RAJYA SABHA

List of Question for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on Monday, the February 24th, 2003/Phalguna 5, 1924 (Saka)

(Ministeries: Commerce and Industry; Health and Family Wlefare; Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Information and Broadcasting; Law and Justice; Parliamentary Affairs; Shipping; Social Justice and Empowerment; Tribal Affairs; Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation)

Total Number of Questions—155

Trade treaty with SAARC Countries

472. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has signed a trade treaty with SAARC members;
 - (b) if so, the highlights of the treaty;
- (c) whether multi-nationals operating in these SAARC countries are likely to take undue advantages of concessional duty facility to flood Indian market with their goods especially food items; and
- (d) in what maner Government propose to tackle this problem?

Setting up of New Export Promotion Council

473. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to set up a new Export Promotion Council (EPC) exclusively for the export-oriented units (EOUs) and the units located at SEZz and EPSs;

- (b) if so, the details of the proposal and the specific role contemplated for the new Council and the advantages sought to be achieved, representing exporters from the EOUs segment; and
- (c) the present number of export-oriented units functioning int he country and the total value and volume of exports, as percentage of the total exports of the country generated by them?

Export of iron-ore

†474. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the iron-ore is being exported;
- (b) if so, the name of the countries to which export has been made during the last three years along with the quantum thereof;
- (c) the number of companies including MMTC indulged in exports and exports

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made by them in terms of quantum and amount; and

(d) the policy formulated by Government in this regard for the forth coming financial year along with the details of its guidelines?

Applications pending for patent registration

475. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

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

- (a) the number of applications received by Patent Office, Chennai for registration of patents of new inventions emanated from Karnataka for the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to open a Patent Office in Bangalore to help the entrepreneurs, industrialists, scientists and technologists to register patents without much delay; and
- (c) if so, by when such Patent Office is likely to be set up in Bangalore?

Increase in export

†476. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that export from the country has been on the increase constantly;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that this export is increasing to the countries which are traditional importers of Indian goods;

- (c) if so, the names of countries to which export has increased along with the percentage increase;
- (d) the names of such new countries to which export have been made during the last three years; and
- (e) the percentage of average annual export to these countries during the said period?

Increased rate of industrial production

†477. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a target for increased rate of industrial production in the current year has been fixed;
 - (b) if so, the target so fixed; and
- (c) what has been the increased rate of industrial production in the first nine months of current financial year?

FDI in industrial sector

478. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

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

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment in the Industrial Sector;
- (b) if so, the areas in which FDI is likely to be introduced along with the details thereof?

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Tea plantation

479. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government would take steps to open the work relating to the tea plantation which is closed; and
- (b) the steps Government intend to take to ensure employment to the tea estate workers and to disburse the arrears of wages, bonus and other benefits?

Imposition of non-tariff barriers by European commissions

- 480. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received a notice from the European Commission with regard to its imposition of non-tariff barriers to import over 100 products, including the list of sensitive commodities;
- (b) if so, when such a notice was received in the Ministry; and
- (c) the action the Ministry has taken on the notice, so far?

Export and import

- 481. SHRI BALBIR K. PUNJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the export value in US dollars for the last three years with percentage share of each country value commodity-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the import value in US dollars for the last three years with percentage share of

- each country, commodity-wise and countrywise:
- (c) the share in global trade for the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the plan to increase India's share to at least one per cent?

Anti-dumping duty on import of coldrolled stainless steel

- 482. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that recently antidumping duty has ben levied on import of cold-rolled stainless steel from other countries:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum of import of cold-rolled stainless steel during the last three years; year-wise?

Strategy to revive the tea industry

- 483. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have evolved a strategy to revive the tea industry it he country; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

United Nationals Trade and Development Report

- 484. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the United Nations Trade and Development Report has pointed out that only India and China to weather the

reversal int he global economy in the Asian region;

- (b) if so, the other main points mentioned int he report;
- (c) whether according to the report, the growth in the world economy slowed sharply in 2001;
- (d) if so, whether Government have examined this report; and
- (e) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Export of Basmati Rice to US

- 485. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that due to discriminatory yard sticks of the US administration export of Basmati Rice to US has reduced significantly during the period from April to October, 2002 as compared to the corresponding period of 2001:
- (b) whether it is a fact that preference is being given to the import from Pakistan; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Progress in WTO negotiations

- 486. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the progress made in WTO negotiations following the launching of Doha round:
- (b) whether there has been retrogression in implementing the Doha declaration regarding issues of public health and their compatibility with the TRIPS agreement;

and

(c) the assessment of Government regarding the likely improvement in market access for the agricultural export?

Review of anti-dumping duties on sensitive products imported from Nepal

- 487. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have agreed to review special, additional and anti-dumping duties imposed on several sensitive products imported from Nepal;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete agreement in this regard has been reached between the two countries;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to implement them?

Targeted growth rate for industrial sector

- 488. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the growth rate targeted for industrial sector during the Ninth Plan, Year-wise;
- (b) how for these targets were achieved; and
- (c) the target set for industrial growth during the Tenth Five year Plan?

Export Promotion

- 489. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government have recently

urged State Government to be spectranet on export promotion;

- (b) if so, whether the share of State Governments has ben declining on export front; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps Government have taken/propose to take to boost the exports?

Tobacco consumption in the country

- 490. SHRI RAVUL CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether tobacco consumption in the country has dropped after imposing ban on smoking in public places;
- (b) if so, the percentage of drop in tobacco consumption; and
- (c) the strategies adopted to compensate the loss to the tobacco industry due to ban on smoking in public places?

