

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the April 24, 2002/ Vaisakha 4, 1924 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions—92**

#### **Liberalisation of coal policy**

3234. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has liberalised its coal policy and has given new guidelines recently;

(b) if so, whether under this policy and guidelines, the State Government companies can now mine for coal and lignite through memorandum of article of association;

(c) whether any restriction have been imposed on the companies in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent the State Government have welcomed this move?

#### **Primary Aluminium metal production by recycling the scrap**

3235. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of primary Aluminium metal production made by recycling the scrap in the year 2000-2001;

(b) how it compares with World figures; and

(c) how much Aluminium scrap was imported during last three years and how the use of imported scrap compares with the domestic scrap in respect of Aluminium metal production through recycling process?

#### **Shovel destroyed in Jayant Project**

†3236. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question 3053 on the 19th December, 2001 in Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) what action has been taken against then Chief General Manager and Additional General Manager (Mines) for the damage to the machine;

(b) the total amount spent by the Jayant Project for repairing of machine;

(c) whether it is a fact that completely damaged Shovel was not removed for three days;

(d) whether it is also a fact that as per the report of Security Committee of the Jayant Project, the Shovel was completely destroyed and was not workable for months; and

(e) the month-wise working hours, after the three days of accident, alongwith the total production made by the machine, till date?

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**Disinvestment from the Jabalpur GCF and vehicle factory**

†3237. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to disinvest from the vehicle factory and gun carriage factory at Jabalpur;

(b) if so, the norms fixed for the same; and

(c) whether disinvestment will effect the secrecy of defence production of the country?

**Increase in China's defence budget**

3238. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "China's Defence Budget Worries Experts" appearing in the Times of India dated 7th March, 2002;

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the report in bringing about a political-military correlation in India's defence budgetary exercise?

**Joint naval exercise by India and Singapore**

3239. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 10 days joint exercise by the Indian and Republic of Singapore Navy was conducted recently at Kochi coast; and

(b) if so, how far it has been successful?

**Project sanctioned for development of landmines**

†3240. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sanctioned four projects, between 1984 and 1992, for construction and development of landmines;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far in these projects; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide these mines, having the capability of 20 kilometer range, to Indian Navy?

**Making India self-reliant in defence spares**

3241. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by India in indigenously manufacturing spares for defence equipments;

(b) what is the percentage of indigenous supplies both from Government and private sectors compared to the percentage of components imported; and

(c) the details of efforts being made to maximize the supply of spares and equipment from within the country itself?

**Foreign Direct Investment in Defence Sector**

3242. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of the recent opening of defence sector for foreign direct investment;

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(b) whether Government has received any proposals in this sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of proposals cleared so far?

#### **Advertisement for various post in DRDO**

3243. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an advertisement (No. 58) for various posts in the Defence Research and Development Organisation was issued on 19.2.2001 and interview was held in September, 2001;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the persons who cleared the interview for Electrical Engineering were not absorbed, but, another advertisement (No. 59) was issued in October, 2001 for almost identical posts; and

(c) if so, the reasons for issuing the second advertisement in such a quick succession and whether Government propose to take steps to first absorb all the persons who cleared interview against the first advertisement?

#### **Encroachment of Secunderabad Cantonment land**

3244. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some land of the Secunderabad Cantonment is subject to encroachment;

(b) if so, what action has been taken to reclaim the land; and

(c) what special measures are being taken to ensure security of the Defence Zone

in view of the growing residential colonies in the surroundings?

#### **Development of troops in border areas**

3245. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to withdraw the deployment of our armed forces from the border areas;

(b) if so, till now many days this deployment has been on till date; and

(c) the average daily additional expenditure incurred for effecting/retaining this deployment?

#### **Tracing 54 POWs in Pakistani Jails**

3246. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been approached by the kith and kin of POWs to appoint an independent investigative agency to trace 54 POWs, who had been held captive in Pakistani jails since 1971 war;

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

(c) what constructive steps are being taken to trace them?

