

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on
Wednesday, the July 23, 2003/Sravana 1, 1925 (Saka)*

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

Total Number of Questions—130

Review of coal royalty

†280. SHRI SUREDSH PACHOURI:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of reviewing the royalty rate of coal in very three year;

(b) whether after 1994 the coal royalty in M.P. has been reviewed in the year 2002;

(c) whether as per the instructions of 11th Finance Commission in case of the absence of the review of royalty-rates by the Government of India the losses suffered by the states will be compensated by the central Government;

(d) if so, losses suffered by M.P. in the absence of the review of the royalty rate for such a long time; and

(e) by when the compensation amount would be paid by Government to M.P. as per the recommendations made by the 11th Finance Commission?

Investigation into C.I.L. affairs

281. SHRI SANJAY NIRUMPAM:
Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has recently

investigated the affairs of coal India Ltd. (CIL); and

(b) if so, the details of the investigation and action taken in this regard?

Safety of coalmine workers

282. SHRI G.K. VASAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to ensure safety of coalmine workers; and

(b) whether any proposal to increase the compensation is under consideration?

Development of Coalmines for capture purpose

283. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARRASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government ave reviewed the impact of the order authorising Government companies or undertakings to do regular coal or lignite mining;

(b) if so, the response given by the States;

(c) whether Government are considering to allow developing coal maines for captive purpose:

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(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations made by the Committee set up in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Reduction in coal quota to Sarni Thermal Power Plant

†284. SHRI SRESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quota of coal of Sarni Thermal Power Plant has been reduced to 5.5 lakh metric tonnes per month from the present 6 lakh metric tonnes per month during April, 2003;

(b) whether PUF of Sarni Thermal Power Plant has fallen from 80 per cent to 70 per cent and power generation has been reduced by 250 mega watt as a result of supply of less supply of coal to the said plant;

(c) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh have requested to increase coal linkage of Sarni Thermal Power Plant to 6.5 lakhs metric tonnes per month; and

(d) whether Government propose to extend assistance to Madhya Pradesh to raise power generation by accepting this proposal?

Coal supplied by WCL to Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal

†285. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal has brought to the notice of Western Coalfield that coal supplied by them is not of good quality;

(b) whether stone contents in this coal are very high:

(c) if so, the action being taken to make improvement in the same; and

(d) whether the coal company propose to compensate for the losses incurred to Madhya Pradesh Vidyut Mandal for not supplying good quality of coal?

Requirement of coal by power plants

†286. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of coal being used for generation of power in the country;

(b) the revenue earned therefrom;

(c) the quantum of coal required by various power plants based on coal during the Ninth Plan Period and the quantum of coal supplied to the said plants;

(d) whether Government have made any assessment with regard to demand of coal by these power plants during the Tenth Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Increase in coal production during Tenth Plan

†287. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to enhance the production of coal to meet the requirement of power plants and industrial units during Tenth Plan; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government of enhance production capacity of coal mine workers?

Start of new colamines by W.C.L.

†288. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western Coalfield limited

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has given a proposal to start two new coal mines near Sarani Coal Field;

(b) whether this will help in providing coal as per the need of thermal power plants in M.P. that are not getting sufficient coal, particularly sarani plant; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide help in starting soon the above said two coal mines?

Encroachment of defence land

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

(a) whether number of encroachments of defence estate, Cantt. and defence land have increased during the last three years and various plots of land and buildings under defence have been converted for non-defence purposes; and

(b) if so, action taken by Government in this regard and the details of such property in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

Into-US joint exercise

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

(a) whether the US propose to exercise jointly with the Indian Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details of the programme chalked out in this regard; and

(c) the measures proposed to ensure that the US military officers do not seek access to Indian bases and military infrastructure?

Recruitment in army from Uttaranchal

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

(a) the number of person sound eligible for recruitment in army in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of persons required from this region has decreased during recent years; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to increase the number of persons recruitment in Indian army from this region?

Rectification of snags in T-90 tanks

292. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army Chief during his recent visit to Russia had taken up the matter of rectification of technical snags found in T-90 tanks currently in use in India;

(b) if so, whether Russia has agreed to rectify the same; and

(c) if so, by when Russian military experts/technicals are expected to take up the job?

Defence exports

293. SHRI K. RAAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are according priority for the export of defence equipments others countries;

(b) if yes, the details of the defence equipment exported to various other developing and under developed countries of the world during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise; and

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(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned through defence exports during the last three years, year-wise?

Acquisition of Phalcon AWACS system

294. SHRI RAMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has finalised deal to acquire Israeli made Phalcon Awacs system

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the terms and conditions of acquiring the system?

Defence co-operation with China

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

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Government of China expressed its desired for expanding Defence ties with India;

(b) if so, the details of co-operation that India wish to have with China in the area of Defence; and

(c) the outcome of the recent Indian Defence Minister's visit to China?