V. Govindrajan Committee Report

- 491. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the V. Govindrajan Committee in its recent report on Reforming Investment Approval and Implementation Procedures-Part II has inter alia recommended the setting up of an Industrial Investment Facilitation Board on the lines of Foreign Investment Implementation Authority;
- (b) if so, the details of the other major recommendations made therein and action taken/proposed to be taken thereon with their present status; and
- (c) the details of specific monitoring mechanism established, if any, to speed up implementation of the recommendations at

the State level with a view to facilitating quicker investments int eh economy?

Composition of Tobacco Board

- 492. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the composition of the Governing Council of Tobacco Board as constituted now:
- (b) the number of representatives from the farmers/traders sector from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in the Council; and
- (c) whether Government would give more representation to Karnataka on the Council since it has vast area under tobaco cultivation?

Modification in Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty

- 493. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is fact that Nepal Government has requested modifications in the Indo-Nepal Trade Treaty signed in the month of March, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons forwarded for changes in the treaty; and
 - (d) the reaction of Government thereon?

Decline in export of gold jewellery

- 494. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there has been sharp decline in the volume of export of Indian gold jewellery during the past months;

- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor:
- (c) the figures of exports of gold jewellery from the export processing zones and export oriented units of the country, month-wise; and
- (d) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Compliance Panel Report on cotton bed linen

- 495. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to appeal in the World Trade Organisation Appellate Body against the Compliance Panel Report on cotton bed linen, which favoured the imposition of antidumping duty on the product; and
 - (b) if so, the latest position of the case?

Free Trade Agreement with WTO Members

- 496. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of the free trade agreement, signed by the country with other WTO members, so far;
- (b) the list of commodities that has ben accorded duty concessions; and
- (c) whether India and South Africa have any trade pact and if not, whethr bilateral agreement is likely to be signed with that country?

Dwindling rice export

- 497. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether export of rice is dwindling

- since last year as compared to years prior to that:
- (b) if so, the names of countries taking over that export;
- (c) the quantity of rice exported during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps beig taken to boost export of rice?

Mini-Ministerial Meeting in Tokyo

- 498. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that WTO is expected to discuss market access in agriculture and services, anti-dumping, Singapore issues etc. in the forthcoming Mini-Ministerial meeting in Tokyo;
- (b) if so, the stand taken by Government on these issues; and
- (c) in what manner Government propose to protect that interest of Country on these issues?

Incentives to cement factories to be set up in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal

- 499. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that offering incentives like excise exemptions etc. to cement factories to be set up in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal will be an environmental hazard in these areas as it involves extensive transportation by road from the lime deposits to the factories and from the manufacturing sites to marketing placves in North India due to paucity of additional demands of cement in Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, whether the Environmental angle has been cleared from the respective agencies?

Lockout/closure of tea gardens

- 500. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of tea gardens in the country being under lockout/closure during the last two eyars alongwith details, Statewise:
- (b) whether it is a fact that thousands of labourers lost their jobs due to closure and lock outs:
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many starvation deaths were reported from the settlements of the tea garden workers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) whether Government have conducted any study to ascertain the causes of the prevailing situation?

Use of Nimesulid drug

501. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether drug Nimesulide has been cleared by Government for prescription to the patients;
- (b) whether it is a fact that thouth Nimesulide is freely prescribed in the Country, some medical experts still have some reservations about the safety of this drug, particularly among infants;
 - (c) whether it is also a fact that

Nimesulide is still not licensed for use in certain developed countries like the USA, Australia and New Zealand: and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to review its use in the Country?

AIDS cases in Orissa

502. SHRI B.J. PANDA: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 40 lakh people in the country await certain death, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated 11th December, 2002;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the country stand second to South Africa in the list of nations where AIDS has taken epidemic form;
- (c) if so, the places in Orissa which are the vulnerable blocks; and
- (d) the assistance rendered by the Centre to the State Govt. to control the incidents of this disease?

Adulteration in botted water

- 503. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that bottled water available in various markets in Delhi and other places contains harmful pesticides;
- (b) if so, whether the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration has totally failed to check such adultration in bottled water;
- (c) whether Government have fixed any responsibility on PFA department about the adulteration; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Facilitis in PHCs in H.P.

- 504. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware that Primary Health Centres in remote areas/ snow boundareas/and backward areas in Himachal Pradesh are in bad shape due to lack of staff, adequate facilities and medicines;
- (b) if so, whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide proper facilities in these Health Centres; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Scam in CGHS Medical Stores, New Delhi

- 505. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a major scam of drug and medicines was unearthed during last year at the CGHS Medical Stores, Gole market New Delhi;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any enquiry was ordered into the mattr and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the report of the enquiry has been received: and
- (e) if so, the details theroef and the action taken thereon?

Strike of Chemists

- †506. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) the basis on which the strike of

- CGHS Chemists came to an end on the 16th January, 2003 which was continuing for the last three months; and
- (b) the details of the demands made of the Chemists along with the benefits became available to the care holders and Government after the strike came to an end?

NABL certificate for clinical reference

- 507. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to make it mandatory for clinical reference laboratories to obtain the National Accreditation Board for Calibration and Laboratory Testing (NABL) certification before granting them licences to operate;
- (b) whether out of 30,000 clinical reference laboratories in the country only a handful are NABL accredited; and
- (c) if so, the details of the scheme and the likely date of completion of NABL certification?

Setting up of National Commission to formulate health related issues

5008. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of the WHO sponsored Global Panel that health preceded economic development and consequently setting up a National Commission to formulate a strategy to address health-related issues: and

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(b) whether this Panel would be able to give comprehensive recommendatiosn within its terms of reference and within stipulated period of one yar and whether a quarterly review of the working would be introduced to get desired result in one year?

