

RAJYA SABHA

List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on

Wednesday, the July 24, 2002/Sravana 2, 1924 (Saka)

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

Total number of questions—126

Renewal of mining lease of M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd.

750. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has recommended for renewal of mining lease in favour of M/s Mysore Minerals Ltd., in respect of reserve forest land for mining manganese in Shimoga, Kolar, Kanakpura areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

Proposal for renewal of lease of M/s Bellary Mining Corporation

751. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Karnataka has sent a proposal for renewing the mining lease No. 1586 for a period of 10 years in favour of M/s Bellary Mining Corporation over an area of 15.80 ha. in Hulakundi Village, District Bellary, Karnataka, for extraction of Iron ore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

Approval for leasing mining to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd.

752. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Ltd. (KIOCL) has sought Central Government's approval for leasing mines in various States, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when KIOCL is expected to receive the centre's approval in this regard?

Coal requirement in the country

†753. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the stock of coal to meet the domestic and industrial requirements of the country; and

(b) the effective steps being taken by Government to maintain availability as well as the balance between the demand and supply of coal?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Approval for Greenfield Projects
by IL**

754. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Coal India Ltd. has approved six large Greenfield Projects for future, keeping in mind assured offtake of power grade coal by SEB's and NTPC;

(b) if so, the details of the projects cleared;

(c) whether these projects will be allotted to private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Payment of DA to officers of CIL
during their foreign visits**

†755. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the payment of DA to officers of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries is not made in accordance with the guidelines of the Government of India during their foreign visits;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the foreign visits undertaken by officers of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries during the last three years;

(d) whether it is a fact that during the period of training false payment of DA was made; and

(e) if so, the details of the action taken against the officers responsible for the same?

**Visit of Indian industry delegation to
the USA**

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

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a first ever Indian industry delegation with focus on the defence sector visited the US in the month of May-June, 2002 to strengthen bilateral defence-industrial ties and seek new opportunities for mutually beneficial business;

(b) if so, the main topics discussed during the visits;

(c) whether any concrete agreements have been reached between India and the US on defence ties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Weapons deal with the United
States**

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

(a) whether India has signed the first major weapons deal with the United States in more than three decades;

(b) if so, what are the total defence deals signed between the two countries;

(c) whether this deal was signed before the Chief Army Staff visit USA;

(d) if so, to what extent this defence deal between the two countries have helped the capability of Indian army?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Purchase of defence armaments and weaponry according to set guidelines

758. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "MoD on buying spree" appearing in the Statesman dated 2nd June, 2002;

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

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the purchase of huge stock of defence armaments and weaponry is processed through the set procedure following all norms and guidelines laid down for the purpose?

Joint patrolling along LoC with Pakistan

759. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has mooted the proposal to have Joint patrolling along the Line of Control with Pakistan in order to detect infiltration from Pakistan side;

(b) if so, what is Pakistan's response on this proposal;

(c) whether this proposal was considered earlier also; and

(d) if so, why it was dropped then?

MoD's concerns over China's continuing military support to Pakistan and Burma

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has expressed concern over China's continuing military assistance to Pakistan and Myanmar;

(b) if so, whether China has also started strengthening and modernizing its armed forces; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

Crash of fighter aircrafts

†761. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many fighter aircrafts of Indian Air Force have crashed during the last three years and their number is continuously increasing;

(b) if so, the details of the aircrafts crashed during the last three years till date;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many trained pilots of Air Force have been killed in various crashes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Changing land use of a green area to Government Offices

762. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Urban Development Ministry issued a notification changing land use of a green area to Government Office land;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the 22 acre Plot No. 30 in Zone D-9 will now house a Defence Research and Development Organisation office complex; and

(c) if so, what is the compulsion for this step to be taken?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Purchase of Sea Harrier Jets and HMS Invincible from Britain

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

(a) whether Government have held any talks recently with regard to purchase of 'Sea Harrier Jet' planes and aircraft carrier HMS Invincible (Ajay) from Britain;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the costs to be incurred on purchase of the said planes and ship;

(d) whether Britain is going to withdraw its ship 'Invincible' in 2006 from its fleet; and

(e) if so, the reasons for purchasing this ship of such an obsolete technology?

Alternative medicines for treatment of high altitude ailments of soldiers

764. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences is at present using systems of alternative medicine like Homoeopathy and Ayurveda for treating soldiers suffering from high altitude injuries like frost bite; and

(b) if so, since when this system has been in use and the number of patients treated during the last three years?