#### **Takeover of immigration check-posts**

3247. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has decided to takeover all immigration check-posts from the States in a phased manner;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government had taken this decision following a review of security measures after the attack on Parliament House;

(c) whether there are 60 such check-posts in the country, of them 19 are at the airports, 30 road check-posts are on the border towns and 16 at the ports; and

(d) if so, by what time final decision for taking over the immigration check-posts will be taken?

#### **Condition of Roads in Delhi**

3248. SHRI BHAGATRAM

MANHAR:

SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bad roads is the single biggest reasons for the loss of crores of rupees each day because of higher cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel consumption;

(b) if so, what steps Government is contemplating to lay good roads throughout the National Capital Territory of Delhi in the near future; and

(c) whether Delhi Police will identify bad roads in NCT and take appropriate steps for laying of these road for proper and smooth traffic flow and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Paramilitary forces deployed for Manipur Assembly Elections**

3249. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of paramilitary forces deployed in Manipur for the conduct of Assembly elections;

(b) whether the provided number met the number of such forces demanded by the State's administration; and

(c) if adequate number of paramilitary forces were not provided, the reasons therefor?

#### **Proposal to ban Hindu fundamentalist organisations**

† 3250. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban Hindu fundamentalist organisations which are posing danger to the sovereignty of the country;

(b) if so, by when alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will take action against the people who are responsible for causing death to many persons in riots in various parts of the country, particularly in Ayodhya and Gujarat and the situation arising as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against them?

#### **Steps taken to deal with the threat of terrorist organisation**

3251. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news captioned 'Wake up call from Lashkar Boss' which was published in The Indian Express on 31st March, 2002;

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

(c) the details of steps being taken to deal with such threats and to check their evil motives?

**S.M. service to collecting information regarding stolen vehicles and passports**

†3252. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police has achieved a roaring success in collecting information with regard to theft of vehicles and passports, after initiating S.M. service;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to initiate this service in other parts of the country also; and

(c) if so, by when alongwith places where this service would be initiated and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Paramilitary personnel joining militant organisations**

3253. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases involving paramilitary personnel deserting their force and joining militants have come to notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected and involved persons arrested during the last one year; and

(c) the other details in this regard?

**Hike in the Centre's contribution for modernisation of police in States**

3254. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has hiked its contribution for police modernization in the States;

(b) if so, what was the amount of contribution of the Centre during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether States have utilized this amount; and

(d) the States which have used it properly and the States which have not used it properly?

**Infiltration of Bangladeshis posing as pilgrims**

3255. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned 'Posing as pilgrims, Bangladeshis sneak into India' which appeared in The Hindustan Times on 11th March, 2002;

(b) whether it is true that a large number of Bangladeshis sneak in West Garo Hills districts of Meghalaya and Assam as pilgrims though the area is well protected by the BSF jawans; and

(c) if so, what vigorous steps are being taken by Government to check infiltration of Bangladeshis?

**Madarsas funded through hawala**

†3256. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that many madarsas are getting money through hawala;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Rajasthan has sent a list of such madarsas

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to Central Government which are suspected of taking money through hawala and propagating fanaticism on being would over communally sensitive retinitis on bordering areas;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that citizenship of teachers of arabic allegedly teaching in madarsas is also being questioned; and

(d) if so, action taken by Government in this regard alongwith the details thereof?

**Arms and ammunition brought to Delhi by terrorists through fruit trucks**

† 3257. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists accompanying the trucks bringing fruits from Kashmir are succeeding in delivering arms and ammunition in the national capital;

(b) the number of incidents/cases came to the notice of Delhi Police after the terrorist attack on the Parliament;

(c) whether it is also a fact that owners/drivers/cleaners of the trucks either due to the threat of terrorists or having sympathy towards them are enhancing the contacts and network of terrorist organisations in Delhi and its surrounding areas; and

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

**Indiscriminate border fencing along North 24 Pargana district of West Bengal**

3258. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that indiscriminate border fencing along Bangladesh border in

North 24 Pargana district of West Bengal is being done;