Terms of Members of Central Council of Homoeopathy

509. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Members of the Central Council of Homoeopathy are continuing in office even after expiry of their term as per the HCC Act:
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaosns therefor;
- (c) the steps Government propose to take to conduct elections/nominations in place of such Members; and
- (d) the details of the time schedule of the above election/nominations procedure be completed?

Disposal of bio-waste by hospitals

†510. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of hospitals in Delhi which do not have arrangements for disposal of bio-waste;
- (b) the steps taken by Government for disposal of bio-waste in these hospitals;
 - (c) by when arrangement for disposal of

bio-waste is likely to be made in these hospitals;

- (d) the names of major hospitals in the country which do not have arrangements for disposal of bio-waste, till date; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

Encouragement to Ayurvedic Medicine

511. SHRI R.K. ANAND: SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal or project to encourage Ayurvedic Medicine:
- (b) if so, whether the proposal also covers Education of Ayurvedic Medicine;
- (c) whether the Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers have approached Government regarding the problems faced by them in competition to parallel drugs in the country;
- (d) whether Government propose to play a part of reviving the ancient Ayurvedic Medicine System int eh country; and
 - (e) if so, to what extent?

Allegations against office bearers of CCH

512. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Questions 2583 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th December, 2002 and state:

(a) whether any prima-facie case has been established on the allegations made

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against the office bearers of the Central Council of Homeopathy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the follow-up action taken to look into the complaints?

Opening of Post-Graduate Medical Science and Research Centre in RML Hospital

513. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for the opening of Post-Graduate Medical Science and Research Centre at Ram Manohar Lohi Hospital has been put on the back burner;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) by when, the proposal is likely to be approved?

Sale of spurious drugs

†514. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether sale of spurious drugs fall within the catagory of offence of mass killing:
- (b) if so, the number of chemists dealing in spurious drugs convicted during the last three years; and
- (c) if not, the details of the action taken against the dealers of spurious drugs?

Increase in population

†515. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the effective measures taken by Government to check the steep increase in population of the country;
- (b) whether Government propose to implement the strong measures which are being adopted by the vast country like China;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the target laid down by Government to bring about stability in the continuous increase of population in the country and success achieved in this regard, so far?

Polio cases

†516. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received complaints regarding children getting afflicated with polio despite being given polio drops;
- (b) if so, whether Government have got these complaints examined by specialist; and
 - (c) if so, the outcome thereof?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Reimbursment of pending bills of patients under CGHS

517. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that inspite of a directive from the Delhi High Court Government have not reimbursed the pending bills of patients under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) for medicines purchased from the market;
- (b) if so, the details of pending bills with Government as on 31st January, 2003; and
- (c) by when the bills of CGHS beneficiaries are likely to be cleared by Government?

Modified TB Control Programme in Orissa

518. SHRI B.J. PANDA: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State Government of Orissa has requested the Central Govt. to seek approval from the Royal Danish Embassy to extend the Modified TB Control Programme to another 16 districts of the State, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated 27th November, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the status of the proposal; and
- (c) the details of Central projects to help the State to control TB disease?

Expenditure on health care

519. SHRI JIBON ROY: SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government expenditure on health care remain static in the vicinity of 5 percent of GDP since 1995;
 - (b) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the expenditure against curative and preventive health care system for the last three years, system-wise and yearwise?

Health Melas

520. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Health Melas organized during the past three years in different parts of the country and their respective themes;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Health Melas organized in the past have been total failure with no clear theme and poor promotions alongwith poor attendance;
- (c) if so, whether Government agree that the Health Melas organized in the past were only based on commercial value rather thanf social value; and
- (d) whether Government propose to organize more Health Melas in the near future?

Comprehensive policy on health and medical care

- 521. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Nation is in the need of a comprehensive policy on health and medical care; and
- (b) if so, what would be the outline of such a policy?

Strengthening the facilities in Medical Colleges in Karnataka

- 522. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that proposals for strengthening and improving the facilities at the Government Ayurvedic Medical College, existing Undergraduate Colleges of ISM&H and diagnostic facilities in Karnataka were submitted to Government for release of grants-in-aid; and
- (b) the current stage of consideration of these porposals and by when the approval is likely to be expected?

Allocation of funds to PHCs

- 523. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether as per UN report huge funds are being allocated to the Primary Health Centre to provide basic medical facilities which are never made available to the villagers; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the plight of the villagers?

Emergency treatment facilities in Lakshadeep

- 524. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the total number of Government hospitals functioning at present in remote areas of rural India including Lakshadeep Islands;
- (b) whether it is a fact that those hospitals/ primary health centres functioning in Lakshadeep Islands do not have any emergency facilities for treatment of patients;
 - (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) by when, the emergency facilities for treatment are likely to be provided in all existing health centres in Lakshadeep Islands?

Conference of Child Cancer Specialists in Delhi

525. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Conference of Child Cancer Specialists or Paediatric Meet was held in November, 2002 in Delhi titled "International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)-Asia Conference", to deliberate upon whether child cancer is curable; and
- (b) if so, the outcome of the meet and the message it has given for parents whose children have been afflicated with cancer?

Inclusion of private doctors in TB Control Programme

- †526. SHRIMATI KUMKUM RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether private doctors are also proposed to be included in the TB Control Programme;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in mentally ill patients in Orissa

527. SHRI B.J. PANDA: SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been unabated increase in the number of mentally ill patients in all the districts of Orissa as reported in the New Indian Express, dated 19th December, 2002;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the help rendered by the Central Govt. to the State Government to control this menace?

Expenditure on health

- 528. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the latest estimate of public sector expenditure on health;
- (b) whether Government have committed itself to raising the public expenditure on health to 2 percent of GDP; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Admission in medical and dental colleges

- 529. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of medical and dentalf colleges were not permitted to admit students for the academic year 2002-2003;
- (b) if so, the names of the such medical and dental colleges, State-wise;
 - (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to maintain the standards in the medical and dental colleges?

