

## RAJYA SABHA

### List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS

*to be asked at a sitting of the Rajya Sabha to be held on  
Wednesday, the August 24, 2005/Bhadrapada 2, 1927 (Saka)*

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

**Total number of questions —155**

#### **Assistance to shrimp farmers by MPEDA**

2969. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MPEDA is considering a  
proposal to set up branches at  
Rajahmundry and Bhimavaram in Andhra  
Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the hinterland  
around Rajahmundry and Bhimavaram  
supply huge quantities of shrimp for  
export;

(c) what steps will be taken to assist  
shrimp farmers with the latest scientific  
knowledge by MPEDA;

(d) whether any such scheme is already  
in place by MPEDA for these areas;  
and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Guidelines to Patent gene sequences**

2970. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:  
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND  
INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government

are working to prepare guidelines to Patent  
gene sequences;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner this move would  
help India in preventing others from using  
some biological material for commercial  
purposes?

#### **SEZs planned for Maharashtra**

2971. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN:  
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:  
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

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

(a) the number and details of the Special  
Economic Zones planned and approved for  
being set up in Maharashtra;

(b) the Central aid sanctioned therefor;  
and

(c) the progress so far made in this  
regard?

**Economic cooperation with EU**

2972. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:  
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the European Union (EU) proposes to upgrade economic cooperation with India at par with China;

(b) whether the EU has asked India that it should try to remove the bureaucratic hurdles coming in the way of foreign investment in our country; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Government to remove red tap in bureaucracy to attract large investment from EU countries?

**Formulation of strategies for promoting Indian goods**

2973. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether Government has constituted five working groups and three special study groups to formulate strategies for promoting Indian goods and services in specific sectors;

(b) if so, whether these panels would submit their recommendations to the recently reconstituted Board of Trade; and

(c) what will be the main objects of these panels and to what extent it will be helpful for improving the exports?

**Opening of separate office of Explosive Department**

2974. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:  
PROF. ALKA BALRAM  
KSHATRIYA:

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

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for opening of a separate office of the Explosive Department at Alang Ship Recycling Yards in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the present status in this regard?

**Export of banana to Gulf countries**

†2975. SHRIMATI KUM KUM  
RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have explored possibilities of export of Indian banana to Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Export of diamonds**

†2976. SHRIMATI KUM KUM  
RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE  
AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries to which diamonds are exported from India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the export of diamond has decreased during the last few years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?

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**Economic agreement with Gulf countries**

2977. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) had demanded of the Government to implement a framework agreement of economic cooperation between India and the Member States of Gulf;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such agreement, Indian exporters have to move their export proceeds to these countries at much higher import duties?

**Site offered by Andhra Pradesh Government for holding ITPO exhibition**

2978. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has offered site for the establishment of an exhibition site by ITPO in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITPO has any plans to select a site in the State to organize trade fairs on a regular basis;

(d) if so, the details of the policy to open up new exhibition grounds; and

(e) the steps proposed to encourage ITPO to start exhibition facility in Andhra Pradesh?

**Investment in Tamil Nadu**

2979. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government under new Industrial Policy to attract investment in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the sectors in which investment has so far been made in this State during the said period, place-wise, together with the amount of investment made in this regard; and

(c) the necessary steps being taken and proposed to be taken by Government for expeditious industrialization in the country especially in Tamil Nadu?

**New norms to be set by WTO on anti-dumping duties**

2980. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the forthcoming WTO negotiations, WTO is going to set new norms on anti-dumping duties;

(b) if so, whether the new norms will whittle duty protection that is available to India on anti-dumping duties;

(c) how Government is going to deal with it in the WTO Conference;

(d) whether any strategy has been prepared for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Auto Component Exports**

2981. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) of the global auto component industry, which is likely to grow to about US \$1.91 trillion by 2015, how India is going to contribute its exports to this;

(b) what is the present share of India in auto component exports to various parts of the world in terms of percentage from Low Cost Countries;

(c) whether it is a fact that the growth in 2004-05 of India's auto ancillary sector is less than the year 2003-04; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Restrictions on import of pepper**

2982. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government restricted import of pepper through any specific port in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to impose restriction on the import of pepper through Cochin port alone;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to re-establish the port restrictions for the import of natural rubber;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to channelise the entry of cardamom into the country through selected ports; and

(g) if so, the reasons therefor?

### **Countries having trade relations with India**

2983. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries having trade relations with India as on date;

(b) the details of import and export made with each of the countries during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen the trade relations with various countries?

### **Problems faced by tea gardens in West Bengal**

2984. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems faced by the tea gardens in northern part of West Bengal; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to address the problem?