Efficacy of yoga and herbal medicines for staying fit at higher altitude

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Yoga and

Herbal medicines have been found to help in staying fit at higher altitude;

(b) if so, whether Defence authorities have held trials of these medicines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Purchase of bullet proof jackets for soldiers

†766. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed any deal for the procurement of bullet proof jackets for soldiers during last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any tender has been invited presently for procurement of bullet proof jackets for the soldiers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Shifting of Air Force Engineering College, Kanpur

767. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Defence had laid the foundation stone in 1977 for setting up the Air Force Engineering College at Kanpur after taking into consideration its proximity with the Base Repair Depots, Equipment Depot and other maintenance facilities for supporting the training;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to shift this College to some other location; and

(c) if so, the reasons for shifting of the location and the delay to accord Government approval for the setting up of this College at Kanpur?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Postponement of elections of Cantonment Boards due to proposed amendment in the Act

768. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that elections to the 62 Cantonment Boards of the country have been postponed in order to carry out amendments in the Cantonment Board Act;

(b) if so, the details of the amendments proposed and by when the amending Bill is likely to be introduced in Parliament;

(c) what is the sanctity of withholding elections of Cantonment Boards without amending the relevant law which is quite a lengthy process; and

(d) what steps Government propose to taken to hold the elections to the Cantonment Boards which are overdue?

Missile tests conducted by India

† 769. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of missile tests conducted by Government from January, 2002 till date;

(b) the amount spent on each of the said missile tests alongwith its achievements;

(c) by when the said missiles are likely to be inducted in the Indian Navy;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct more missile tests keeping in view Pakistan's missile programme; and

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

Development of light aircraft capable of being accommodated on small aircraft carrier

770. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Scientists of the Defence Research and Development Organisation are working on a light aircraft which can be accommodated on a small aircraft carrier;

(b) if so, whether a tentative time frame for its production has been finalised; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Protective devices developed by DRDO for meeting nuclear threat

771. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the protective devices developed by DRDO to meet the nuclear threat;

(b) whether these protective devices have been made available for public use to provide a cover against the danger from the nuclear emission; and

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

Engagement of private sector for manufacturing field shelters designed by DRDO

772. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has engaged private sector for manufacture of field shelters designed by Defence Research and Development Organisation to protect against nuclear, biological and chemical agents;

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether these shelters have been supplied to armed forces;

(c) if so, whether such shelters are also being manufactured for civilian population in border areas; and

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

Casualties in mine blasts and incidents related to operation Parakram

773. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in another mine blast on 2nd May, 2002, some 60 kms. from Surat Garh, at least 7 army personnel were killed and four seriously injured;

(b) if so, the total number of casualties suffered in mine blasts and connected incidents, related to operation Parakram; and

(c) the precautions taken against such blasts and mishaps and the main reasons for such accidents, found as a result of inquiries and otherwise?

Losses suffered by farmers of Rajasthan due to laying of landmines and mobilisation of troops

774. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of farmers in four Western Districts of Rajasthan whose fields and crops have been destroyed due to laying of landmines and

mobilisation of troops, are waiting for compensation for losses suffered by them;

(b) if so, whether Government has not released the full amount of compensation;

(c) if so, the amount released so far and the remaining amount to be released; and

(d) by when the entire amount is likely to be released?

Construction of destructive submarines

†775. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy has prepared the project for the construction of some destructive submarines to enhance its capability;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed to complete this project?

Modernisation of MIG Aircrafts

†776. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to modernise the MIG Aircrafts keeping in view their continuous air crashes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a team of Russian experts visited India;

(c) if so, the report of the Russian experts and Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. in this regard;

(d) the target laid down for the modernisation of the MIG fleet; and

(e) the number of aircrafts of defence fleet crashed since January, 1999 to date and the reasons for these crashes?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fresh steps taken for defence procurements

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Asian Age', dated the 1st June, 2002 under the caption, "Defence Ministry takes a fresh look at procurements";

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

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Ministry in relation to procurement procedure in the light of the recommendations of the Chief Vigilance Commissioner and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India?

Construction of accommodation for Defence Personnel

†778. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approached some public sector undertakings for construction of accommodations for defence personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of accommodations targeted to be constructed for defence personnel and by when, these would be constructed; and

(d) the funds arranged for this purpose and the places where these accommodations would be constructed?

Private sector companies manufacturing arms and ammunition

†779. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in Private Sector who are manufacturing arms and ammunitions;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines for selling the production of such companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is provision of foreign participation in these companies, if so, the details thereof?