Medical bill racket in Hyderabad

- 530. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a medical bill racket has been in operation in Hyderabad with the connivance of private medical institutions and CGHS beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, whether incidences of submission of inflated bills for CGHS reimbursement have come to notice of Government;
- (c) whether during investigations it was found that the beneficiary of CGHS reimbursement was a dead person; and
 - (d) if so, the details therefo?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Family welfare projects

- 531. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of family welfare projects under implementation in the country, Statewise:
- (b) the efforts made by Government for the effective implementation of these projects; and
- (c) the achievements made during the last year?

Heart disease

†532. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 100 million people are estimated to be suffering from heart disease in the country;
- (b) if not, the Government's assessment in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that expenditure to the tune of Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 2.5 lakh is a normal thing for treatment of this disease:
 - (d) if not, the details in this regard; and
- (e) whether Government are considering to provide any economical medical treatment for the persons who are not able to afford such expenditure?

Medical facilities in rural areas

- 533. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether the distance of most villages

from the nearest hospital is about 10 to 15 kilometers; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to provide more medical facilities in the rural areas of the country?

Population explosion in Himachal Pradesh

- 534. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have assessed the impact of various family planning measures adopted in Himachal Pradesh to control the population explosion in the State;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government propose to introduce in the State new method adopted in foreign countries in the field of family planning; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Proliferation of spurious drugs

- 535. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proliferation of spurious drugs in the country; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government do not have adequate machinery to check proliferation of spurious drugs; and
- (d) the steps taken to strengthen control mechanism?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Health Grants Commission

- 536. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to Government to set up a Health Grants Commission to look after the medical education in the country on the lines of University Grants Commission; and
- (b) if so, Government's response in this regard?

Implemenation of Reproductive and Child Health Programme

- 537. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have succeeded in implementing Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme as per the National Population Policy, 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the RCH Programme has successfully covered the deprived population groups of urban slums and tribal communities as well as adolescents; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Medical facilities in Assam

- 538. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of schemes and programmes formulated and implemented for providing medical facilities to the people of Assam;
 - (b) the details of funds allocated and the

- amount actually released by Government to the State during the last three years;
- (c) the details of funds actually spent on the aforesaid schemes in the State during the said period; and
- (d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the expansion of health facilities among the masses of the State?

CGHS dispensaries in NOIDA

- 539. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of CGHS dispensaries presently functioning in NOIDA;
- (b) the number of CGHS beneficiaries including senior citizens and retired Central Government employees;
- (c) whether exiting medical services are adequate for the residents of NOIDA; and
- (d) if not, whether there is any proposal for setting up of more dispensaries in NOIDA?

Mismanagement in AIIMS

- †540. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps Government have taken, so far, to do away with the mismanagement and lawlessness prevailing in AIIMS along with the result thereof; and
- (b) the arrangement proposed to be made by Government to provide temporary shelters made by Government to the patients coming there for treatment and also their relatives accompanying patients to look after them?

[†]Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Problems faced by senior citizens in CGHS dispensaries

- 541. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties and problems being faced by the senior citizens in the CGHS dispensaries in the farflung colonies in outer Delhi areas; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard, so as to provide appropriate facilities to the senior citiznens most of whem have paid whole-life contributions for retaining CGHS medical services?

Female foeticides in Punjab

- 542. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the alarming levels of female foeticides in Punjab; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

Production of banned drugs

- 543. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN 'DURRU': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that large number of drugs which are globally banned are still being produced, stocked and freely administered to the patients in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether it is recognised world over that these drugs have serious side effects when taken for a long time and without medical advise; and

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

Construction of a super speciality hospital-cum-research centre at Madurai

- 544. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has forwarded a proposal for construction of super speciality hospital-cum-research centre at Madurai on the lines of AIIMS:
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken in this regard; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Increase in AIDS cases

- 545. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that despite the country spending around \$40 million on its AIDS Control Programme, the incidence of this disease are still on the increase and is likely to grow from 4 million cases to 8.9 million by the middle of this decade; and
- (b) if so, the steps Government have taken to prevent the spread of this disease in the country and to bring awareness among the people to check the disease?

Safe motherhood

- 546. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of th eprogrammes and schemes with revenue implications, both

existing and proposed, designed to make motherhood safe;

- (b) whether it is a fact that notwith standing these programmes and schemes there is a high mortality rate among the pregnant women;
 - (c) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the proposals, if any, aimed at making motherhood safe?

Mechanism for redressal of grievances under PNDT Act

- 547. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any mechanism for redressal of grievances under the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994;
- (b) the number of cases of grievances that have been received by her Ministry;
- (c) out of these how many have been settled; and
- (d) the time-frame for the settlement of remaining cases?

Specialised treatment in Dental Department of Safdarjung Hospital

548. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is provision of specialized treatment in Dental Department of Safdarjung Hospital;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of specialized treatment facilities which exist; and
- (d) the efforts taken, if any, to provide the facilities for specialised treatment in all other departments?

Inclusion of Insulin as life saving drug

- 549. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the reasons for Insulin being not kept in the category of life saving drug when it is essential for the survival of diabetic patients;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Glucometers and Strips are not manufactured in the country;
- (c) if so, whether Government propose to exempt them from customs duty altogether;
- (d) whether Government are aware of the dimensions of diabetes in the country and the growing proportions of diabetic population; and
- (e) if so, the preventive measures Government propose to take to contain diabetics in the country along with the details during the last three years?