### **Claim of patenting Baingan by American firm**

2985. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the media to the effect that an American firm has laid claim to patenting Baingan as a Hi Bush Eggplant by hybridizing it with Indian Crop;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the question of challenging this; and if so, the decision taken in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Grants to Uttar Pradesh under ASIDE**

†2986. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that less grant has been given to Uttar Pradesh as compared to other States under ASIDE Scheme in the year 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Uttar Pradesh is a land-locked State with high export and having the potential increasing rate of export;

(d) if so, whether the State gets full advantage of being in such position;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether State Government have requested for the immediate release of a sum of minimum Rs. 30 crore as central assistance for the year 2004-05 under this scheme, the details thereof?

#### **Special IT and excise rebate to backward States**

†2987. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given special rebate to Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal in income tax and excise assuming them as backward States;

(b) whether such kind of rebate will also be provided to similar backward States and even more backward States; and

(c) if not, whether it would not amount to injustice to the extremely backward States of the country?

#### **Export of Rice and Wheat**

2988. SHRI N.K. PREMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of rice and wheat exported from India during 2003-04 and the countries to which it was exported;

(b) whether any irregularity on export brought to the notice of Government by the CAG and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any forged documents have been used in the dealing and what was the use of STC and MMTC in the export of food commodities; and

(d) whether Government conducted any inquiry into the matter and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Deleting Cashew from the list of Minor Forest Produce**

2989. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cashew has been deleted from the list of Minor Forest Produce *vide* public notice No. 4 dated April 27, 2005;

(b) if so, the reasons for above deletion;

(c) whether the above deletion would have a negative impact on the competitiveness of Indian Cashew in terms of value in the overseas market; and

(d) if so, whether steps will be taken to restore Cashew in the Minor Forest Produce, so as to qualify it for benefits as per para 3.8.2 of ITC (HS) classification of export and import items?

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**Effect of Cheap polyester chips coming into India**

2990. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is losing substantial revenue with large quantity of polyester chips entering into India at a much lower price than the price benchmark set by international market;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to this traders are losing their business in view of not having level playing field;

(c) the details of countries from which polyester chips are coming into India; and

(d) what Government is doing to save the Indian traders?

**Production stock and consumption of natural rubber**

2991. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production, stock and consumption of natural rubber;

(b) whether there has been any short fall in the production and consumption and also in the stock level;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to increase the stock of natural rubber?

**Improved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003**

2992. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since

made improved offers in sectors where initial offers were made in 2003, as recommended by the Cabinet Committee on WTO (World Trade Organisation);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar revised offers have also been received by India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when the revised offers made and received are likely to be finalized; and

(f) the extent to which India's international trade would improve as a consequence thereof?

**Import of Wheat**

2993. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether United State Department of Agriculture has estimated that India may have to import one million tonnes of wheat; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

**PSUs being run in Chhattisgarh**

†2994. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of those public sector undertakings under the Central Government which are being run in the steel, coal, petroleum and energy sectors in Chhattisgarh State;

(b) the names of the industries of these public undertakings to whom the status of subsidiary or ancillary industry has been given;

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(c) the value of goods purchased by the units of these public sector undertakings located in Chhattisgarh and the value of goods out of the above purchased from ancillary industries after the formation of Chhattisgarh State; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken by Central Government to increase the percentage of purchases to be made from subsidiary industries; if so, the details thereof?

#### **Import of vegetable oil from Sri Lanka**

2995. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Sri Lanka bilateral trade agreement envisages duty free import of specified products, vegetable oil like Vanaspathi;

(b) if so, the details of quantity of vegetable oil imported from Sri Lanka as per above treaty, as on today, category wise;

(c) whether rules of origin is strictly followed in import of vegetable oil and vanaspathi;

(d) if so, whether value addition is low;

(e) whether Directorate of vanaspathi is likely to be asked to inquire value addition of vegetable oil and vanaspathi; and

(f) the steps taken to protect vegetable seed farming and vegetable oil industry from unfair competition from above imports?

#### **Funds with IBEF**

2996. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund available with

India Brand Equity Foundation for disposal;

(b) which Brand was promoted in the International Market in the Financial year 2004-2005 and how many exporting companies has taken the benefit of IBEF during financial year 2004-2005;

(c) whether any weightage is given for selecting export firm where very high value addition is possible, if the Brand of the product is promoted by IBEF fund;

(d) how much time does it take to consider the application of exporter; and

(e) any specific thrust area of a particular product group and any specific restrictions for a particular product group?

#### **Demand of India on farm sector at WTO meeting**

2997. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the specific duties that India is going to demand on a farm sector in the forthcoming WTO meeting;

(b) what exactly is the meaning of Red Box, Blue Box, Amber Box and Green Box; and

(c) why India is allowed to put some of its things in Green Box?

#### **Surplus post in Tea Board as per SIU**

2998. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance has identified 354 posts as surplus in the

Tea Board and has recommended abolition of 235 posts and gradual redeployment of the balance 119 posts;

(b) if so, whether there is any recommendation by the Tea Board in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's response to the issue?