Trishul missile programme

296. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's short-range surface-to-air missile programme suffered a setback with all four 'Trishul' test-firings at Balasore failing to meet trial specifications;

(b) whether it has been decided to shelve the programme;

(c) if so, the details in this regard with amount earmarked and spent so far on the project;

(d) whether it is also a fact that on account of the failure of the project, the three services have been permitted to import short-range surface-to-air missiles; and

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

Demining in Hira Nagar Tehsil, J & K

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

(a) whether it is a fact that demining work has not been completed so far in the border areas of Hira Nagar Tehsil in Jammu and Kashmir, as a result farmers have not been able to cultivate their fields;

(b) if so, by when the demining work in that area is likely to be completed; and

(c) what is the rate of compensation payable to the farmers whose fields have been rendered un-ploughable due to mining in the area?

MAP for armed force personnels

298. PROF. M. SANKARAL INGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Prime Minister's Rs. 17,000 crore married Accommodation Project (MAP) for armed force personnels;

(b) whether running behind schedule;

(c) the number of dwellings envisaged under this project; and

(d) the tentative period for the construction and completion of dwellings under this project?

Applicability of annual recruitment plan on service personnel

299. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state%

(a) whether it is a fact that instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DOP&T) for setting up of screening Committees for preparing Annual Recruitment Plan are not applicable to service personnel;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reasons/justification for application of the above instructions on civilian Stenographers in AFHQ authorised for attachment with such Service Officers?

Protecting sovereignty and integrity of India

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a Press report minced no words in openly expressing unbrage to the Chinese axis with Pakistan and indicated that every major Indian city is within the reach of Chinese missiles; and

(b) if so, the steps being envisaged to safeguard the sovereignty and integrity of India?

MIG-21 crash in Barmer, Rajasthan

301. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHODO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that another MIG 21 fighter aircraft crashed in Barmer district of Rajasthan on 4th June, 2003 killing the pilot;

(b) what was the total strength of MIG fighter aircrafts as on 1st January, 2000 and how many of them have met with accidents since then;

(c) what has been the main causes of these accidents and the areas wherein these accidents have taken place; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent accidents?

Upgradation of MIG-27

302. shri ekanath k. thakur: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indian Air Force (IAF) is re-examining the ongoing upgradation programme of MIG-27 and is planning to change its R-29 engine with a variant of the modern AL-31 engine that powers the Su-30 MKI;

(b) if so, the reasons for this change of engine;

(c) whether MIG-27 is undergoing a mid-life upgradation programme at present; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Sino-Indo air and naval exercise

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

(a) whether Sino-Indian air and naval exercises are on the cards;

(b) if so, whether such joint exercises would be a step towards betterment of relations between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what are the probable dates and venue of the exercises?

Damage to aircraft carrier vikrant

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

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra had lately invited attention of Government to the threat of the air-craft carrier vikrant

getting submerged and incurring irreparable damage, unless rescue operations are taken before monsoon; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken to rescue and save vikrant from such damage?

Visit of Chinese airforce delegation

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

(a) whether a fifty member Chinese airforce delegation visited india's air defence installations in July this year;

(b) if so, the main purpose and objectives of the delegations visit indicating the air defence stations and installations visited and inspected by them; and

(c) the agreements or MoUs signed with the delegation?

Fire accidents in ordance depot

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of explosives and ammunition stores in Garda ordance depot in Jaisalmeir, Rajasthan has been destroyed due devastating fire;

(b) if so, whether the cause of this fire could be found by Government;;

(c) whether it is also a fact this the fire accident in ordance depots during the last three years in the country and the third in Rajasthan during the last two years;

(d) if so, whether Government have considered seriously to check the continuously increasing fire accidents in ordance depots; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Expansion of M.S.S. and N.C.C.

307. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will te Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose two-year compulsory military training to younger generation to inculcate partriotism among them;

(b) whether the National Service Scheme and the national Cadet Corps are also being expanded; and

(c) if so, the details of both the proposals?

Illegal Pakistanis in Rajasthan

308. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are assure of the recent reports in media about illegal Pakistan immigrants in border towns of Rajasthan who do not want to return to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the actions taken by Government for their return/safe passage to Pakistan; and

(d) what has been the stand taken by the Pakistan Government om tjos regard?

DPM visit to the US and UK

309. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

DR. A.R. KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deputy Prime Minister visited the US and UK in June 2003, and apprised both the countries and gave proof of Pakistan's terrorist activities in J&K and

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has suggested that India and the US must fight jihadi terrorism together;

(b) if so, whether the UK and US were convinced of the proof provided by him and agreed to fight jihadi terrorism together;

(c) if so, the outcome of these talks; and

(d) to what extent he got assurance from both the countries to influence Pakistan to and cross-border terrorism before talks can start and fight jihadi terrorism together?