(b) if so, whether Government have received reports in this regard;

(c) whether as a result of this fencing thousands of people from Bongoan and Badga would be shifted to Bangladesh; and

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

**Pakistan based militants killed near Katra, Jammu**

3259. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether five Pakistan based militants were killed by security forces just 15 kilometre from Katra base town for shrine of renowned Vaishno Devi in Jammu and Kashmir in March, 2002;

(b) whether Government has strengthened the security in this region because lakhs of pilgrims visit Vaishno Devi every day; and

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

**Mechanism to monitor use of Hindi**

3260. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism for monitoring use of Hindi by different Ministries/Departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has been noticed that there is little or no use of Hindi by our delegations on official occasions abroad or within the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase the use of Hindi?

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**Sophisticated weapons sought by West Bengal**

3261. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of West Bengal has sought sophisticated weapons from centre after the terrorist attack on American Centre in Kolkata;

(b) if so, whether Central Government has supplied these weapons as per demand of the State Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

**NLFT camps in Bangladesh**

3262. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT), supported by Pakistani ISI had set up about 20 camps in Bangladesh and NSCN (IM) militants are training the NLFT militants as revealed by Chief Minister of Tripura in the North-Eastern Council Meet held in February, 2002; and

(b) if so, what steps both at diplomatic and security levels have been taken to effectively tackle the situation before it assumes dangerous proportion?

**Terrorists wanted in India staying in UAE**

3263. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of fugitive terrorists wanted by India are in United Arab Emirate and other countries;

(b) whether similarly a number of Narcotic Smugglers, Criminals accused of Economic Offences, smuggling weapons and explosives into India are staying in UAE, Bangladesh and many other countries;

(c) whether renewed efforts are being made for their extradition; and

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

**USA's offer to help the relatives of victims killed in American Centre attack in Kolkata**

3264. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. Government has offered to help relatives of cops killed in American Centre attack in Kolkata;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the next of kin of victims killed while guarding the American Centre are benefited by the offer?

**Investigation conducted by FBI in India**

3265. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federal Bureau of Investigation can conduct investigation into offences committed in India, if so, what are the parameters in this regard;

(b) the number of officers and staff Federal Bureau of Investigation has in India; and

(c) whether Government of India gives clearance/permission before such staff is posted in India?

**Generation of power through bio-mass**

3266. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any Plan for generation of energy/power through bio-mass;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for power generation through bio-mass during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any subsidy is being given to manufacturers of bio-mass gasification kits and also for consumers who buy these kits; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

**Solar lantern programme in A.P.**

3267. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the solar lantern programme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the solar lanterns distributed in the State up to 31st December, 2001, district-wise; and

(d) what incentives are being given to the purchasers of such lanterns, who are generally poor villagers?

**Potential for a Mini-Power Project at Khorl-Wali (Pergal) in J & K**

3268. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the potential for a Mini-Power Project at Khorl-Wali (Pergal), in Darhal Malkan Area is available by gravitational system;

(b) whether this Project could generate power up to 10 M.W. which could be sufficient for Rajouri and Poonch Districts;

(c) whether Government have got it surveyed & estimated and take it as a Centrally-sponsored scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Fall of Enron**

3269. DR. KARAN SINGH:  
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:  
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED  
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether American Government has warned India that if the persisting dispute with ENRON over the power dues is not resolved early, India will have to forego large amount of Foreign Direct Investments;

(b) if so, at what level such warning has been given; and

(c) what is the precise dispute, the response thereto and latest status where it stands?

**Loss to economy on account of power shortage**

3270. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the loss that the country's economy has suffered in terms of lost production during each of the last three years on account of power shortage?

**Higher cost of electricity for Textile Industries**

† 3271. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian textile industries fail to compete with the rest of the world because electricity is costly as has been asserted by the International Textile Manufacturing Federation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Electricity Department provide electricity to various areas at varying prices;

(d) the total consumption of electricity at present in the textiles sector and the rates thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to maintain the power availability?