#### **Export of minerals**

2999. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale export of minerals is being allowed without heading the long-term requirement of metallurgical industries within the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the necessity of export of minerals in the context of depleted foreign exchange reserves more than a decade ago is no longer there; and

(c) in the above context and the fact that a large number of MoUs by steel producers seek to treble the capacity in the country, will the Government stop or phase out the export of minerals particularly iron ore immediately?

#### **Provision for data protection**

3000. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is under pressure from MNCs to provide for data protection; and

(b) if so, what are the details and views of various Government Departments for the grant of data protection?

#### **India a knowledge hub**

3001. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how Government proposes to give concrete shape to the statement made by the Commerce Minister that "by 2035 India's population is to stabilise at about 1.5 billion, the country would achieve 100 per cent literacy and that it would become a knowledge hub, serving future workers through a convergence of technologies";

(b) what are the broad strategies being thought of, with a time-frame in this regard; and

(c) will any monitoring mechanism be evolved for periodic due diligence test to enable corrective action being taken to meet the targets?

#### **Labour laws by States to attract FDI**

†3002. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government are considering any proposal for providing the right of formulating separate labour law to the State Governments so that investment particularly Foreign Direct Investment can be attracted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

#### **Action plan for small and medium scale industries**

3003. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have

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formulated any action plan for the small, medium scale industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard along with its likely benefits?

#### **Setting up cashew nuts Progeny Orchard in Karnataka**

3004. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of keeping the high export potential of cashew nuts, the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal to the Central Government for setting up a Cashew Progeny Orchard in Karnataka at a total cost of Rs. 43 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when is the proposal likely to be considered for approval?

#### **Steps to remove bottlenecks to exports**

3005. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that time has come to address the labour laws, infrastructure bottleneck in order to remove constraints to exports;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken so far to that direction; and

(c) the details of the Ministries involved in this respect and their respective strategies?

#### **Export of soyabean oil**

†3006. PROF. R. B. S. VARMA:

SHRI PYARELAL  
KHANDELWAL:

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

(a) the year-wise details of the quantity of Soyabean Oil exported from India during last three years alongwith the names of countries to which it was exported;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country by exporting soyabean oil during this period;

(c) whether it is a fact that the export of soyabean oil has declined during current year; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Trade with Saudi Arabia**

†3007. SHRI PYARELAL

KHANDELWAL:

PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to enhance trade with Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of goods being exported from India to Saudi Arabia at present; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned by India from this export during last three years?

#### **Escorting US ships by Indian naval vessels**

3008. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that upon a

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request from Washington, Indian naval vessels have escorted US ships in Straits of Malacca in South-east Asia in recent time;

(b) the details of any pact or understanding between the navies of the two countries in this regard;

(c) whether Government is working on increasing international cooperation with both South-eastern countries and USA as part of its maritime policy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Victoria Cross**

†3009. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS  
BAL APTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) details of recipients of 'Victoria Cross' in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are so many people in the country in respect of whom an announcement was made to confer the said award on them but the award could not be conferred on them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these persons have requested the Government to cause the award to be conferred on them; and

(e) if so, details of action being taken by Government to cause the award to be conferred on them?

#### **Steps to reduce bird hits of defence aircrafts**

3010. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY  
SIRIGIREDDY:  
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA  
RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bird hits have been identified as the major causes of aircraft crashes leading to loss of invaluable lives and expensive Defence aircraft;

(b) if so, what the Government is doing in connection with waste management to reduce the bird hits of aircraft; and

(c) what the Ministry, in co-ordination with the Ministry of Urban Development is doing to concentrate on waste management in all the towns where there are IAF air fields?

#### **Indigenous development of AWACS**

3011. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:  
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to develop Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AWACS) indigenously;

(b) if so, the present status of the project; and

(c) the time-frame within which it would be ready for use by our armed forces?

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### **Utilisation of funds by MoD**

3012. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and spent by the Ministry for the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the unspent allocation, year-wise; and

(c) whether any effort has been made by the Ministry to find way to spent the full amount in future and to overcome existing difficulties in this regard?

### **Espionage by defence personnel**

3013. SHRI S. P. M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the act of espionage and passing on defence classified papers by security personnel has increased in the recent days;

(b) whether a corporal of Air Force was found with important defence papers of strategic importance near China border and there was massive leakage of information in the Navy;

(c) the details of (a) and (b);

(d) whether any special instructions have been issued to Armed Forces following these incidents, by MoD; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Commissioning of INS Kadamba**

3014. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INS Kadamba has been commissioned recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the original cost of INS

Kadamba when it was first conceptualised in 1986; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in completing this project?