Reservation for economically weaker sections

310. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose setting up of a National Commission to examine reservation for economically weaker sections of the society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Central assistance for Modernisation of police in Orissa

311. MS. PRAMILA BOMIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State has embarked upon modernization of their police force;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this entails huge outlay; and

(c) whether government has rendered financial assistance to the State to help them to achieve the desired objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Threat to VVIPs

312. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lashkar-e-Taiba threatened suicide attacks in India targeting Prime Minister, Deputy Minister, President and other VVIPs; and

(b) if so, what precautionary measures the Government of India have taken to counter this threat?

Profit earned by electricity division of NDMC

†313. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN"

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electricity division of NDMC has constantly earned profit during the past years;

(b) if so, the amount earned as profit during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(c) the rates at which the electricity was sold to the consumers of various categories during the period; and

(d) the main reasons for continuously earning of profit by electrical division?

Disaster mitigation programme in Orissa

314. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MS. PRAMILA BOMIDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa State was in the grip of calamities 5 times during

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the last years and properties worth 150 billion were destroyed;

(b) whether National Disaster Mitigation Committee has suggested implementation of special disaster mitigation programme in the State since it frequently gets hit by one or the other natural calamity; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by the centre to formulate a long-term plan to render assistance and control frequent loss of lives and property in such an eventuality?

Outcome of discussion held in Inter State Council's Standing Committee

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

(a) whether a meeting of the Inter State Council's Standing Committee was held at New Delhi in the middle of May, 2003;

(b) if so, the details of persons participated in the meeting;

(c) the outcome of the discussions held in the meeting; and

(d) the further steps taken by Government on the outcome of the discussions held in the meeting?

Discussions in the meeting of Inter State Council's Standing Committee

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

(a) whether the Standing Committee of the Inter Council's had taken up for discussion the Emergency provisions of the Constitution on 13th May, 2003;

(b) if so, whether the Committee had considered some other issues;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether Centre's powers to give directions to the States under Article 256 and 257 of the constitution was also taken up by the Committee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Policy shift in J&K

317. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accorded policy shift in Jammu and Kashmir by appointing Mr. N.N. Vohra; and

(b) whether the mandate given to Mr. Vohra is different from that provided to Mr. K. C. Pant?

Solution of Ayodhya issue outside court jurisdiction

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are pursuing a solution to Ayodhya issue outside court jurisdiction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve the issue at the earliest?

Ren on Religious institutions in border areas

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

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of places of worship and other institutions are being constructed in areas adjacent to international

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border of the country; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government so far to keep a check on such activities and by when a complete ban is proposed to be imposed thereon?

**Security to tourists and pilgrims
visiting J&K**

320. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to provide security to tourists visiting Jammu & Kashmir during summer vacations and pilgrims that would be arriving for Amarnath Yatra;

(b) whether the state government of Jammu & Kashmir has asked for more security cover from the union Government during its tourist seasons and Amarnath Yatra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of steps the union government propose to taken to ensure that both tourists and pilgrims visiting J&K are safe from militancy?

**Allotment of Funds for fencing the
Indo-Bangla Border**

321. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided for fencing the Indo-Bangla Border during the last two years; and

(b) the amount spent during the last two years?

Pak nationals in India

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

(a) whether a large number of pakistani nationals who visited India by Samjhauta Express before the service was suspended are still missing in India and are untraceable, is so, the number thereof; and

(b) the teps taken/being taken to trace and deport them?

**Monitoring of foreign contriution the
NGOs**

323. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose any policy shift in the regulatory and legislative mechanisms to monitor foreign contributions; and

(b) what were the year-wise and country-wise flow of foreign funding to the NGOs in the last three years?

Workload on CISF personnel

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

(a) whether it is a fact that too much work load and stress has adversely affected the personnel of CISF resulting in extreme step of killing their superior as was recently noticed at Mumbai airport;

(b) whether Government conducted any study in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

Role of money in postins in D.P.

325. SHRI MURLIDEORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a result of secret enquiry, conducted by the top brass of Delhi Police and submitted to Police Commissioner, has revealed the role of money being played in manipulating posting of constables, head constable & Asstt. Sub Inspector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) the step being devised to check nefarious acts of corruption in future?

Statehood to Delhi

†326. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give full Statehood to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Equipments and Weapons to policemen

327. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 4875 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether all the State Governments have submitted their action plans under the scheme to provide equipments and weapons to policemen.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for Maharashtra, U.P. and Bihar for the purpose?

Induction of women in commando force

328. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether women are being inducted in the commando force i.e., NSG, CRPF and CISF;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision has been taken due to the fact that women are being used by insurgents for their activities; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that women are found to be better suited for these jobs?