Assistance provided to kith and kin of deceased soldiers

†780. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers of different categories died in various border posts and terrorists affected areas during last one year till 30th June, 2002;

(b) the details of assistance provided by Government to the Kith and Kin of each jawan soldiers died;

(c) the number of dependent of said deceased soldiers to whom jobs have been given alongwith the number of pending cases for providing jobs in this regard; and

(d) by when jobs and other assistance would be provided to the dependents of all deceased soldiers?

Hindi journals published by IDSA

781. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) is bringing out any journal in Hindi;

(b) if so, whether it is being published regularly;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether IDSA is getting any funds from the Government of India; and
- (e) if so, whether IDSA would be asked to promote use of Hindi in its publications?

Action taken against Army officers involved in Tehelka Affairs

†782. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the military officers against whom legal action has been taken with regard to Tehelka case; and
- (b) whether Government propose to bring out a list of such corrupt military officers before the public?

Expenditure on defence *vis-a-vis* Central Government expenditure

783. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total Defence spending with respect to Central Government expenditure in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03; and
- (b) what would be the total Defence spending in India that includes funding on pensions and paramilitary forces, expenditure on nuclear and space research?

Sensitive areas in the country

784. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of sensitive areas in various States of the country that are affected by casteist or communal riots or tension;

(b) if so, the names of these areas alongwith the States they are in;

(c) the nature of tensions prevailing in each of the said areas; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to defuse tension in the said areas?

Amending the FCRA

785. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act of 1976 to completely decentralise the regulatory mechanism concerning foreign contributors;

(b) if so, what are the main points of amendments;

(c) whether this move would also go a long way in preventing possible misuse of foreign funds as also tracking down the flow of dirty money from one end to another; and

(d) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

Deployment of Army Personnel on Western Border

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have deployed a large number of army personnel on Western border of the country for containing the infiltration of terrorists from across the border;

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured till June, 2002 on account of terrorist attacks/activities in the State of Jammu and Kashmir since the deployment of army on border; and

(c) the names of the terrorist organisations supposed to be involved in these incidents?

New terrorist outfits joining violent activities in J&K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists and separatists have joined the violent activities carried out in J&K by adopting new names during the last three years;

(b) if so, the fact in this regard and the names of the new terrorist outfits which became active during the last three years; and

(c) the names of the outfits which are being controlled from across the borders?

Terrorist outfits in J&K

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

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the terrorist outfits operating in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the names thereof alongwith the number of active members of each of the outfits;

(c) whether Government have made efforts to bring these outfits back into the

mainstream of the country during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the number of such outfits which have joined the mainstream?

Talks with ULFA

789. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have been taken by Government to have dialogue with ULFA after getting the request from the Assam State Government;

(b) whether any initiative has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, what preparations are going on?

PM's meeting with Opposition leaders on cross border terrorism

790. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently met the leaders of Opposition parties in view of situation arising out of cross-border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by the leaders of the Opposition parties; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

International observers for J&K Legislative Assembly election

791. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agrees to have international observers in Jammu and Kashmir at the time of election to the Legislative Assembly; and

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(b) what steps Government are taking to hold free and fair elections?

Civil reform package for Jammu and Kashmir

792. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED
KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been thinking of scaling down military deployment on Indo-Pak borders along Jammu and Kashmir and taking to civil reforms in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is the civil package contemplated for Jammu and Kashmir and the steps taken and being taken to implement the same?

Terrorists entering J&K after General Musharaf's commitment

793. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorists who entered Jammu and Kashmir after commitment from General Musharaf to stop infiltration; and

(b) the details of the terrorist outfits and training camps identified/located by Government at various places of Jammu and Kashmir which are presently run/sponsored by Pak Government and ISI?

Construction of Shopping Complex near Moreh in No-Mans Land

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

(a) whether the Manipur Government has sent a report to the Centre regarding construction of Shopping Complex by Myanmar authorities near Moreh on a stretch of land which is "No-Mans Land";

(b) the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

ISI bases in Bangladesh

795. SHRI C. RAMACHAND-RAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reports have been received by Government that after the change of Government in Bangladesh ISI of Pakistan has set up bases in areas like Srihatta, Milanpani, Dinapur and Chattagram in that country;

(b) whether reports have also been received that ISI is supplying arms and other assistance to militants in India particularly in North-Eastern States;

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

(d) whether the matter has been taken up with Bangladesh authorities; if so, the details in this regard?