### **Salary of IAF pilots**

3015. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a big gap between the salary of Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots and experienced pilots in commercial airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sanctioned strength of pilots in IAF and the present number of pilots with the IAF;

(d) whether Government have taken any measures to raise the salary and other perquisites of IAF pilots so that they are not lured by commercial airlines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Siphoning of diesel meant for Army**

3016. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a truck load of diesel meant for the Army was siphoned-off and replaced with water recently;

(b) if so, the details, with details of the inquiry, if any, constituted to inquire into the matter;

(c) whether there is any mechanism in place for monitoring the quality and quantity of Army supplies, across all categories, to ensure that only appropriate type of supplies reach the Army and its personnel;

(d) if so, details in this regard; and

(e) what measures are proposed to be taken to make quality inspection more stringent to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future?

**Implementation of food for Work Programme**

3017. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent survey undertaken of six districts, Badwani, Dungarpur, Palamau, Purulia, Sonebhadra and Surguja by a Delhi University and JNU combined team relating to the working of National Food for Work Programme has given a very alarming picture about its tardy implementation;

(b) if so, were the anticipated targets fixed during the first six months of the launching of this scheme fulfilled in these six districts in particular and generally in other 144 districts; and

(c) if not, is periodic monitoring being done to stream-line the effective implementation of this scheme?

**Compensation to civilians killed in cross-firing in J&K**

3018. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents where defence forces had to engage themselves to fight against terrorists and militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the last three year;

(b) the details of such incidents with number of terrorists, defence personnel and civilian killed in each encounter; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the innocent civilian killed in cross firing?

**Training of trainers of intermediate Jet Trainers**

3019. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of training given to trainers of intermediate Jet Trainers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the training is not progressing as per schedule;

(c) the details of the entire schedule of training;

(d) whether it is a fact that 350 days of flights are still required to give final operational clearance to AJTs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**Decline in incidents of infiltration in J & K**

†3020. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Army Chief has recently stated that there is a decline in the number of incidents of infiltration into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan, and Pakistani army are not aware of whatever sporadic incidents are taking place;

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

(c) the year-wise details of incidents of infiltration during last three years?

**Ceasefire agreement with Pakistan**

3021. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reached an agreement with the Government of Pakistan for a temporary ceasefire along the military line;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement reached;

(c) whether the agreement shall cease after a limited period of time; and

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(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

**Deals/issues discussed with France**

3022. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited France along with Air Chief Marshal recently; and

(b) what are the details of deals/issues discussed and finalized?

**Delay in delivering of naval frigates**

3023. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during 2003-04 naval frigates Talwar, Trishul and Tabar were delivered by a Russian firm after delays ranging from 7 to 13 months, at a total cost of Rs. 3040 crores;

(b) whether there were lapses by Indian Navy on synchronising of training of the crew with actual delivery of frigates and whether the Navy had to incur a loss of more than Rs. 200.00 crores on improper retention of crew and their premature repatriation and also on failure to levy liquidated damages on suppliers; and

(c) the action taken by Navy to fix accountability for the lapses?

**Contract for Smart Card system**

3024. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Army have awarded the contract for Smart Card

Based Canteen and Grocery Management System (SCBCGMS) to Delhi based firm Smart Chip Limited without security clearance from various investigating agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether proper tender procedure as laid down by CVC have not been adhered to before awarding contract to above firm;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the value of the contract with term and conditions laid down by Government?

**Security risk in Smart Card system**

3025. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Army have entrusted the project of Smart Card Based Canteen and Grocery Management System to Delhi based firm M/s. Smart Chip Limited without taking into account the security related risks in the project;

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

(c) whether Government are aware that according to media reports instead of maintaining database of army across the country, the related movements of troops are being tracked by Smart Chip through Online Transaction Processing Controlled System (OTPCS); and

(d) if so, whether Government will enquire and suspend the award of the project in the country's security interest and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Decreasing attraction among youth to join Armed Forces**

†3026. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the attraction towards Indian Armed Forces is decreasing among the youth, if so, the main reasons for the same;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that 263 pilots of Indian Air Force have joined private airlines after taking premature retirement during the last three years, if so, the main reasons for the same; and

(c) whether Government are also aware of the fact that around ten thousand posts at officer level i.e., from Captain to Major are vacant in the Air Force and Army, if so, the details thereof?

**Illusory news regarding sinking of INS Khukari**

†3027. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illusory news have been published in some newspapers regarding sinking of I.N.S. Khukari at the time of Indo-Pak war while at the time of sinking of the ship, Ex-chief S.W.A. Shri Chanchal Singh, who was present on the ship, had written a detailed letter to the Minister as per which the facts were quite different and he had requested him to make explicit the facts;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that some Members of Parliament have also drawn the attention of the Minister in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action that have been taken by the Ministry in this regard?

**Pull out of troops from Siachen**

3028. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, following the recent visit of Prime Minister to Siachen, have decided to pull out troops from Siachen Glacier to convert it into a "mountain of peace"; and

(b) if so, what assurance or guarantee has been secured to ensure that Pakistan would ensure *status-quo* and would not intrude into and reoccupy the Siachen heights?