Deaths in jails

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

(a) what are the total number of deaths reported in various jails in the country due to inhuman treatment and third degree methods adopted by police officials;

(b) whether National Human Rights Commission (NGRC) have urged the Government to formulate certain guidelines while dealing with prisoners in jail;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government have acted on the advice of NHRC and issued directives to State Governments, and if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes in south Delhi

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

(a) whether Government are aware of increase in crime rate in south Delhi during the last six months;

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(b) if so, how many cases of murder, dacoity, rape, extortion, encroachment on land etc. have been reported in various police stations in south Delhi during the last six months;

(c) whether some erring police officials have been transferred for dereliction of duty and other offences; a.d

(d) if so, the complete details thereof, and the steps being taken to improve the law and order situation in south Delhi?

Role of ordinary people in country's security

331. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy prime Minister had advocated a greater role for ordinary people in dealing with the country security speaking at the 12th Civil Defence and Home Guards Conference on 20th March;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government wanted to amend the Civil Defence Act to extend the remit of Civil Defence and Home Guards to disaster Managements;

(c) if so, how does the Government intends to involve ordinary people in matters of country's security;

(d) whether there is any plan to introduce compulsory military training in college and universities on lines of NCC; and

(e) if so, the details of the plan?

Crimes against women

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

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against women are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that women are insulted in order to hide such crimes and even their report is not registered; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to streamline internal security system?

Bases of terrorists in cities

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists have set up their bases in all big cities in the country and also launch strikes on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Unified headquarter of security agencies

334. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been proposed to set up a unified headquarter of security agencies involved in counter insurgency operation in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether such a set up will be structured on the lines of one presently operating in Assam/North Eastern; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Dy. P.M's visit to the US

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

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Dy. Prime Minister to US, the US President had renewed his assurance to take up with Pakistani president Pervez Musharraf the

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need for creating a conducive atmosphere for Indian Prime Minister's peace initiative to succeed when the Pak President meets him later in June, 2003; and

(b) whether he also made it clear that conducive climates needed for peace talks, means a full stop to infiltration of terrorists and terrorist acts by them and includes a complete dismantling of terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pak occupied Kashmir?

Cross-border infiltration

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

(a) whether Chief of Army Staff had met him on May 21, 2003 and briefed him on the prevailing security scenario in the Jammu and Kashmir State:

(b) if so, whether he was given the assessment of the situation in the backdrop of Pakistan's promises to curb cross-border infiltration;

(c) if so, whether there has been drop in cross-border infiltration; and

(d) if not, what steps Government of India has taken in this regard?

Vishwa Hindi sammelan in Surinaam

337. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sixteenth "Vishwa Hindi Sammelan" was organised in Surinaam during June, 2003;

(b) the details of the Government officials, Hindi scholars and writers participated in it;

(c) the total amount spent by Government on the said 'Sammelan';

(d) the recommendations made in the said sammelan for the progress and development of the Hindi language at world stage; and

(e) the steps propose to be taken by Government for the implementation of these recommendations?

Division of personnel between U.P. and Uttaranchal

338. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that there are serious differences between Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal over the question of division of personnel and taking back such personnel who have exercised options in this regard;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware of the fact that there are many such teachers and other employees who opted for going to Uttar Pradesh Government's service at the time of division of these State; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken for repatriation of the personnel who had exercised such option?

Increase in population of Delhi due to influx from other States

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

(a) whether the population of Delhi and cities of nearby States are on continuous increase due to influx from other States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and percentage increase per annum;

(c) whether this influx has been posing a great problem of law and order, civic, transport and housing;

(d) if so, the method by which Government propose to solve this problem; and

(e) whether more funds are proposed to be allocated to such States and if not, the reasons therefor?

Identification and repatriation of foreign nationals

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

(a) whether Government have declared on all out war to indentify and repatrat persons belonging to other countries; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far?

Conference on national calamities

341. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 810 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) whether the conference of State Relief Commissioners had been organised in March, 2003 as per the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs given to State Governments in December, 2002 to deal with the national calamities;

(b) if so, whether steps taken by the State Governments have been reviewed in the above conference;

(c) if so, whether Commissioners found the arrangements satisfactory; and

(d) if not, whether some more suggestions have been given to streamline this system?

Special Gran unit states to Rajasthan

342. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have recently demanded for granting special status to it in view of its proximity to the sensitive borders of Pakistan;

(b) whether it has also demanded 100 per cent central grants for the modernisation of the Police Force to deal with the situation;

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

(d) the details of action taken by the Central Government thereon?

Incidents of shooting by Jawans of para-military forces

343. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan to fully stop the increasing incidences of shooting higher officers and colleagues by the Jawans of various para-military forces as also to get the jawans rid off mental stresses and strains; and

(b) if so, the details of the plan and by when would be implemented?