Departments in Safdarjung Hospital without head

- 550. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many Department of Safdarjung Hospital are presently functioning without a head;
 - (b) if so, the details of such Departments;
- (c) the efforts made/being made tohave heads for these headless Departments; and
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the efficiency of these headless Departments has since reduced considerably; and
 - (e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Ban on sale of tobacco

- †551. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the manufacturing, distribution and sale of tobacco, Gutka and Pan Masala has been banned in several States in the country;
- (b) whether Government also propose to enact any similar law to ban the above said items;
- (c) whether public opinion was sought in this regard through a notification dated the 29th December, 2002; and
- (d) the main point of the Public opinion soreceived and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

Infant and mothers mortality rate

- 552. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are aware of the increasing infant and mothers mortality rate in the country;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to reduce the infants and mothers mortality rate?

Bed-people ratio in hospitals

- 553. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the present bed-people ratio in hospitals in the country;
- (b) the target set to improve this ratio; $\quad \text{and} \quad$
- (c) in what manner Government propose to achieve it?

Centrally sponsored health schemes and programmes

- 554. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the details of Centrally sponsored health schemes and progrmmes formulated and implemented in the country during the last year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds earmarked and allocated during thesaid period;
 - (c) the details of achievement made;
- (d) whether Government have any decision to enhance Tenth Plan Outlay for the health Schemes; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Deaths due to tobacco related diseases

- 555. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of deaths caused due to tobacco related diseases every year in the country;
- (b) whether Government have ever conducted any inquiry into such deaths to find out the cause of disease: and
- (c) whether any record with regard to identify intoxicants like alcohol, cigarette, tobacco, or any other substance, which causes maximum deaths is maintained?

Eradication of leprosy

- 556. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have set any target for the eradication of leprosy;

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- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures adopted to achieve the above objectives?

Lack of basic facilities in health care centres in Orissa

557. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the health care centres in rural areas in Orissa lack basic facilities for patients and the cash-starved State finds it difficult to improve these services in these areas, as reported in the New Indian Express, Bhubaneswar, dated the 22nd November, 2002;
- (b) if so, the help rendered by Government to the State to overcome this handicap;
- (c) whether State Government has approached the Government for adequate grants for the purpose; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Evening OPD in the Central Government Hospitals

558. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY; SHRI R.P. GOENKA: SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: SHRI MAJOJ BHATTA-CHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

 (a) whether it is a fact that recently evening OPD have been introduced in Central Government run hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh;

- (b) whether it is also a fact that doctors at some leading hospitals in Delhi and Chandigarh have boycotted the decision pleading severe shortage of support staff in the already over-strained OPD;
- (c) the steps taken to meet the genuine requirements for the support staff and also to provide for other needs of the hospitals so as to make the evening OPD equally effective and successful; and
- (d) the present status of implementation of the scheme in various hospitals?

Loss in PTL

559. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Praga Tools Limited (PTL), Hyderabad is running in losses;
- (b) whetherthere is any demand from its employees and owrkers to transfer it to the Ministry of Defence; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

Restructuring plan for Praga Tools Ltd.

- 560. DR. DASAR NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had in the recent past approved restructuring plan for Praga Tools Ltd., (PTS), a PSU in Andhra Pradesh;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status of the restructuring plan of PTL?

Sickness in CPSUs

- †561. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that industrial sickness in Central undertakings is increasing year after year;
- (b) if so, the number of undertakings found sick and running in losses as on 31st January, 2003; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to bring about improvement in their functioning to close down them?

Posts lying vacant in PSUs

- 562. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that many Board level posts are lying vacant in the public sector undertakings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:
 - (c) the steps to fill them; and
- (d) the names of undertakings which are slated for disinvestment and the impact of disinvestment on the number of board level posts of these undertakings?

Government investments in the public sector industries

- 563. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have taken any policy decision to discontinue Government

- investment in the public sector industries in view of the disinvestment policy;
- (b) whether the public sector firms, as promised by the Prime Minister in the Global Investors Meet at Kochi, arrived at agreements with KSIDC for Investment in Kerala: and
- (c) how far the disinvestment policy of public sector companies adversely affect the Central Investment proposal in the public sector units of Kerala?

Lock oout in PSUs

- 564. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of people whohave lost their job due to the lock out/close down/ disinvestments of various Public Sector Undertakings in the country during the last three years;
- (b) the number of them who have been relocated during the last three years; and
- (c) whether the workers have been paid their due wages and compensation alongwith details of the compensation and statutory dues paid to the sacked workers in the last three years?

Implementation of Cable Network Access Act

- 565. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that set top boxes will have to be introduced in cable homes to implement Cable Netowrk Access Act;
- (b) the estimated no. of users of such boxes in the next three years, year-wise;

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- (c) the assessment of Government about the time-frame of the broadcasting sector becoming virtually digital;
- (d) whether the analogue equipments both with operators and subscribers will become redundant after such an eventuality;
- (e) whether it is a fact that analogue technology cannot create tamper proof environment; and
- (f) if so, how introduction of analogue set top boxes would eliminate disputes between channel providers and operators?

Fire accident in the National Film Archives of India, Pune

566. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to

- (a) whether it is a fact that in the recent fire accident in the National Film Archieves of India, Pune master negatives of great films like Raja Harishchandra, Bhakta Prahlada etc., have beendestroyed;
- (b) whether the construction of a special vault for the prints has been completed;
- (c) if not, by when it is likely to be completed; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

Distruction of original prints of films at FTII in Pune due to fire

567. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI VADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 4000 odd original nitrate prints were destroyed on 18th January 2003 at Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune due to devastating
- (b) if so, whether films produced in 1913 and the total original prints of 250 films including frigments of film of foreign origin were completely destroyed;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted about the cause and nature of the
 - (d) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (e) the steps Government proposed to take to avoid such incidents in future?