**Under utilisation of defence factories**

3029. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the factories under the administrative control of Defence are not utilising their full capacities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of such factories and the percentage of utilisation of their capacity; and

(d) the steps taken to see that the full capacity of these factories is utilised?

**Officers commissioned in Defence Services**

3030. SHRI T. T. V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of officers commissioned in Defence Services each year;

(b) the number of other ranks who have been granted commission during the last three years, year-wise in each arm of service;

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(c) the number of officers commissioned through University/College entry (campus interview) scheme during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the percentage of commissioning for other ranks?

#### **Payment of compensation for laying of land mines**

3031. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the payment of crop compensation for land under mines has not been released as per data collected in 1st phase;

(b) is there any farmers whose land was included in the 1st phase but not in subsequent phases 2nd, 3rd and 4th;

(c) whether mines were laid in 2001 and removed in 2004 in all the border areas;

(d) whether payment has been released from 2001 to 2004 to all the land owners, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the number of left out cases and target date by which payment is likely to be made?

#### **Special Family Pension**

3032. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Family Pension (SFP) is granted to widows/dependents in case of death of A.F. Personnel on duty and if death is caused/aggravated by his service in A.F.;

(b) if so, the details of the criteria for awarding SFP;

(c) whether it takes years to decide such cases, if not, the average time taken in each case by different original/appellate authorities;

(d) whether decision of the competent authority in such cases are shared with the claimants, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) how many such cases were considered by AF, Record Office between January, 2004 to 31st March, 2005 and in how many cases SFP was awarded?

#### **Facilities provided by Naval Authorities for Chartered flights at Goa**

3033. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities provided by Naval Authorities for the landing of chartered flights bringing in tourist at the Dabolim Airport in Goa;

(b) whether there is a demand for allowing more days and time for the landing facilities;

(c) whether Government has issued any instructions/guidelines in this regard;

(d) whether these instructions/guidelines, have recently been modified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Accidents of Jaguar Aircrafts**

†3034. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Jaguar

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aeroplanes have met with accidents due to an error of low-thrust in the engine of Jaguar aeroplanes;

(b) whether technical co-operation of Britain's Rollsroyas Company was obtained in order to rectify this shortfall;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Jaguar aeroplanes are meeting with accidents despite being okayed by Rollsroyas Company, if so, the reasons therefor?

#### **Induction of Arjun Main Battle Tanks**

3035. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the results of the field trials conducted in June last in Rajasthan on five indigenous Arjun Main Battle Tanks; and

(b) if the trials have been successful, by when the tank is likely to be inducted in the army?

#### **Forgery by company supplying surveillance equipment**

3036. DR. T. SUBBARAMI  
REDDY:  
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Company that Supplied bulk of surveillance and counter surveillance equipment to Government agencies including Military Intelligence and Intelligence Bureau has been investigated for alleged forgery and intelligence sale to private parties;

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

(c) whether CBI has submitted its report to the Government; and

(d) what action Government proposes to take for considering CBI suggestions?

#### **Nexus between Naxals and MCC in Bihar**

†3037. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of this fact that the M.C.C. operating in the State of Bihar has nexus with the Nepalese Maoists thereby posing a grave threat to the security of the country;

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken by Government to deal with this situation;

(c) whether Government would seek help from the Nepalese army to prevent infiltration of Maoists into the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Seizure of arms, ammunition and contraband on Nepal border**

3038. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large quantity of arms, ammunition, narcotics and other contraband has recently been seized on Nepal border; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the number of persons arrested?

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**Tribals taking to insurgency and  
Naxalism**

3039. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA  
MURTHY:  
SHRI SANTOSH  
BAGRODIA:  
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) is it true that tribals are taking to  
insurgency in the North East and to naxalism  
in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps had been initiated to  
improve the condition of tribals viz. land  
reforms collecting forest produce, water  
bodies etc.; and

(d) what steps are being taken by the  
Government to combat this problem?

**Vulnerability of Assam to earthquake**

3040. SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:  
SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam is located in the  
maximum earthquake risk zone in the North  
Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite the State being  
vulnerable to violent earthquake eruptions,  
the state of disaster preparedness is slow  
and tardy;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to develop a fool  
proof disaster management system to  
enable the State of Assam and more  
particularly the Guwahati region to face  
natural calamities like earthquake?

**Issue of visas to Chinese visitors**

3041. SHRI C. RAMA-  
CHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI MANOJ  
BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that procedure  
for issue of visas by the Government of  
India to Chinese visitors in India was very  
slow and tardy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that work  
visas are not issued to the Chinese people  
and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government are considering  
any reforms in the procedure for issue of  
visas and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received  
any representation from the Chinese  
Government in this regard; and

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

**Constituting the India Reserved  
Battalion**

†3042. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:  
SHRIMATI PREMA  
CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that North-  
Eastern States have also demanded for the  
formation of India Reserve Battalion;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a demand  
has also been made to accommodate local  
people in this battalion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the  
formation of India Reserve Battalion and

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by when a final decision would be taken in this regard?