Steps to curb fundamentalist Organisations

344. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activists of Durga Vahihi, an outfit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad are being imparted rifle-shooting training and regular military drills;

(b) if so, whether alarmed at this development, Muslim fundamentalist organisations have planned to distribute Panchatan Pak (Five-forked weapon) to its activists to counter the growing threat posed by VHP/RSS;

(c) the steps being taken to curb the fundamentalist/communal organisations spreading communal rife and disharmony?

Review Committee on POTA

345. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee set up by the Central Government to review the working of POTA has since started functioning; and

(b) if so, whether any report has since been submitted by the Committee?

Amendment in IMDT Act

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

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Illegal Migrants Determination by Tribunal (IMDT). Act in the Monsoon Session of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the view-points of the affected interests have been taken into consideration before amending the Act?

Identity Cards

347. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA
SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Census Commission has

been executing the pilot project for providing Government Identity Card for the citizens of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the implementation of pilot project has been analysed;

(d) if so, its outcome alongwith the problems faced during its implementation;

(e) whether Government propose to make these Identity Cards as Smart Cards; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Decline in militant activities in J & K

348. DR. AKHILESH DAS:

SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any perceptible decline in the militant activities in Jammu and Kashmir and across the borders and line of control, since the talks between the Prime Minister's of India and Pakistan held in Agra for resumption of the India-Pak dialogue for improving mutual ties; and

(b) if so, the estimated number of foreign militant activities in Jammu and Kashmir and across the border along LOC and border areas?

Research and Development projects under taken by NMDC

349. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of R&D projects undertaken by the National Mineral Development Corporation last year;

(b) the total amount that has been spent by the NMDC on R&D during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Corporation is having a scheme of additional modernisation and replacement; and

(d) if so, details of the above scheme including sums earmarked and objectives of the scheme?

Cost of alumina produced by NALCO

350. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of alumina produced by NALCO is the lowest in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many mines have been given to NALCO and their total deposit of bauxite along with its quality?

Installed capacity of NALCO Refineries, Smelter and Power Plant

351. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is installed capacity of NALCO Refineries, NALCO smelter and NALCO power plant; and

(b) what is the year-wise of production and profit from the year 1995 to 2003 of NALCO Refineries, NALCO Smelter and NALCO Power Plant?

Quantity of minerals in Uttarranchal

†352. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of different kinds of minerals found in Uttarranchal;

(b) whether any plan has been chalked out for commercial exploitation of existing minerals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Mining of minerals in coastal areas

353. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any notification for coastal areas in the country where the Mining of mineral and is allowable;

(b)

(c) whether any coastal areas of Kerala have been declared as allowable for mining if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala to allow private sector mining in Kerala coast; and

(e) whether the said proposal of mining recognise the provisions of Mineral Development Regulation Act of 2002?

Renewable Energy Vision 2012

†354. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any Renewable Energy Vision 2012 for achieving electrification target of those far flung villages which cannot be electrified through traditional sources;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified these villages alongwith the name of villages which are situated in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra.

(c) the number of villages of these states which have been electrified under this programme so far; and

(e) the number of villages which have to be electrified during the year 2003-04?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Withdrawal of subsidy on importing units

355. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is encouraging the establishment of wind farms, whereas Indian manufacturers of wind power generation units or machinery parts are competing against importers because of the subsidy they are getting on import of wind power units or machinery parts;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to withdraw the subsidy on importing units or machinery parts in wind power electric generating units;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor and how does Government plan to encourage the participation of Indian manufacturers in this sector?

Generation of power through renewable energy sources

356. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power generated through renewable energy sources in the last five years; and

(b) the investment made and the benefits reaped by Government during the same period?

Solar energy in Uttaranchal

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

(a) the details of the assistance given to various States during the year 2003-04 for the development of non-conventional energy sources;

(b) whether any special assistance is being provided for increasing the use of solar energy to the States like Uttaranchal where the density of the population is scattered; and

(c) if so, the number of families in this State proposed to be benefitted with solar energy during the current financial year?

Potential of biomass power in India

358. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for biomass power for the 10th Plan;

(b) the details of biomass conversion technologies used to achieve the above targets; and

(c) the total biomass power potential India has?

Geothermal reservoir in J&K

359. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the geologists have discovered a huge geothermal reservoir in the state of Jammu and Kashmir and the existence of this was previously unknown;

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(b) if so the exact location where this hot water reservoir is discovered and the other details of geothermal reservoir; and

(c) how Government proposes to utilise the same?

Performance of C.B.I.

360. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Personnel and Training had made an assessment of the performance of CBI and brought out a document;

(b) if so, whether it was found that the CBI is understaffed and therefore unable to handle a large number of cases assigned to it;

(c) whether the report says that in trap cases involving corruption among bureaucrats and Government officials, the acquittal rate has been found high; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Recommendations of Pranab Mukherjee Committee

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Pranab Mukherjee Committee recommended to ban doctors, engineers and other professionals and technical persons from appearing for the civil service examinations;

(b) if so, the details of the major recommendations made by Pranab Mukherjee Committee; and

(c) action Government have Taken on the recommendations of the Committee?