Violation of Cable Netowrk (Regulation) Act, 1995

568. SHRI **BHAGAT** RAM MANHAR: SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of cable operators registered under the Cable Doordarshan Netoerk (Regulation) Act, 1995 as on date, State-wise:
- (b) the number of cases registered for violation of this Act in the country, till date during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken against the cable operators found guilty, particularly for over charging the consumers?

Outstanding dues of the advertising agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR

569. SHRI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details outstanding dues of the adversiting agencies in Kolkata Doordarshan and AIR;
- (b) the names of the ten topmost defaulters; and
- (c) the amount outstanding against each of them?

Payment plan for recovery of outstandings

570. SHRI JIBON ROY: SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ten topmost private defaulters of advertising agencies from Doordarshan and AIR have agreed to give advance payment and committed to abide by an agreed payment plan;
 - (b) if so, details of the agreed plan;
- (c) whether the agreed plan would help to recover the outstanding payment; and
- (d) the time frame set for recovery of the outstanding dues?

Permission to uplink for 24-hour news channel

- 571. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any application from TV Channels seeking permission to uplink from India for a 24hour news channel;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken with regard thereto;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to safeguard the country's security, cultural heritage and sensitivity in case permission to uplink is granted to foreign channels?

TV channel for benefit of students

- 572. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that an exclusive television channel for the benefit of students studying engineering and technology courses has been launched on the Republic Day this year;
- (b) if so, the likely duration of the telecast daily on this channel;
- (c) whether other courses are also likely to be covered on this channel; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

Installation of VLPT in Himachal Pradesh

573. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to refer to the answer to Starred Question 673 given

with Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 2002 and state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned three Very Low Power Transmitters for Himachal Pradesh during the year 2002-2003; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that these VLPT have not been installed, so far, and by when it is likely to be installed?

Print of old films

- 574. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether due to lack of proper pace for preservation, there azre not enough prints of old films;
- (b) whether some of the old films were lost in haze of partition, others were destroyed with passage of time;
- (c) whether some of the old films were located in South Africa and Thailand;
- (d) whether in West, Disney, MGM took care, in Russia, the state was tghe producder and in Japan, four or five companies took care of their history; and
- (e) whether Government are considering to have proper buildings with latest technologies for this purpose?

Free to air satellite channels

- 575. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of free to air satellite channels operating in the country today;
- (b) the number of such chanels which could be accommodated in the basic tier as defined in the Cable Network Access Act;
 - (c) whether it is a fact that Government

- will have a hand in deciding as to which free to air channels will be put in the basic tier; and
- (d) what will happen to those free to air channel who will not be accommodated in the basic tier?

Introducing of set top boxes in Cable Networks

- 576. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that set top boxes will have to be introduced in cable homes to implement Cable Network Access Act;
- (b) if so, the total number of such homes and the projected number of such boxes in the next three years, year-wise;
- (c) the name of companies providing set top technologies and manufacturing this products and their profiles and other details thereof, Company-wise;
- (d) the financial magnitude of the set top box market; and
- (e) the break-up of the market in terms of digital and analogue technologies?

Broadcasting Council for TV Channels

- 577. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up an independent Broadcasting Council to regulate the control of T.V. Channels;
- (b) if so, by wehen it will be formed; and
- (c) the details of the power likelyu to be accorded to it?

Forgery of judicial records in Patna **High Court**

578. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been instances of forgery/falsification of judicial records in Patna High Court resulting in filling of appeals in the same court on verdicts already delivered by a ?Division Bench of the same court:
- (b) if so, whether investigations have been ordered on the ramifications of this racket and whether involvement of court staf and members of the Bar Assiociation has been established; and
- (c) the action being initiated against the involved persons including the litigants?

Women Reservation Bill

579. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering the proposal to introduce the long pending bill reserving one third of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislatures during the current Budget Session of the Parliament: and
- (b) if not, the reason therefor and Government's attitude to bringing out such a legislation?

Delimitation of constituencies

580. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state the formula, principle adopted and modus operandi finalized to implement the delimitation of constituencies of both Legislative Assemblies and

Parliamentary Constituencies indicating proposed date from which the delimitation would come into actual operagtion, target set to complete various stages?

Setting up of National Judicial Commission

- 581. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the status of the process of setting up of a National Judicial Commission;
- (b) whether the composition of the Commission will be based on the recommendations of the National Committee to Review the working of the Indian Constitution:
- (c) whether the Commission is likely to be vested with powers to probe judicial misconduct: and
- (d) whether it is necessary to amend the Judges (Inquiry) Act to provide for initiating measures against Judges accused of misbehaviour/misdemeanours?

Inquiry Committees on High Court Judges

- 582. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that various Committees have been set up consisting of High Court Judges to inquire into the conduct of other Judges for collateral jurisdiction;
- (b) whether any action is contemplated against judges whose kiths and kins are practicing in the same High Court?

Check on errant judges

- 583. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Attorney General of India has emphasised the need to set up a body to check errant Judges in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether several Judges are deliberately delaying in judgements for years together and postponing such cases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether any time frame would be fixed for Judges to deliver the judgements; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

Fast Courts going slow

- 584. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the setting up of Fast Track Courts for dispensing quicker justice has not yet gained momentum in different States as brought out in a newsitem captioned, "Fast courts going slow", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 11th January, 2003;and
- (b) if so, the details of steps being taken to speed up the process and also to reorient the functioning of these courts for quicker disposal of cases in the light of the experience gained, so far?

Disposal of cases by Lok Adalats

- 585. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Lok Adalats are involved in forum for disposal of cases on the basis of consent jurisidction;

- (b) whether using of such a forum for final disposal of cases is with the consent of the parties to the litigation; and
- (c) whether a ban of appeal against the decision of such forum is tenable in law?