#### **Loss due to floods in H.P.**

3043. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that parts of Himachal Pradesh were flooded recently following increase in the level of water in the Parchoo river;

(b) if so, the extent of losses caused by these floods and the steps taken to help the State; and

(c) what is the current status of the Parchoo river?

#### **Regions under Naxalism**

†3044. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:  
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 9000 activists engaged in Naxal activities are active in the country at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of them 6,000 activists are equipped with arms;

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

(d) the region which have become the main Centres of Naxal activities now; and

(e) the reasons behind these regions coming under influence of Naxalism?

#### **Development of roads on Indo-Nepal border**

†3045. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated by the Centre since financial year 2000-01 till now for construction, development and upgradation of roads of Indo-Nepal border areas of Bihar, year-wise;

(b) the total amount released against it along with the amount spent on it; and

(c) the details thereof along with the physical achievements made?

#### **Foreigners arrested under NDPS Act**

3046. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreigners arrested during the last three years under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act;

(b) how many of them have been convicted; and

(c) whether conviction of the accused in these cases is very low and if so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps taken for maximum conviction of the persons found involved in those cases?

#### **Loss/thefts of stamp papers in transit through railways**

3047. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the aggregate of the reported cases of loss/thefts of the stamp papers in transit through railways during 1995-2000 were over Rs. 25 crores;

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(b) whether it is also a fact that the loss of stamps in transit during the years 1993-2003 for Assam is worth Rs. 146.66 crores; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and what actions were taken and against whom?

**Additional CRPF personnel to A.P. for naxal menace**

3048. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had requested to provide additional CRPF personnel to tackle the naxal menace;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the details of Central forces deployed so far in Andhra Pradesh to tackle the naxalites?

**ID cards to fishermen**

3049. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fishermen ID cards have been issued on coastal area, especially on the coastal belt of Gujarat as proof of their identity;

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

(c) whether these cards are also being issued to anti-national and Pakistani nationals by the issuing agency namely Smart Chip Limited at exorbitant prices; and

(d) if so, how many such cases have been reported so far and action taken by Government to suspend the issue of ID cards to fishermen till the enquiry against the above firm is completed?

**Korean Navy ships in Indian Ocean**

3050. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Korean Navy ships have been seen in Indian Ocean along with the arms and ammunitions which the ships were likely to drop at the ports of Gujarat and Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Funding by overseas fundamentalist organisations**

3051. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is unable to curb the funding by overseas fundamentalist organisations to terrorists/naxalites operating in India;

(b) whether Government have registered any case against such funding in India;

(c) the details on (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to contain such funding activities by foreign elements?

**Development of tourism in A&N Islands**

3052. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Port Blair City Administration has entered with an agreement with Thailand's Phuket Beach Resort for development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which are the places/islands that have been selected for development of tourism?

**Seizure of wireless sets and satellite phones**

3053. SHRI R. K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs Department at IGI airport had seized huge cache of wireless sets and high end satellite phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof as who had sent the consignment, who were the beneficiaries of this consignment; and

(c) whether these equipments are used by terrorist organisations in India?

**Pending Karnataka SEZ Development Bill**

3054. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Special Economic Zone Development Bill is pending with Government of India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in clearing the Bill and by when it would be cleared?

**Ill-treatment of accused in Tihar Jail**

3055. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the accused were treated as convicts and put to great hardships by the various categories of jail staff in the Tihar Jail; and

(b) whether Government envisaged change in the attitude of the staff through amendments in the Jail Manual?

**Suspension of Smart Cards issued by M/s Smart Chip Ltd.**

3056. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Smart Cards being issued by Delhi based company M/s. Smart Chip Ltd. is being encrypted by Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals who have crossed over to Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) whether anti-national elements can access and copy database of the Indian Army and other sensitive establishments; and

(c) whether Government will forthwith suspend the issue of Smart Cards, which have proved highly dangerous for the security of the country and if not, reasons for the same?

**Policy for travelling in Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus**

3057. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani Minister for Information Sheikh Rasheed was denied permission to visit Srinagar;

(b) whether earlier leaders of National Conference and other politicians were denied the permission to board the Muzaffarabad bus;

(c) whether there is a policy as to who can travel on this bus; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Denial of visa to Pak Information Minister**

‡3058. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pak Minister of Information, Sheikh Rasheed Ahmad was denied entry visa by India; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that the persons of both the countries holding diplomat passports have no need of visa for the visits between India and Pakistan; if so, the reasons for such type of behavior with Pak Information Minister; and

(c) whether it will affect the peace and harmony process initiated between India and Pakistan?