Curtailing gazetted holidays

362. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decrease the number of gazetted holidays in central Government offices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Reduction of Central Government staff

363. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a decision has been taken to reduce the Central Government staff by cutting fresh recruitments by two-thirds;

(b) if so, the details of specific directives issued for the purpose and other fresh policy initiatives taken to reduce the surplus staff;

(c) the number of posts likely to be abolished annually through this reported "Restrictive" policy; and

(d) the results achieved so far by implementing other similar schemes announced earlier, like the VRS identifying the surplus staff as recommended by the Expenditure Reforms Committee (ERC), etc. and their present status?

Pay parity of Government officials vis-a-vis private organisations

364. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the pay and perks of Government officials in India is

far below their counterparts in the established private organisations;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the pay and perks of Government officials vis-a-vis those in the comparable posts in private sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, whether Government propose to undertake such a study to rationalise and arrive at the realistic level of pay and perks for Government employees in sync with prevailing international trend and practice; and

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

Promotions of stenographers

365. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Federation of Stenographers of Central Secretariat and Allied Offices has addressed a number of letters regarding ACP Scheme and delinking of promotions from vacancies;

(b) if so, action/decision taken thereon; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure Acceleration of pace of promotions in various grade of Stenographers serving in Central Secretariat and Allied Offices?

Checking of corruption by CVC

366. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission had developed a format which enabled it to dispose of any complaint within four weeks;

(b) if so, whether after forming this format, number of cases were disposed off within less than a week;

(c) whether the CVC has found a number of cases of corruption prevailing in many departments and have been able to arrest some of the judicial officers and high and low officials in various departments in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government have been providing help and assistance to the CVC in checking the corruption?

NTPC Power plant at Kavamkulam

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

(a) whether Prime Minister had announced a Central investment is Kerala to enhance the capacity of NTPC power plant at Kavamkulam;

(b) whether the necessary sanction for the above project has been accorded; and

(c) if so, the present status of implementation of the above project?

Hike in power tariff

†368. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power tariff has been increased by the Electricity Boards in the various states of the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of these state Electricity Boards or institutions; and

(c) the percentage of the increase in power tariff for the consumers in each of the States separately?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Hihi in domestic electricity wates

369. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase domestic electricity rates for various categories of consumers;

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

(c) whether it is a fact that the introduction of power reforms has been no impact on the distribution of powr and if so, corrective steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

Conference of state power miniters

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

Will the Minister of POWERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Power Minister's conference was held in June to discuss the Power situation inthe country;

(b) if so, whether the centre has urged states to meet power generation targets;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in the Tenth Plan for achieving power targets;

(d) if so, how much has so far been achieved;

(e) whether number of projects have not been undertaken so far;

(f) if so, what are the main reasons;

(g) what are the states where these projects have not been undertaken; and

(h) what is the help and assistance the centre has agreed to provide to these states?

Surplus power in Orissa

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

Will the Minister of POWERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has decided to sell the surplus power toother States for which Gridco has invited tenders; and

(b) the amount of power that is proposed to be sold and the amount of money they propose to net out of this?

Funding of hydropower projects in Orissa

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

Will the Minister of POWERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has given a proposal to the Centre for funding of two 520-MG hydropower projects at Chipilima and Tikarpara of NHPC on account of paucity of funds, if so, the status of the proposal; and

(b0 whether the State Government has also made a request to the PM to provide powerto each houe-hold inthe State by 2012, if so, the action plan thereof?

Assistance to Rajasthan under APDRP

373. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that state Government of Rajasthanhas proposed to provide it with more transitionperiod

assistance under Accelerated Power Developed and Reform Programme to reduce revenue gap of power utilities in the state;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to implement the above said proposal;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Modernisation of electricity distribution scheme in Jodhpur

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the central Government had earlier approved the 56 crore project for the modernisation of electricity distribution scheme of Jodhpur city;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the context in which the scheme was approved;

(c) what is the present status of the project;

(d) whether Government have since shelved this project;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the present stand of the central Government on this project?

Supply of Power to Kerala

375. SHRI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority has represented for more power from centre since the power generation front of Kerala was bleak during the last three months;

(b) if so, the details of action taken including the total supply of power to Kerala from other states for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the supply from Ramagundam Station on NTPC and other grids to Kerala has been restored fully;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any proposal to restructure the activities including power generation, of Kerala State Electricity Board; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

National Power Policy

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

(a) whether the Government of India is thinking of having a new national power policy aiming at providing power to all and also for greater private participation in the rural energy sector;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed policy;

(c) whether the Government is also thinking of putting forth the national tariff policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Equity support to Hydel Power Projects

377. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to provide equity support to hydel power projects in the country during Tenth Five Year Plan and if so, the details thereof alongwith the states and the amount;

(b) the capacity of power in megawatt to be generated as a result thereof; and

(c) whether Government has also launched the first systematic approach to

prepare feasibility study and details project reports and if so, the details thereof?