High Court Bench at Madurai

- 586. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the proposed High Court Bench at Madurai is likely to be operational by April, 2003;
- (b) the composition of Judges and the iurisdiction of the same; and
- (c) whether the work regarding the construction of proposed High Court building at Madurai has been completed?

Law Commission on insuraquce frauds

- 587. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Law Commission has recently admitted that Indian laws are inadequate to handle insurance frauds;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof:
- (c) whether the frauds in insurance companies have increased and due to inadequate laws those are not properly checked; and
- (d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the effective laws to deal with insurance frauds?

Complaints against judges of High Courts and Supreme Court

- 588. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of Law and Justice be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of complaints of misbehavior, misconduct etc. received against the Judges of High Courts/Supreme Court during the last two years;
- (b) the action Government have taken against them;
- (c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to empower the Chief Justice of India to take punitive measures against erring Judges; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be brought forward?

Amendment in right to silence

- 589. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to amend the "right to silence" as grainted by the Indian Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details theeof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government would consider the view point of the Law Commission in this regard; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Law Commission for sweeping changes in criminal laws

- 590. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has recommended for

- sweeping changes in the criminal laws governing arrest to strike a balance between liberty of citizens and societal interest for the maintenance of peace and law and order;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Law Commission in its 177th Report; and
- (c) the action contemplated by Government on the recommendations?

Sexual harassment cases

- 591. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is a proposal to speed up the hearing of Sexual harassment cases;
- (b) if so, Government's plan keeping in view the public mind; and
- (c) by when such an Act is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram

- 592. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of States in the country which are not having High Court in its State Capital;
- (b) whether the Government of Kerala formally requested to sanction the High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram;
- (c) whether Government have taken any decision and accorded sanction in the matter;
- (d) whether Government are aware of the present stage of setting up of High Court Bench at Thiruvananthapuram; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

FDI in Shipping Industry

- 593. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed 100 per cent FDI through automatic route in the shipping sector; and
- (b) if so, the details of the investment during last year that the shipping industry received till now?

Helpline for older persons

- 594. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether a scheme called helpline for older persons' has been started in Delhi, Ahmedabad and Bhuj;
- (b) whether the scheme has been extended to other cities;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Proposal torevamp the adoption services

- 595. SHRISURENDRA NATH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have a proposal to revamp the adoption services in the country;
- (b) whether Government propose to set up Adoption Cell in every State; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in that regard particularly to promote and regulate adoption?

Grants for special school for visually handicapped in A.P.

- 596. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government are running or providing central grants for running Special Schools for the visually handicapped in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, school-wise/ Institution-wise;
- (c) how many of these schools are exclusively for blind gids/women; and
- (d) the details of facilities being given in these schools?

Rehabilitation centre for disabled and handicapped persons in UP

- 597. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish any rehabilitation centre in the State of Uttar Pradesh for disabled and handicapped persons during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise/District-wise;
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

Inclusion of Nonia caste in the list of Scheduled Castes

- †598. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether it is a fact that several

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representations from the Akhil Bhartiya Nonia Jaati Jahasangh have been received to include the Nonia caste in the list of Scheduled Castes:

- (b) whether it is also a fact that the decision to include the Kharia and Agaria caste in the list which the homogeneous to the Nonia caste, has been taken by Government; and
- (c) the reasons for the non-inclusion of the Nonia caste in the said list?

Scheme for the upliftment of down trodden women

- †599. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the upliftment of down trodden women; and
- (b) whether Government have taken effective steps to abolish the practice of scavenging;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Crimes by juveniles

- 600. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Govt's attention has been drawn to the press reports to the recent increase in the heinous crimes committed by juveniles in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to analyse the factors contributing to such a trend among the youth; and
- (c) the measures contemplated to contain this erosion in moral value among the children?

Inclusion of Koli communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes

- 601. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TRIBUNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent a proposal to include all the 42 synonymous Koli communities under the ST list;
- (b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of Government that the National SC/ST Commission had also recommended to Government to include these communities in the ST list; and
- (c) the action, if any taken by Government to include the above communities in the ST list?

Enlisting of communities of Assam in ST list

- 602. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TRIBUNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to enlist certain communities of Assam into the list of Scheduled Tribe:
 - (b) if so, by when; and
- (c) if not, the list of communities which fulfill the criteria for such inclusion and the reasons for which they are not being listed?

Declaring the Lavana caste as

- †603. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TRIBUNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that the State Assembly of Himachal Pradesh has passed a resolution unanimously for declaring the Lavana caste, which is engaged in the occupation of the rearing of cows, as

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Scheduled Tribe and also the Members of Parliament of that State several times requrested orally, and in writing to Government to declare Lavana caste as Scheduled Tribe: and

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in the matter, so far?

Employment for tribal youths

- SHRI **AKARAPU** SUDARSHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBUNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
- (a) the action taken to provide employment to the tribal youths;
- (b) whether Tribal Welfare Unions are demanding reservation in beedi units in certain districts like Khammam in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the steps proposed in the matter to help tribal youths desisting exploitation by naxalites?

Encroachment in Government land in Delhi

- †605. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that it has become a common practice in the country particularity in Delhi that people encroach Government land then pressurize Government to provide alternative plot for vacating the said encroachment;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that according to Delhi High Court verdict, it is not finding on Government to provide an alternative plot to the people to vacat the Public land: and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government after the orders passed by the High Court?

States on defaulting list of HUDCO

- 606. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra and other twenty one States are on defaulting list of HUDCO;
- (b) if so, the details of amount due, Statewise;
- (c) whether Government of nonrealisation of loan from States on the operations of HUDCO has been done;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts made for the fast recovery of loan from States?