**Hi-tech surveillance system for Indian borders**

3059. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared a proposal for setting up a hi-tech surveillance system for Indian borders with night vision equipment along with the border;

(b) if so, the borders to be covered, its estimated cost and the salient features of the system; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement the decision?

**Reforms in investigation and prosecution of criminal cases**

3060. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a study of the inquiry, investigation and prosecution machineries involved in investigation of criminal cases in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to bring in reforms in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**EARP appliances for Civil Defence**

‡3061. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is essential to get EARP appliances installed in the cities for Civil Defence for broadcasting the information of air raids under internal communication system;

(b) whether the proposal of getting aforesaid appliances installed in Naraura, Agra, Mathura and Lucknow for the security of citizens in first phase is pending with the Government of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any request has been made to the Government of India for hundred per cent contribution of the required fund for the above said proposal; and

(e) the details of the decision taken by Government?

**Official Secrets Act**

3062. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Official Secrets Act was a British Legacy having been enacted in 1923;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the law had been substantially amended and

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updated with the requirements of modern times in Britain; and

(c) whether Government would consider to replace it with another law or amend it to meet the present day India's need?

**Infiltration across the border  
in J&K**

3063. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that infiltration across the border in Jammu and Kashmir has recently been found to be increasing every month;

(b) the relevant infiltration figures for the three months ending July, 2005; and

(c) the details of the actions being contemplated by Government to minimise or eliminate such infiltration?

**NSCN(I-M) warning regarding  
cease-fire**

3064. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NSCN (I-M) has issued a warning to the Government that the NSCN cease-fire is valid only for six months more;

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

(c) Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to get the continuing Naga Blockade of Manipur evacuated early?

**Committees/Commissions appointed  
by Government**

3065. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the Committees and Commissions including their Chairpersons appointed by Government of India between May, 2004 and July, 2005;

(b) have any of them reported back to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

**Appointment on compassionate  
ground in DCPW**

3066. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the widows of employees of Directorate of Co-ordination (Police Wireless) of Ministry of Home Affairs have not been given jobs on compassionate grounds even after six/seven years;

(b) whether gross arbitrariness are committed in giving jobs on compassionate grounds; and if not, the criteria followed in each case in giving appointment on compassionate grounds from 1998 till date;

(c) whether Government have received representations from dependents of deceased employees of DCPW for appointment on compassionate grounds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the appointments are to be given to the said widows?

### **Exodus of Israelis into India**

†3067. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards exodus of Israeli citizens to India and to settle down in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh in quest of peace; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and the number of Israeli citizens living temporarily in India as per Government's figures and what is their visa period?

### **Crops damaged by floods**

3068. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of the crops damaged by floods in the different States of the country during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the details of relief amount granted to the farmers by the Government in the affected States during this period, State-wise?

### **Central force to assist the people during disasters**

3069. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to raise an exclusive Central force to assist/serve the people during the relief and rescue operations immediately after the natural calamities such as earthquake, flood and Tsunami;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by when this force is likely to be raised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether such an exclusive/specially trained force would be of much help in assisting the people during natural calamities; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

### **Housing units for Tsunami victims**

3070. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether residential units are being constructed for the Tsunami victims by Government;

(b) the number of such units being constructed in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) whether there are any tie-up with any other governmental or non-governmental agency for providing dwelling units to the Tsunami victims?

### **Capacity of jails in New Delhi**

3071. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total inmate capacity of jails in New Delhi and the actual number of inmates staying in them, jail-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has already begun construction of several new jails to ease pressure on existing facilities;

(c) if so, the details and the status of the facilities under construction; and

(d) the details of any proposals to provide more facilities to inmates in jails, both new and old?

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### **Flood Manual**

3072. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Flood Manual are outdated and inadequate to extend relief and rehabilitate to farmers whose crops get affected by natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to protect the farmers from such situations;

(c) whether Government are considering to review the Flood Manual in accordance with the present need and changing flood situations in different parts of the country;

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

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Death of I.T.B.P. jawans in Punchkula**

†3073. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on 22nd June four jawans of Indo-Tibbatan Border Police died in Punchkula and nine jawans are lying unconscious;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry into this incident and take action against the guilty officers;

(d) whether any compensation has been given to the families of dead jawans;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents in the future?