Reduction in Power Thefts

378. SHRI G.K. VASAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in power theft in 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of such reduction; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to reduce power theft?

Power production in Bihar

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

(a) the power production in Bihar as on date;

(b) the demand of power in rural and urban areas; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to meet the demand?

Private participation in Power Sector

380. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the aggressive reforms and encouragement by the Governments, the growth of private sector in power sector is very slow;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the state-wise details of the capacity addition by private sector since 1991;

(d) whether it is also a fact that private sector could not realize its target in Ninth Plan and in the first year of Tenth Plan;

(e) the reasons for the slippage of the target; and

(f) the steps being taken by union and state Governments to clear the road blocks for greater private parties participation?

Power capacity addition during Tenth Plan

381. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 2958 MW of additional capacity had been provided in the first year of Tenth Plan against the plan target of 41,000 MW;

(b) if so, the reasons for the dismal performance in the capacity addition;

(c) the sector-wise and state-wise break up of the additional capacity added in first year of the Tenth Plan; and

(d) the road map to realize the Tenth Plan target?

New power plants to be completed during Tenth Plan

382. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the power/plants to be completed during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the shortage of power at present and the position of power generated after the Tenth Plan;

(c) whether the power-project at Manner Chak of Tripura will be completed by the Tenth Plan;

(d) the generating capacity of this project of Tripura; and

(e) the quantity of power generated State-wise till date in conventional, non-

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conventional and renewable sources of energy?

Targets for power generation during Tenth Plan

383. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power generation capacity targets fixed for different states for the Tenth Plan Period;

(b) whether Government have formulated any strategy to achieve the targets by states;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the matter has been discussed at the recently held state power Ministers meet at New Delhi;

(e) if so, the view of the states on achieving the target; and

(f) the reaction of Government thereto?

Setting up of PFC office in Chennai

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

(a) whether Government propose to set up an office of Power Finance Corporation of India at Chennai or any other suitable location in Tamilnadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

High powered committee regarding wasteland reforms and land reforms

385. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land found to be

wasteland as on date and the percentage of such land vis-a-vis the total land;

(b) whether Government have constituted a high powered committee to invite suggestions regarding land reforms and wasteland development; and

(c) if so, the basis adopted for selection of the members of the committee?

Computerisation of tehsils in Orissa

386. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government has granted financial aid for computerization of 171 tehsils in Orissa, if so, amount of central aid so sanctioned;

(b) whether government propose to oversee the progress of works; and

(c) if so, the progress made so far and the time by when the records of all the tehsils in the State would be computerized?

Pure drinking water for villages in Gujarat and Karnataka

387. SHRI H.K. JAWARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the drinking of Saline Water in the rural parts of the country the people are suffering from Kidney Stones particularly in the Karnataka and Gujarat States;

(b) whether it is also a fact, that Salinity ingress has made ground water unfit for drinking in villages;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide pure drinking water to rural people in the country and the amount required therefor; and

(d) the amount sanctioned and released to the state of Karnataka for the past three years for providing drinking water to villages?

(c) if so, what special measures are proposed for speedy development of rural areas of the above States?

Meeting targets of PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

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

(a) the amount sanctioned for Himachal Pradesh under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the year 2002-2003 by Government;

(b) the name of these roads alongwith the amount sanctioned for each of these roads;

(c) whether it is a fact that roads sanctioned during the year 2001-02 has not been completed so far while it was scheduled to be completed by June, 2003;

(d) the number of roads which have not been completed so far as per schedule; and

(e) whether Government propose to take action against contractors for working at slow pace?

Development of Rural Areas of U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand

389. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes for rural development;

(b) whether it is a fact that development of rural areas of U.P., Bihar and Jharkhand has not taken place to the desired extent; and

Release of Rice and Wheat to Himachal Pradesh under food for work programme

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

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat released to Himachal Pradesh under the Food for Work programme during the year 2002-2003;

(b) the number of times it was given alongwith the quantity of the same given each time;

(c) the number of persons benefited under this scheme; and

(d) the number of persons of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other weak sections benefited from the same?

Water to drought affected people

391. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to prevailing drought situation in the country the water sources are dried up and particularly, the rural and people are not getting potable drinking water;

(b) if so, the of steps taken so far for providing water to people and live stock details of the past three years; and

(c) the details of the schemes under which the water is provided to people and livestock in the drought affected area in Karnataka and the amount spent so far for the past three years?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

PMGY funds to Andhra Pradesh for drinking water project

392. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the central funds released to Andhra Pradesh for the drinking water component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of drinking water projects accomplished in the state with funds, year-wise; and

(c) what is the inspecting mechanism to ensure that water projects are accomplished under PMGY in the state and elsewhere?