Terrorist attacks in J&K

†796. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir State during the last one year and the places of attack;

(b) the number of our military personnel and civilians killed and seriously injured; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Manufacturing and distribution of arms after Godhra incident

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

(a) whether Government had conducted any inquiry about the manufacturing and distribution of a large number of swords, Kunckledusks and 'Panjas' within two days of Godhra incident ;

(b) if so, the details of the findings of inquiry; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Monitoring LoC with the US Sensors

798. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as reported in the 'Asian Age' dated 15th June, 2002, Government has approved the proposal for monitoring of Line of Control with the U.S. Sensors;

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

(c) whether Government's attention has in this connection been drawn to the newsitem, "US Sensors won't plug infiltration, says Army" published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 15th June, 2002 and if so, their reaction thereto?

Problems faced by CISF Jawans in getting GPF withdrawal

† 799. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jawans of the CISF have to face a lot of problems in order to get GPF Balance Sheet or to withdraw from GPF because of its not being centralised;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the department is taking more than a year in making payments of GPF even to the retired Jawans;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to centralise the same?

Measures taken to prevent violent incidents during Amarnath Yatra

800. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year holy Amarnath Yatra is marked by violent incidents and that during the last two years over 50 yatris have sacrificed their lives;

(b) whether it is also a fact that militants blew up two vehicles belonging to security forces at Frislan and Hutmara on the Amarnath Yatra route recently when 40 days Amarnath Yatra is yet to begin from 19th July, 2002; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures Government have taken during this year's yatra so that no violent incidents take place?

Strength of Assam Rifles

801. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present strength of Assam Rifles in Battalion;

(b) the States where they are posted permanently or temporarily; and

(c) whether there is any plan to increase the strength of Assam Rifles to meet its requirement in the North-Eastern Region and other hilly region?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Shivani Bhatnagar assassination case

† 802. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the years passed since the assassination of the journalist, Shivani Bhatnagar and number of persons interrogated in this case;

(b) whether Police came to any conclusion from the interrogation; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Police had any suspicion on any particular officer in respect of said assassination and the permission was not granted to the Police interrogate that officer; and if so, the department of the said officer and

(d) whether Government propose to get the case investigated by C.B.I.; if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

Devolution of more powers to certain States

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

(a) whether Government are considering devolution of more powers to certain States;

(b) if so, what is the rationale behind the proposal and its salient features; and

(c) what is the time schedule envisaged by Government in this regard?

Pak spies in the country

† 804. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Pak spies is continuously increasing in the country;

(b) if so, whether some Pak spies have been apprehended recently;

(c) if so, the number thereof alongwith the details of objectionable material seized from them;

(d) whether Government have taken any action against them so far; and

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

Promotion of JEs in MCD

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

(a) whether it is a fact that while promoting the Junior Engineers (Civil) to Assistant Engineers (Civil), the MCD, Delhi had taken some wrong decision in DPC held in December, 1997 in the case of ST officials;

(b) whether an MP *vide* her letter dated 26th July, 2001 had apprised the Commissioner as well as the Joint Secretary (UT) of your Ministry on this aspect; and

(c) if so, why was a Review DPC not held as yet?

Case against Alex Perry

806. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether FRRO was investigating a case against Alex Perry, the reporter working with TIME magazine; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the investigation?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Involvement of Pak nationals in
Godhra carnage**

807. SHRI SUNIL SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that prior to Godhra carnage, there were about 500 Pakistan Nationals staying in Gujarat even after the expiry of their visas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their over-staying;

(c) whether Government have assessed the possibility of the role of these Pakistan Nationals in Godhra carnage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Division of Jammu and Kashmir

†808. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for division of the State of Jammu and Kashmir on the demand of various religious Organisations like Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to pose threat perception to the national security; and

(c) if so, details of steps to be taken by Government in this regard?

**Mukherjee Commission on Netaji's
disappearance**

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

(a) the date on which Government set up the Mukherjee Commission to conduct inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

(b) the deadline within which the Commission was required to submit its report;

(c) whether the deadline is over and if so, whether the tenure of the Commission has been extended;

(d) the present status of the Commission's work and by when it is expected to give its report; and

(e) whether some fresh clues in the matter as mentioned in the 'Asian Age' of 11th June, 2002 have been referred to the Commission for consideration?

**Condition of Kashmiri Pandits living
in camps**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that millions of Kashmiri Pandits have been staying at refugee camps at Jammu and elsewhere in pathetic condition after abandoning their homes in 1990;

(b) if so, whether they are falling prey to a number of diseases;

(c) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to increase in their death rate and decline in birth rate in these camps; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps Government have taken in this regard; if not, the reasons therefor?

**Comment of Gujarat Government on
NHRC report on Godhra carnage**

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

(a) whether Central Government have asked for comments on the Report of NHRC

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on Godhra carnage from the State Government of Gujarat; and

(b) whether the comments have since been received; if so, the details thereof?