**Withdrawal of NHPC from hydel power project near Ranchi**

3272. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand Government had ratified the MoU signed by the undivided Bihar Government regarding NHPC's hydel power project of 710 MW capacity near Ranchi which has now been withdrawn by NHPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Jharkhand Government has now raised a question of commercial viability of the said project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether this issue was also raised in Jharkhand High Court through a PIL;

(f) the reply filed by the Jharkhand Government against the PIL; and

(g) the steps taken by Government to meet the power requirement of the State?

**Kanti Thermal Power Station at Muzaffarpur city**

† 3273. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether agro based industries and other Small Scale Industries are suffering a lot due to shortage of electricity despite Kanti Thermal Power Station being located at a distance of only a few Kilometers from Muzaffarpur city;

(b) whether Small Scale Industries of Muzaffarpur city and farmers of its adjoining areas are facing hardships and normal business and life has come to stand still due to power crisis; and

(c) whether Government would make arrangements for direct supply of electricity for agro based industries, agricultural activities and other activities of Muzaffarpur from Kanti Thermal Power Station?

**Extension of interest subsidy by PFC to projects in Karnataka**

3274. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: DR. (MS.) P. SELVIE DAS:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan sanctioned so far to major projects in the country through Power Finance Corporation;

(b) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested Power Finance Corporation to extend the interest subsidy scheme to new five projects; and

(c) if so, whether Government has agreed to the request of Karnataka?

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**Central Government Power Projects in different States**

3275. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the number of Central Government projects/establishments in various States to generate electricity and power and their installed capacity; State-wise?

**Simhadri Power Project in A.P.**

3276. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Simhadri Thermal Power Project has been commissioned;
- (b) if so, by when all the units of the project are likely to be operational;
- (c) what will be the maximum power generation capacity of the plant and when it is likely to be achieved;
- (d) whether the entire power will be given to Andhra Pradesh or it will be shared by other States; and
- (e) the details in this regard?

**Parnai Power Project in J&K**

3277. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the approved/sanctioned Parnai Power Project in J&K has been under execution for some time;
- (b) if so, the amount earmarked for the Centre and State, separately and the company who has undertaken its construction; and
- (c) how much amount is proposed to be spent on this Project and by when this project will be completed?

**Integrated Power Policy**

3278. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering an integrated power/energy policy for the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not taking to a long term integrated power policy?

**Installation of new transformer in Pandit Ka Purwa at Sultanpur in U.P.**

3279. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that consumers of village Pandit Ka Purwa, Chamurkha under Galibaha Sub-Station in Sultanpur district of U.P., are still facing problem of very low voltage (100-130v) and despite assurances given by higher officers to instal a new transformer in that village, no progress has been made in this regard;
- (b) the reasons for delay; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to expedite the installation and fix the responsibility for delayed installation?

**Under construction power projects in Gujarat**

3280. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of power projects under construction and proposed to be constructed in Gujarat with the help of foreign aid and other assistance;
- (b) the funds allocated for each of these projects by the World Bank and other sources; and
- (c) by when the construction work is likely to start at proposed site and by when these projects are likely to be completed ?

### **Indus Water Treaty**

3281. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Indus Waters Treaty, Government was under obligation to make a reference to the Supreme Court on the issue relating to claims of Rajasthan and Haryana for sharing of power from the various hydel projects put up on the Treaty rivers;

(b) if so, the reasons for not making such a reference and permitting Punjab exclusive use of the power; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to compensate these States for being deprived of their share?

### **Common Minimum Programme on Power**

3282. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry have circulated a Common Minimum Programme on Power;

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

(c) whether the Ministry has got any feed-back on the Common Minimum Programme circulated; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Setting up Tribunal to settle inter-State power disputes**

3283. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has suggested for setting up a Tribunal to settle inter-State disputes for sharing of hydro-electric power which often take too

long to be settled to the detriment of the States concerned and the country as a whole;

(b) if so, which are the hydro-power projects disputes in question concerning the State of Rajasthan and other States in the North; and

(c) at what stage they stand at present indicating the steps so far taken by Government to settle?

