542. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the poverty

alleviation schemes of the Union Government are falling flat according to a Report submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the first week of March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of schemes which have failed to reach the needy;

(c) the reasons for such a failure;

(d) money that has been allocated to Poverty Alleviation Schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise; and

(e) the spending of the States, State-wise and year-wise?

**Old age pension**

†3543. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior citizens in Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal getting pensions under 'Old Age Pension Scheme';

(b) whether Government are aware that only few persons are getting the benefits under the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that discrimination is being made on large scale in providing pensions in Pauri Garhwal in Uttaranchal and Azamgarh and Mau districts in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the full benefits of the scheme to the people?

**Requests received from State Governments for implementation of Food for Work Programmes**

3544. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the request received by Centre from

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State Governments for implementation of Food for Work Programmes in their States as on date; and

(b) the action taken by Government thereon?

**Funds allocated, released and unspent under PMGSY**

3545. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated, released and remained unspent under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana till March, 2003, State-wise and component-wise;

(b) criteria fixed for selection of the road including those with recommendation of MLAs and MPs;

(c) whether the reports regarding achievements in this regard have been received from the State Governments; and

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

**Implementation of scheme for handloom weavers in Karnataka**

3546. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes being implemented for handloom weavers in Karnataka during 2001-02 and 2002-03; and

(b) the amount released for these schemes during the above period?

**Privatisation of sericulture industry in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh**

3547. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tamil Nadu and Andhra

Pradesh have mooted privatisation of sericulture industry;

(b) if so, whether corporate bodies have secured the right to enter into contracts with farmers and private silk producers to buy cocoons from primary producers; and

(c) if so whether this process is being monitored by Central Silk Board?

**Technology mission on jute**

3548. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have plans to introduce a 'Made in India' brand for promotion of Indian jute products in the overseas market;

(b) the funds allocated for proposed jute technology mission; and

(c) the aim of the mission?

**Taxes/cess levied on different stages of production in Textile industry**

†3549. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that taxes or cess are levied at the different stages of production in textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, State-wise and amount-wise taxes proposed to be levied during March, 2003 right from the sale of cotton to manufacturing readymade garments;

(c) whether certain representatives had urged Government to reduce these taxes; and

(d) if so, the decisions taken by Government in this regard?

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**Reduction of cost of production in  
cotton textile industry**

†3550. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to cut down the cost of production in the cotton textiles industry of the country in order to make it efficient for successful competition in the international market;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Government had conducted a study in this regard and found that still there is a possibility of reduction of the cost of production in textile industry; and

(c) if so, the steps required to be taken for reduction in the cost of production?

**Participation of workers in the  
management of NTC mills**

†3551. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether functioning of textiles mills under National Textiles Corporation has improved due to participation of workers;

(b) if so, number of mills having participation of workers in their management;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce participation of workers in all the mills under National Textiles Corporation;

(d) whether there is any participation of workers at the level of Board of Directors in National Textiles Corporation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Implementation of the National Silk  
Production Project**

†3552. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the main reasons for the delay in the implementation of the National Silk Production Project is the absence of adequate loan disbursement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the implementation of the National Silk Production Project?

**Closure of jute mills in Jharkhand and  
Bihar**

†3553. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of jute mills especially in Jharkhand and Bihar have for long been closed down or lying on the verge of closure;

(b) if so, the reasons for their closure; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for their revival?

**Creation of debt restructuring fund  
for textile units**

3554. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to enhance the confidence among lenders, the Ministry is seriously thinking of creation of debt restructuring fund for the textile units;

(b) if so, the details of the debt restructuring fund; and

(c) the total investment made by banks and various other financial institutions in the textile sector?

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**Development of textile centres**

†3555. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN  
SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide necessary infrastructural facilities for industrial development in traditionally newly growing textile centres in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme alongwith the amount spent under the scheme on each centre during the year 2002-2003; and

(c) number of such textile centres in each State of the country?

**World Bank observation on Chinese garment export**

3556. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:  
Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per a recent report in the press, the World Bank has predicted that by 2010, China's garment export will have risen by 375 per cent and will constitute 47 per cent of the world's total exports;

(b) whether India will have to gear up much faster if it is to compete with China and maintain its leading position of exports in this sector; and

(c) if so, the action Government is taking in this regard?

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