Criminal incidents in Gujarat

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

(a) whether it is a fact that petty criminal incidents are still taking place in Gujarat with the help of fundamentalists in which mostly innocent people are being killed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that with the declaration of "Gaurav Rath Yatra" by the State unit of BJP, the whole State is engulfed in a tense situation;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government will take action against the elements disrupting the social harmony; and

(f) if so, what and by when alongwith details thereof?

Formation of BTC

813. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the all parties proposal on Bodo Tribal Council Area formation in Assam; and

(b) if so, what actions have been taken by Government in this regard?

Infiltration of terrorists in J&K

814. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration of terrorists into Jammu and Kashmir has increase in the recent days;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of infiltrations during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the infiltration and the growing militant activities in Jammu and Kashmir;

(e) whether a concerted approach is proposed to be developed in this regard in tandem with the J&K Government; and

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

Rehabilitation of youth rescued from the clutches of terrorist groups

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

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the youth rescued from the clutches of terrorist groups have confessed that they were lured to take up anti-national activities due to poverty and unemployment;

(b) if so, the number of youth who have laid down arms and how they are proposed to be rehabilitated in the society; and

(c) what steps are being taken to prevent educated unemployed youth from falling prey to anti-national outfits who have sufficient foreign monetary support to exploit needy youth?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Measures taken to help naxalite affected States

†816. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Central Government to help naxalite affected State Governments in dealing with naxalites;

(b) whether any additional help has been sought by the Government of Chhattisgarh from Central Government to deal with naxalites in Bastar division; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Pending Legislation from West Bengal awaiting Presidential assent

817. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of legislation, like name of the legislation, the date of adoption by the West Bengal Assembly, the date on which received by the Government awaiting Presidential assent; and

(b) the reasons for delay and the tentative date by when they will be cleared?

Action Plan for Disaster Management

818. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) details of policy declared by Government to deal with man-made and natural calamities through institutionalized Disaster Management action plan and achievement till date;

(b) the date on which the High Powered Committee on Disaster Management submitted the "National Disaster Response Plan";

(c) the salient features of the said plan, action taken and results obtained so far indicating target set for its actual implementation;

(d) whether Government propose to form a separate independent department to deal only Disaster Management; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

One border one force to fight cross border terrorism

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

(a) whether Government propose to raise one border one force to fight the cross border terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to raise the above force?

Problems faced by displaced Kashmiri Pandits in Delhi

820. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that displaced Kashmiri Pandits registered at Delhi are not allowed to add the names of their wives and children to their Ration Cards;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Kashmiri Pandit Migrants are being harassed by the officials on this account;

(d) whether Government are taking any action to ensure that the new entrants in the families of Kashmiri Pandit Migrants are entered into records of Ration Cards?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Fencing on Indo-Bangladesh Borders

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

(a) what is the position of the ambitious project to fence the Indo-Bangladesh International Borders to halt illegal infiltration, launched in 1987;

(b) whether the border is still a freeway for all as reported in the Indian Express of 5th June, 2002;

(c) the amount spent till 31st March, 2002 on fencing and the estimates for completion of the remaining portion of the project; and

(d) what is the position of construction of roads along the Indo-Bangla borders and the likely time by when it would be completed?

Drive against polluting vehicles by Delhi Traffic Police

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

(a) whether Delhi Traffic Police has started a drive against polluting vehicles from July, 2002;

(b) if so, whether even Euro-2/Bharat-2 and GNG vehicles are required to have PUC;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when they are treated as non-polluting vehicles;

(d) whether DTP is not prosecuting polluting vehicles but only those not having PUC even if their pollution level is within limit; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether it is possible for 400 pollution checking centres to check more than three millions vehicles of Delhi every three months; if so, the details in this regard?

Scheme launched by Delhi Traffic Police to deposit fine

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Traffic Police have launched a system wherein one can deposit the fine through cheque at certain kiosks set up by the administration, if so, the details of the scheme;

(b) whether this method would be safe-proof and it is free from any kind of mischief, if so, the details as to how it would be tamper-proof or trouble-free; and

(c) how far this new system will provide relief, comfort and consolation to the customers?

Introduction of intelligent traffic enforcement devices

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

(a) what type of Hi-tech Gadgetry the Delhi police propose to employ to track down traffic offenders, as indicated in the 'Indian Express' of June 6, 2002;

(b) whether Government has engaged some firm for introduction of "intelligent traffic enforcement devices"; if so, the details of the project; and

(c) what is the estimate cost of the project and how the traffic violations would be monitored?