### **Mega power projects of NTPC in Rajasthan**

3284. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the mega power projects of NTPC in progress for increasing power production in Rajasthan;

(b) when are they scheduled to be completed; and

(c) how are they being financed?

### **Requirement, availability and shortage of power in country**

3285. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement, availability and shortage of power as on 31st January, 2002 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan to meet these shortages;

(c) whether the requirement of power in Punjab be met during the year 2002-2003 from the present power plants in the State; and

(d) whether Government have taken any final decision with regard to private sector's participation in power generation in the country as a whole and particularly in Punjab?

### **Large scale power cuts in U.P.**

† 3286. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale power cuts are resorted to in Uttar Pradesh and it is being provided to the farmers only for 4 to 6 hours;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the power cuts are resorted to without intimating the people;

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

(e) the measures being taken by Government to streamline the power transmission in Uttar Pradesh?

### **150 MW plant of NTPC/ONGC in West Bengal**

3287. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC and ONGC propose to instal a 150 MW plant in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expected cost of the plant; and

(d) by when the plant would become operational?

### **Power theft**

† 3288. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that theft of power is still taking place in Delhi and the entire country despite change in meter policy;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to check this; and

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

### **Water shortage in Athurvala Vistapeeth, Dehradun**

3289. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tehri dam oustees who have been settled in Athurvala Vistapeeth, Dehradun are facing acute water shortage, as the installed tubewells are not functioning properly;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to solve the water crisis in the area;

(c) whether Government propose to divert water from the "Swang" River to Athurvala Vistapeeth area;

(d) if so, by when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are being taken to ensure adequate and proper functioning of the tubewells in the above area?

### **New policy to promote FDI in hydro power sector**

3290. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering any new policy to promote foreign direct investment in hydro power generation sector by discouraging generation of costly power which is generated through the utilization of various petro products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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### **Taking over of DPP**

3291. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government for taking over the entire Dabhol Power Project directly or through its PSUs so that the power generated by DPP is distributed to different States in the country including Maharashtra; and

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

### **Boost to hydro-power generation**

3292. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study of the Asian Regional Research Programme in Energy, Environment and Climate (ARRPEEC) has stressed the need for a major boost to the hydro-power generation in the country;

(b) if so, whether any action plan has been drawn to adopt and promote this strategy for conservation of hydro-carbons and fossil fuels and controlling Green House Gases (GHGs) for implementation over the Tenth Plan and thereafter; and

(c) the details of such a plan of action?

### **Provision of power to power and coal related PSUs**

†3293. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), the highest institution of PSUs have urged to provide sufficient power to power and coal related undertakings to recover the outstanding amount;

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

(c) the total amount outstanding of power and coal related PSUs of the States and other institutions at present?

### **Norms for allotment of houses under IAY**

3294. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of families who got assistance under Indira Awas Yojana in Andhra Pradesh in 2000-2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of single beneficiaries is a man out of them; and

(c) the reasons for flouting IAY guidelines for assistance to either women or jointly to wife and husband only?

### **Poor construction of houses under IAY**

3295. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several houses constructed under Indira Awas Yojana in several districts are reported to be so bad that they are lying vacant;

(b) the action taken to enquire into the matter especially of Godhra (Gujarat), Bas Var (Chhattisgarh) and Triunelveli (Tamil Nadu); and

(c) the action Government propose to take against those involved?

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**Construction of class rooms in Andhra Pradesh under JRY and JGSY**

3296. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether class rooms of Primary Schools in rural Andhra Pradesh have been constructed under rural development programmes like Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Jawahar Gram Smridhi Yojana etc.;

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

(c) the position in regard to tribal areas of the State?