Uniform Stamp Duty

- 607. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a Parliamentary Standing Committee has recommended that Government may reduce the rate of stamp duty with a view to incurrage sale or transfer of property through registration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;
- (c) whether the Committee has also asked Government to permit a person buying property through GPA to get the same registered in his own name; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

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Modification in building bye-laws

608. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOI: SHRI KARENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that DDA has modified building bye-laws for flat owners and group housing societies in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether additions and alternations will attract additional house tax:
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the schedule of fees to be paid by the owners has been formulated in respect of different items of construction permitted by Government; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Solid waste management in Kolkata Metropolitan area

- 609. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have received any request from the Urban Ministry of West Bengal regarding the problem of solid waste management in 39 local bodies within Kolkata Metropolitan area; and
 - (b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Vacant DDA flats

610. DR. AMBAR AHMED: SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of DDA flats lying vacant

for want of buyers category-wise and locality-wise;

- (b) since when they are lying vacant; and
- (c) in what manner Government propose to dispose them off in the near future?

Operation of Delhi Metro on Shahdara-Tis-Hazari segment

611. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN': SHRIMATI BIMRA RAIKAR: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operations of Delhi Metro on Shahdara-Tis-Hazari segment has become stablised:
- (b) whether it is a fact that public patronage to Delhi Metro Rail Service is far less than a projected 80,000 passengers a day;
- (c) if so, the estimated amount of loss likely to be incurred every month; and
- (d) whether this will have serious implications on the contractual commitment on repayment of loans to a Japanese aid agency?

Delay in Delhi Metro Project

†612. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Delhi Metro Rail Project is constantly getting delayed;

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- (b) if not, the facts in this regard together with the details of the delay, so far, in the construction of this project; and
- (c) the cost overrun in construction of this project due to this delay?

Potable water in DDA colonies

- †613. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the authority accountable for providing potable water to the colonies constructed by the DDA and whether potable water is provided over there prior to allotments are made:
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Mayur Vihar, Phase III is not provided with potable water although ten years have elapsed since it has been inhabited; and
- (c) if so, by when, the authority proposes to provide potable water over there?

Withdrawal of work of construction of houses from DDA

- 614. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to withdraw the work relating to the construction of houses from Delhi Development Authority; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

Disposal of garbage

- †615. SHRI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government have

formulated any plan to prepare the manure by disposing the filthy water and garbage permanently;

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

West Bengal for payment of arrear service charges

616. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received any request from the Urban Development Ministry of West Bengal regarding payment of arrear of service charges from various Central Government Organisations to the local bodies;
- (b) the approximate total outstanding amount; and
- (c) the action being taken to clear the dues to the local bodies?

Enlargement of area earmarked for SSI of Delhi

- 617. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to enlarge the existing area earmarked for small scale industries of Delhi so as to include other non-conforming areas of delhi to benefit industrial unit operating from those areas:
- (b) if so, whether such attempt would be consistent with Government's step to shift

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such industrial units from the nonconforming areas to keep Delhi and its residents free from health hazards; and

(c) whether Central Pollution Control Board and other such agencies are proposed to be consulted before taking any final decision for enlargement of the existing industrial areas of Delhi?

Development of cities and poverty alleviation programmes in Bihar

- †618. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps taken by Government to develop the cities and alleviate poverty from Bihar during the last three years; and
- (b) the details of the future plan in this regard?

Civic and infrastructural problems in Dwarka

- 619. SHRI MANOJ BHATTA-CHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in January, 2003 the residents of Dwarka, a sub-city promoted by DDA, had an interaction meeting with the representatives of DDA and MCD to sort out the various civic and infrastructural problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues raised in the meeting;
- (c) the assurances given by the representatives of the various agencies present in the meeting; and

(d) the follow-up action, if any, taken so far thereon?

Surface water for drinking in cities and towns

620. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and names of cities and towns covered with 100 percent surface water for drinking water purposes;
- (b) the time frame to cover such facilities in each metropolitan city; and
- (c) the contribution of Central Government in this regard?

Housing Societies to provide space for accommodation for service people

- 621. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to contain growth of slums around housing society buildings, Government have instructed housing societies in Delhi to provide 15 per cent of the land area of the concerned society for accommodation of service people working in society's households; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

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Exploitation of labourer working in DMRC

- †622. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) the number of labourers working in DMRC and since when they are working together with the amount paid for eight hours to each labourer;
- (b) the number of hours the labourers are required to work at present together with the amount paid for this work; and
- (c) whether the labourers of DMC are being exploited for the last several years;
- (d) if not, the reaction of Government on the news item which appeared in Rashtriya Sahara, on 21st January, 2003 and
- (e) if so, the action taken by Government in the interest of labourers?

Guidelines to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies

- 623. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to formulate guidelines for State Governments to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government agreed to stand gaurantee for bonds raised by urban local bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Additional construction in DDA flats

- 624. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have decided to permit additional construction in the flats built and sold by the DDA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor:
- (c) whether similar facilities are extendable to flats of the Co-operative Group Housing Societies;
- (d) if so, whether the Managing Committes of such societies would be allowed to collect the required fee for additions and alterations by the Members; and
- (e) whether the opinion of the engineering and technical experts had been solicited and considered before taking a decision in the matter; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

Proposals for slum improvement programme in Uttaranchal

- †625. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Govt. have received some proposals from Uttaranchal under slum improvement programme; and
 - (b) if so, the details of those proposals

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and by when these will be accorded approval?

Demand of residents of Alkanda **Apartment Complex**

626. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the residents of Alkhanda

Apartment Complex in New Delhi have asked for "Barat Ghar, Community Centre, Recreation Centre for senior citizens, health club for ladies and sport club for children on the land recently vacated by Alaknanda J.J. Camp;

- (b) if so, in what manner Government propose to meet their demand which has been pending for a long time; and
- (c) Government's find directives in this regard?

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