Border issue between Assam and Meghalaya

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

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'North-East Age', dated the 3rd June, 2002 under the caption "Border issue may turn serious: Lyngdoh";

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

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to diffuse the border tension between Assam and Meghalaya which may snow-ball into a major problem?

Arrest of Syed Ali Shah Geelani

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

(a) whether it is a fact that with the arrest of Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani and his associates, Government has established their links with ISI over the years;

(b) whether any enquiry or probe has been conducted for the intelligence failure as these leaders *inter-alia* enjoyed State security cover; and

(c) if so, the results thereof and if not, the steps being taken to revamp intelligence agencies and make them accountable?

Proposal for National programme on independent mini bio-mass power plants

827. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian renewable Energy Development Authority has mooted a proposal for national programme on independent mini bio-mass power plants of 1 MW each at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore per plant on a pilot scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the proposals of IREDA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Power plants using solar energy in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) whether stand alone village level power plants using solar energy have been set up in Andhra Pradesh;

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

(c) whether Central subsidy is being provided to the State for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and results achieved therefrom?

Wind power projects

829. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed capacity of wind energy power projects as on 31st March, 2002, State-wise;

(b) the total units of electricity generated through wind power during 2001-2002;

(c) whether various subsidies and incentives given by various State Governments are being changed/reduced/withdrawn; and

(d) whether the Central Government is trying to bring a uniform policy, tariff structure in all States?

Increasing power production through non-conventional sources

†830. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether is a fact that expansion of power production through non-conventional sources is declining inspite of availability of sufficient locations for its production;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have failed in increasing the power production through non-conventional sources; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

Setting up tidal energy projects

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

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive policy for harnessing tidal power/energy in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any potential sites, State-wise identified for setting up tidal projects; and

(d) the number of tidal power plants set up/proposed to be set up during the year ending 31st March, 2002?

Production and Consumption of solar energy

†832. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of production, consumption of solar energy under non-conventional energy sources during last three years;

(b) whether fossil fuel is being developed as an alternate to petrol and diesel;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Setting up small hydro-electricity projects

833. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have shown interest in setting up Small Hydro electricity projects in recent times;

(b) if so, which are the States and the details of these projects; and

(c) how many of those projects are going to be commissioned during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

Technology for indigenous Hydro-electric projects

834. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some appropriate and worth meaning technology could be indigenously developed for being used in small Hydro-electricity projects in our country during last three years;

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(b) if so, the details thereof and where those are being made to use?

**Tripartite agreement between States,
Union Government and RBI**

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal have signed a tripartite agreement with the Union Government and Reserve Bank of India for the securitisation of outstandings that their electricity boards owe to the central power utility—National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the main points of the agreement reached;

(c) whether any other States have also signed such agreement with the Union Government and the Reserve Bank of India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent it will be helpful to improve the power situation in these States?

**Joint venture projects with State
Government and NTPC**

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

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to make the States more responsible and ensure financial viability of their projects, the Union Government has decided to initiate joint venture projects with State Government and National Thermal Power Corporation as partners;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has started process of signing tripartite

agreement with State Electricity Boards and NTPC;

(c) whether 14 States have already agreed to sign the agreements and more States are expected to follow suit;

(d) if so, what are the States who have signed the agreement; and

(e) by what time this joint venture projects are likely to start?

**Deadline set for SEBs to settle their
dues**

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

(a) whether the Union Government had set a deadline of June 30, 2002 for all the SEBs to clear their dues as reported in 'The Hindu' dated 21st June, 2002;

(b) if so, the progress of SEBs in clearing dues of Union Government;

(c) whether the Union Government has decided to restrict power supply to States which have not cleared the dues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Agreement signed between India and
Britain in power sector**

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

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Britain in the power sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the said agreement and by when the same is proposed to be implemented?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

Implementation of APDP in Krishna and Prakasam districts of A.P.

839. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern power distribution company of Andhra Pradesh has sent proposals to the Union Government to extend the Accelerated power Development Programme to Krishna and Prakasam districts being currently implemented in Chittoor district of the State with Central assistance;

(b) if so, whether the Chittoor district for the first time has been selected by the Union Government for implementation of APDP at a cost of Rs. 33 crore;

(c) whether the Union Government has accepted the proposal; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be cleared?

T & D losses

840. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the transmission and distribution losses in 1992 and as on date, State-wise; and

(b) to what extent have the power sector reforms, ushered of late, improved upon the situation especially in Orissa?

Joint venture of PGCIL with TATA for constructing transmission line from Bhutan

841. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Power Grid Corporation of India has finalized a joint venture with TATAs for constructing transmission line to bring electricity from TATA Power project in Bhutan to Delhi;

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

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed?