Watershed projects for Tamil Nadu

393. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored any evaluation study on Watershed Development Projects in Tamil Nadu keeping in near the water shortages;

(b) if so, the findings of such a study;

(c) the funds allocated for the watershed development projects during the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any proposals from Tamil Nadu in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Orissa

394. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of alleged rampant corruption in

implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programme in all the 10 blocks of Jajpur District of Orissa especially in Korai and Badachana Blocks;

(b) if so, whether Government have also received such complaints from certain blocks of KBK districts and Western Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the fresh steps taken by Government for proper implementation of Poverty Alleviation Programmes in Orissa?

Grants to Himachal Pradesh under ARWSP

†395. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 905 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 2003 and state:

(a) the amount provided to Himachal Pradesh out of amount of 1351.95 to 18 drought affected states under the ARWSP till 18th February, 2003 during the year 2002-2003;

(b) whether the concerned State Government has utilised the amount released;

(c) if so, part of the state in which this amount was utilised; and

(d) to what extent water level have been lifted?

Watershed projects for Rajasthan

396. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question No. 660 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 1050 watershed projects and 919 special projects

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sanctioned for Rajasthan during the last three years, only 245 watershed projects and 264 special projects were sanctioned for the year 2001-02 as compared to 388 watershed projects and 293 special projects that were sanctioned for the year 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortfall for the year 2001-2002;

(c) whether there was any hinderance in the implementation of shelterbelt plantations and afforestation in Rajasthan due to severe drought conditions prevailing there; and

(d) if so, the action contemplated in this regard?

Job opportunities for educated youth of Assam

397. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the achievements made so far for providing job opportunities to educated unemployed youth in NER, particularly in the State of Assam;

(b) the details of the number of the educated unemployed youths of NER, in the year 2002-03, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has taken any action to remove poverty in NER, particularly in Assam?

Houses under IAY for SCs/STs in Assam

398. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes who have been provided housing facilities under the Indira Awas Yojana in Assam during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are a lot of poor families who do not have any housing facilities and Government are finding it difficult to provide them complete housing facilities; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue necessary directions to the Government of Assam for providing funds to all the poor families so that they can get housing in time?

Funds allocated to Rajasthan under SJSY

399. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to Rajasthan for the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana during the year 2001-2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that large part of the grant is mopped up by the NGOs connected with the implementation of this scheme;

(c) what is the total expenditure involved in granting loans etc., under this scheme and the total amount of loans granted and the number of actual beneficiaries of this scheme; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government to streamline the working of this scheme?

Shortage of cotton

400. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the country is going to face severe shortage of cotton by 2007 affecting the textile industry badly;

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the State-wise details of the cotton production in the last five years; and
- (d) the steps being taken to face the ensuring cottoning crisis in the country?

Pashmina wool

401. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) how much Pashmina wool is collected in Ladakh region;
- (b) how much of this Pashmina wool is processed in Ladakh;
- (c) how much money Ladakh generated by selling this Pashmina wool; and
- (d) whether there are any projects or plans to help Ladakhis to value add to their pashmina wool, if so the details thereof?

Minimum support price for jute

402. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether minimum support price (MSP) for jute has been fixed by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, whether Government have taken measures to realize the MSP to the jute cultivators; and
- (c) the amount of jute decided to be procured by the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) for the current year?

Development of wool sector

†403. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the future potential of development of wool sector;

- (b) the details of programmes and schemes being formulated by Government for development of the said sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

- (c) the total investment proposed to be made in wool sector during the said plan period?

Waiving off excise duty on textile industry

404. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has suggested to waive off excise duty on textile industry to improve its competency and capabilities to the global standards; and
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Problems of powerloom owners in Maharashtra

405. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that Powerloom Owners in Maharashtra are facing problems and seeking Central Government's help;
- (b) if so, whether Government have assured them effective steps for the benefit of powerloom sector in Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

NTC mills

†406. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of N.T.C. mills in functional condition in the country;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) whether all the mills are running in project;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the measure steps taken by Government to equip these mills with modern technology?

Orders for readymade garments

407. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the global importers are diverting orders for readymade garments from China to India in view of SARS;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 5 per cent of the orders belonging to China have come to India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how India is thinking of consolidating this advantage in attracting more and more orders from other countries?

Strategy to increase export of handicrafts

†408. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have adopted any new strategy to increase export of handicrafts products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also working for developing Bhagalpuri silk industry in Bihar and making it fit to earn profit;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Low cost housing for textile workers

409. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have taken up building of low cost houses for textile workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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