**Monitoring schemes by the Ministry of Rural Development**

3297. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has introduced a new initiative to monitor implementation of its schemes;

(b) if so, the details of such initiatives;

(c) whether it is also a fact that responsibilities of area officers have been streamlined; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Construction of Mahila Mandal Bhavan guest-room in Nandla, Himachal Pradesh**

†3298. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received an application from Pradhan, 'Mahila Mandal' Nandla, District Shimla, Himachal Pradesh which is related to the

construction of Mahila Mandal Bhavan Guest-room;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction the funds under "Pradhan Mantri Gramin Vikas Yojana";

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**BPL families in Jharkhand**

3299. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of people and families living below poverty line in Jharkhand as on date;

(b) the details of schemes launched by the Union Government and State Government to lift these people/families above poverty line; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Union and State Governments so far each of these schemes?

**Constitution of a Committee for assessment of Rural Development Schemes**

†3300. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted Committee for assessment of rural development schemes being implemented in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the dates on which the said Committee/Group made inspections together with the names of the States where inspection was made and the details of shortcomings found out by it; and

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(c) the necessary steps taken by Government to ensure the cent percent utilization of the funds allocated and actually released by the Government for successful implementation of rural schemes?

**Task force for generating new employment opportunities in rural areas**

†3301. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a task force has been constituted at the initiative of the Prime Minister with a view to creating new employment opportunities and providing employment in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Recommendations of All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan**

3302. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Panchayat Adhyakshas Sammelan held in the first week of April, 2002, adopted certain specific recommendations;

(b) if so, details thereof including the State-wise number of participants, recommendations adopted;

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to implement above recommendations;

(d) whether there is any attempt to supersede the powers of Panchayat by any other authority;

(e) if so, details thereof;

(f) whether there is any suggestion/recommendation that an official of the rank of Collector should be CEO of a Zilla Parishad; and

(g) if so, details thereof?

**Potable water to religious places in Sultanpur district, U.P.**

†3303. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a number of villages falling under Kurebhar block of the Sultanpur district, especially the village of Charmurkha are deprived of potable water despite all the schemes of potable water under implementation;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide potable water to the village; and

(c) by when the said village is likely to be provided with potable water?

**Road connecting Reotipur and Sadhopur villages in Ghazipur district, U.P.**

3304. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a pucca road connecting villages Reotipur and Sadhopur urf Rampur in District Ghazipur (U.P.) has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, when it was sanctioned and the progress made in this regard, so far;

(c) whether construction of this road is being unduly delayed despite Government's priority to connect villages by roads;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any target for completing this road has been fixed, if so, the details thereof;

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(f) whether there is a proposal to extend this road upto Muhammadabad; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Metalling of by-lanes in villages of Nandla, Shimla district, H.P.**

† 3305. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter from Pradhan Mahila Mandal, Nandla under Tehsil Chargaon in District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh with regard to sanction of amount for the metalling of by-lanes of the villages; and

(b) if so, the action Government have taken thereon?

**Status of IAY and Gandhi Kutir Yojana in Rajasthan**

3306. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Indira Awaas Yojana and Gandhi Kutir Yojana in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) the number of persons who have benefited from these schemes; and

(c) the amount provided and spent in each district under each of the schemes?

**Allocation of funds to Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and M.P. under ARWSP**

3307. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Project for 2001-2002;

(b) the amount released against said allocation; and

(c) the total funds available in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh for accelerated rural water supply in 2001-2002?

**Funds to panchayats as per their performance**

3308. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to link the release of funds and delegation of powers to Panchayat Raj bodies with their performance;

(b) if so, whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and

(c) if so, their response in the matter?

**Water problem in Saurashtra-Kutch area of Gujarat**

† 3309. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that nearly 25000 villages in the Saurashtra-Kutch area of Gujarat are getting water through tankers;

(b) whether Government are also aware of the fact that crores of rupees are being spent on it every year;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to solve the serious problem of water; and

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

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**Blocks and districts in Jharkhand covered under EAS**

3310. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the blocks and districts in Jharkhand State under Employment Assurance Schemes;

(b) the quantum of employment generated in these blocks/districts;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the additional wage employment opportunities generated and creation of durable community assets for sustained employment and development in these districts of Jharkhand State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and remedial measures proposed/taken by Government?