Power crises in Delhi

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

(a) whether Central Government have taken notice of severe power crises in Delhi;

(b) if so, what sort of assistance Government propose to offer to Delhi Government to meet the situation?

Negotiations with DPC to start Phase-I project

843. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra along with Government of India, has been carrying on negotiations with Dabhol Power Company with a view to start the Phase-I of the project;

(b) whether a lower tariff which is acceptable to all parties has been worked out; and

(c) whether Government has asked NTPC to take over the project?

Demand for withdrawal of Electricity Bill, 2002

844. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Power Engineers Association has asked the Government to withdraw the Electricity Bill, 2002, otherwise Association would go on a nation-wide agitation;

(b) whether the above association has demanded that Government should not go for privatization in power sector because it

would not be in the interest of power consumers of the country; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

Setting up Electricity Regulatory Commissions

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

(a) the States, which have set-up Electricity Regulatory Commissions;

(b) the States which have revised their tariffs based on the recommendations of these Commissions;

(c) the pre-revised and revised tariff rates of these States;

(d) the reasons for delay in adopting revised power tariff by other States; and

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

National Body for effective Energy policy review

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

(a) whether it was ever considered to form a suitable national body comprising of acknowledged experts in the field, for an effective "Energy Policy Review"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Complete rural electrification in the country

†847. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government will achieve the target of complete rural electrification in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the States are adopting non-cooperating attitude for the achievement of target; and

(c) if so, the States which are moving towards in the achievement of target of full rural electrification and which are the States lagging behind in this regard?

Handing over power distribution to private companies

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to hand over the power distribution to private companies throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that private companies after obtaining all the rights are providing better facilities to industries only;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to exert pressure for providing better power to the consumers; and

(f) if so, in what manner alongwith details thereof?

Completion of universal metering

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the 1 KV and above metering in the first phase was to have been completed by the end of 2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the universal metering was also lagging behind through out the country;

(c) if so, what is State-wise progress of above programmes; and

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(d) by when Government propose to complete universal metering?

Demand and supply of power in Bihar

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

(a) the ratio of demand and supply of power in the country, particularly in the State of Bihar;

(b) the details of the power-projects set up in public and private sectors in the State of Bihar; and

(c) the effective steps being taken to increase the production of power in the State?

Setting up National Power Grid

851. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is going ahead with its reform strategy to set up a National Power Grid at a cost of Rs. 44,000 crore to 50,000 crore;

(b) whether the private sector will be investing in the development of this grid however control will continue to be with Government; and

(c) if so, the details of this plan and the role of the private sector?

Sanction estimate for Chamurkha transformer under Galibaha Power Station, Sultanpur

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

(a) whether Government are aware that an estimate was sanctioned for Chamurkha

transformer under Galibaha Power Station in Sultanpur District of U.P. in May, 2002 but same has since been put on held under pressure of local officials of station;

(b) the details of sanctioned estimate alongwith the reasons for putting it in abeyance; and

(c) whether Government would instruct the authorities to implement the sanctioned order and to transfer the local officials of station to reduce their influence in larger interest of smooth functioning of the station?

Request to modify Annapurna Yojana by Karnataka Government

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Karnataka has requested for modifying the 'Annapurna Yojana' so as to provide 10 Kgs. of food grains per month free of cost to all destitutes aged over 65 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

Impact of rural development schemes after merger

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

(a) to what extent has the merging of different rural development schemes improved the performance of the rural development delivery system;

(b) what was the percentage reach/spread of the delivery system when it was done through multi scheme system; and

(c) what is it at present under single umbrella scheme?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

New job guarantee scheme

855. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE:
SHRI MOOLCHAND
MEENA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new job guarantee scheme for the benefit of persons in the hundred most undeveloped Districts; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposed scheme and the time-frame by when the same is to be made operational?

Delay by States in utilising funds for PMGSY

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

(a) whether it is a fact that States are delaying in the utilisation of funds allotted by Government for laying of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, details of funds allotted and utilised so far under the Scheme in Orissa; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to check misuse or diversion of allotted funds under the scheme?

Proposal to provide funds for development directly to District Council Panchayat Committee

†857. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide funds meant for development

directly to District Council Panchayat Committee for rural development;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to constitute any committee to keep a watch on utilisation and misuse of this amount; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Validity of forming construction committees to implement rural development in Assam

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

(a) whether formation of Construction Committee to implement various rural development works with few elected panchayats representative of ruling party as its members is permissible in Panchayati Raj Institutions as now practiced in Assam;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the action taken thereupon?

Implementation of rural development schemes by Government of Assam

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

(a) the money spent out of total national budget allocation for Rural Development of Assam during the current financial year;

(b) the total budget earmarked for the tribal areas of Assam and the progress of implementation of schemes under the various programmes undertaken by the Ministry; and

(c) how successful has the State Government been in implementation of schemes?

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Recommendation of Central team to continue Food for Work programme in A. P.

860. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the central team which toured Andhra Pradesh in May, 2002 recommended continuation of Food for Work scheme in the State;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the team; and

(c) the action taken to implement the scheme more vigorously for drought prone districts of Andhra Pradesh?

Project proposals submitted by Chhattisgarh Government

†861. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of project proposals submitted by Chhattisgarh Government to the Department of Rural Development;

(b) the financial allocation demanded for these projects; and

(c) the details of projects sanctioned out of the above said projects and financial allocation sanctioned?

Development made under PMGSY vis-a-vis expenditure incurred

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

(a) the amount allocated for the development of roads during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the amount spent by each State during the said period and the development made in comparison to expenditure incurred;

(d) whether it is a fact that target fixed in this regard have not been achieved during the said years;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the effective steps being taken to achieve the targets fixed?

Handing over responsibility of approving rural road construction proposals to IIT and RECs

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has handed over the responsibility of approving rural road construction proposals under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to IIT's, Regional Engineering Colleges and other Government Institutions;

(b) if so, the basis for such a decision;

(c) what is the present status of this Yojana; and

(d) whether it is moving on as per schedule?

Monitoring Committees for rural development programmes

†864. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which have not constituted the State level, division level, district level, tehsil level/block level monitoring committees as on 30th June, 2002 to monitor the rural development programmes;

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(b) the reasons for not constituting these monitoring committees; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government against the States not constituting the monitoring committees?

Delay in clearing projects by CAPART

865. SHRIBACHANILEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an inordinate delay in clearing the projects by the CAPART;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of proposals of various States pending with CAPART State-wise; and

(d) the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

Implementation of various schemes

866. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to implement the Plan Schemes "Integrated Apparel Park Schemes" and a "Scheme for development of Central infrastructure in Export Oriented Clusters";

(b) how far the implementation of the two said schemes have progressed; and

(c) how much International Capital after deservation of the Garment Sector has flown into this sector?

Capital subsidy scheme for powerloom units

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

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to start a capital subsidy scheme for powerloom units to help it upgrade its technology;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) to what extent it will provide benefit the exports of fabrics and cotton silk and wool segments;

(d) whether Government is also considering to urge them to utilise the technology fund scheme which was modified in January, 2002; and

(e) if so, to what extent this scheme has been fully implemented?

Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in Andhra Pradesh

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

(a) what is the present status of Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the number of design Centres set up in the State under AHVY; and

(c) the results so far achieved through AHVY in the State?

Setting up Apparel Parks

869. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the scheme for setting up Apparel Parks;

(b) which are the States who have submitted schemes so far;

(c) what are the objectives of the Apparel Parks; and

(d) how much amount is set apart for starting Apparel Parks?

TUFS benefits availed by manufacturing units

870. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many manufacturing units have so far availed of the benefits of the Technology upgradation Fund Scheme;

(b) which are the companies thus benefited, and the year in which each company availed of the benefit; and

(c) the amount each company got?

Sick textile mills in A.P.

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

(a) the total number of sick textile mills as on date in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether BIFR has reviewed or in the process of reviewing the Status of these mills;

(c) the number of workers affected and quantum of production loss due to their closure; and

(d) the steps taken by Central and State Governments for the revival of these textiles mills in the State?

Raising funds to settle VRS dues by NTC

872. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NTC has been facing problems in raising required funds to settle its VRS dues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the estimated amount needed for the purpose of VRS and amount raised by NTC till date; and

(d) the measures to be taken for raising remaining amount to complete the scheme?

Measures taken to boost 'Kosa' textile industry in Chhattisgarh

†873. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details, measures being taken by Central Government to boost 'Kosa' Textile Industry existed in Chhattisgarh?

Implementation of DHPY

†874. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the State Governments are implementing Deen Dayal Handloom Promotion Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of financial and other type of assistance provided to various State Governments particularly to the Maharashtra Government by the Central Government for the implementation of the said scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra have delayed the implementation of this scheme in the State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Financial benefits to workers of closed
NTC mills**

875. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be
pleased to state:

(a) what will be the financial benefit
offered to the workers in the NTC Mills
which will be closed; and

(b) how many workers will have to leave
service?

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Secretary-General.

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