**Grants for rehabilitation of Panchayat Raj institutions in J&K**

3311. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of acute militancy and constant threat from cross-border militants, State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has conducted Panchayat elections successfully under Panchayat Raj Act of 1989 for restoring basic democratic institutions in the State after 24 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to non-availability of funds the State Government could not give remuneration to Sarpanchs and Panchs as is being given in other States in the country; and

(c) if so, whether Central Government would provide Rs. 10 crores as a special

case for rehabilitating Panchayati Raj institutions and for their training?

**Decline in export of readymade garments**

3312. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:  
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMA-CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep decline in the export of readymade garments from India during the last six months;

(b) if so, the extent of decline during this period as compared to export in corresponding months last year; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase exports?

**Producing world class state-of-the-art material**

3313. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that different sectors of the Textile Industry are capable of producing world class state-of-the-art material;

(b) if not, whether the deficiencies have been identified, industry-wise; and

(c) if so, how long will it take to come up to the required level?

**Waiving off the loans of weavers**

†3314. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had started the weavers loan relief scheme in the year 1990 with a view to waiving off the loans to the tune of Rs. 10,000/- outstanding upto 1989 to be implemented by the State Cooperative Banks;

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(b) whether the loans of the weavers belonging to all the cooperative weavers committees have been waived off by the Magadh Central Cooperative Bank in Jehanabad but loans of the weavers of the Gaya district have not waived off till date;

(c) whether some MPs and the Weavers Association of Gaya have drawn the Government's attention towards this; and

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

#### **Closed NTC mills**

3315. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the NTC mills are lying closed and the workers are being paid wages without work of the New Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor inspite of mill-wise;

(c) the production in each of these mills *vis-a-vis* expenditure incurred during each of the last three years, when they were operating; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to reopen these mills till date?

#### **Right sizing the field organisations**

3316. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to right size field organisations under the Ministry as announced in the National Textile Policy, 2000;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the outcome of the efforts made?

#### **Enquiries against gazetted officers of Office of DC (Handicrafts)**

3317. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of departmental/vigilance enquiries conducted against gazetted officers of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) since 1996 on complaints lodged by MPs or departmental officers;

(b) whether all the enquiries have been completed;

(c) if so, the results thereof;

(d) the details of cases where enquiries were stopped or enquiry officers changed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Urban Haats**

3318. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched a new scheme of 'Urban Haats' for providing direct marketing facilities to artisan and weavers;

(b) if so, the number of Haats set up, State-wise;

(c) the total number of Haats set up in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the total number of artisan/weavers who have benefited under the scheme; and

(e) the amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

**Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan  
Yojna**

3319. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(b) how many handloom weaver families have so far been benefited under the Yojna in each of the State with details thereof; and

(c) what other welfare measures are under implementation in these States?

**Sale of surplus NTC land**

3320. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether surplus land of National Textile Corporation (NTC) is ready for sale in various States;

(b) if so, the details of the surplus land identified and the steps being taken for the disposal of the land, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount expected to be realised by such sale of surplus land, State-wise and the purpose for which it is going to be utilised?

**Providing yarn to handloom weavers  
in A.P.**

3321. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete steps to provide yarn to handloom weavers of Andhra Pradesh at affordable rates and in sufficient quantities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Procurement of cotton by CCI**

3322. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of cotton procured by Cotton Corporation of India from various cotton producing States during the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the total quantum of cotton exported as compared to procurement made by the Cotton Corporation of India during each of the last three years?

**Textile exports**

3323. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed for textile exports during the last five years;

(b) whether the targets were achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned?

**Deregulation of silk trade**

3324. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested the Karnataka Government to amend the Karnataka Silkworm Seed and Cocoon Act to bring about deregulation of silk trade;

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

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and other States have deregulated the silk trade; and

(d) if not, whether Government propose to take steps to ensure that all States take action to deregulate the silk trade?

**Review of the implementation of the  
National Textile Policy, 2000**

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Textile Policy, 2000;

3325. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of  
TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made ever since  
the policy was announced?

(a) whether Government have made a

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