### **Police's action against protestors in Orissa**

3074. SHRIMATI PREMA

CARIAPPA:

SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 5000 tribals protesting against non-payment of dues for land acquired for construction of steel plant and delay in rehabilitation by Orissa Government were brutally assaulted by the police;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the barbarous and uncivilized act of police had left four tribals including two children dead; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Windmills in Andhra Pradesh**

3075. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for generating energy through windmills has been formulated by the Centre in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating to adopt any advanced technology to counter the adverse effects of the windmills in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the quantum of energy generated through windmills in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(f) whether the generation of power through windmills has adversely affected

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the quantum of rainfall received at the project-site; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

**Producing energy from Municipal solid waste in Bangalore**

3076. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRI LALIT SURI:

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

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangalore Mahanagar Palika has signed a MoU with a private firm to produce energy from Municipal solid waste;

(b) whether it is a fact that the power so produced would be used for streetlights;

(c) the role played by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Association and other institution; and

(d) whether there is any proposal with Non-Conventional Energy Sources to set up such processing plants at all Municipalities on a pilot scale?

**Production of energy from NCE sources**

†3077. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of energy being produced through non-conventional energy sources in the country;

(b) the source-wise amount of its production; and

(c) the action plan being prepared by Government to ensure that more energy is produced from these sources?

**Assessment of distribution network in States**

3078. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made assessment of distribution network of power in various States;

(b) whether Government proposes to improve distribution network in the State of Goa;

(c) whether any assistance has been given in the past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Integrated Energy Policy**

3079. SHRI C. RAMA-CHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission is preparing a detailed Integrated Energy Policy report;

(b) if so, when is the report going to be made Public;

(c) to what extent will the Integrated Energy Policy take into account the transmission and distribution aspects of power;

(d) has any time frame been set for State Government's to privatize transmission and distribution of power; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Effect of closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant**

†3080. DR. CHHATRAPAL SINGH LODHA:  
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power

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supply of several States has been affected by the closure of Nathpa Jhakri Plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when Government would restart this plant; and

(d) the main reasons for closing it down?

**Generation of additional power by improving power generating projects**

†3081. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 15 per cent additional power can be generated by making large scale improvement in power generating projects;

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

(c) whether it is also a fact that the present shortage of power can be removed through it;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and whether this measure is also inexpensive in comparison to establishing new generating projects; and

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

**Dividend for the Institution engaged in power sector**

†3082. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER  
SINGH MAJITHA:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by Government regarding earning dividend for the institutions engaged in the work of

electricity generation, transmission and distribution to consumers;

(b) if so, the percentage of benefit allowed to be earned by each category of said institution on the basis of invested capital; and

(c) the basis of choosing this percentage?

**Reduction in power generation for want of distribution system**

†3083. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generation of power has to be reduced in several power generating zones in want of power transmission system in the country;

(b) if so, the power generation capacity in North, East, West, South and North-Eastern zones separately by March, 2005;

(c) the power transmission capacity of the above said regions estimated; and

(d) the name of institution which has been assigned the responsibility of development and expansion of the power transmission system?

**Losses to industrial and agricultural sectors due to load shedding**

3084. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:  
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial, agricultural and other sectors have suffered huge losses due to frequent load-shedding in different States during 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether there is decline in hydel and thermal power generation during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to tackle this situation;

(e) whether Government has drawn up any long term plan to implement the various power projects in States;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the funds earmarked in the Tenth Five Year Plan to each State; and

(h) the amount spent in each State during the last three years?

**Production and distribution of NTPC, NHPC and power grid in Andhra Pradesh**

3085. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of production and distribution in the major plants of NTPC, NHPC, Power Grid in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have come across any cases of distribution losses in the past three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Financial assistance to Karnataka under RGGVY**

3086. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought financial assistance under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidutikaran Yojana for rural electrification;

(b) what is the percentage of rural

households proposed to be electrified under the above scheme;

(c) the amount of financial assistance sought for; and

(d) what is the status of the above proposal?

**Jobs to youths under RGGVY**

3087. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many youths will be provided jobs in Karnataka under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during 2005-06; and

(b) how many villages in Karnataka will be electrified during 2005-06 under the above scheme?

**Impending power crisis in state**

3088. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a survey conducted by ASSOCHAM it had been revealed that many States are heading for power crisis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said survey had revealed that lack of investment and modernisation coupled with huge transmission losses are responsible for the grave power situation?

**Demand and supply of power in Andhra Pradesh**

3089. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total demand and supply of power in Andhra Pradesh as on date;

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(b) the sources of power supply and the number of sub-stations in Andhra Pradesh at present;

(c) whether there was frequent power failure or load shedding in recent days;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

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

#### **Shortcomings in power sector**

3090. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power sector is saddled with several shortcomings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

#### **Causes of shut-down of Nathpa Jhakri Hydel Project**

3091. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have analysed the causes of the recent shut-down of Nathpa Jhakri Hydel Project on river Sutlej in Himachal Pradesh and also the bridge collapse at the Teesta Low Dam Hydel Project due to inherent environmental hazards;

(b) what is the rationale of building dams over unpredictable glacier-fed Himalayan rivers flowing through highly seismic and unstable rock formations; and

(c) whether India has any standing pact with China for constant monitoring of water levels of rivers in Tibet due to glacial-bursts?

#### **Power transmission project in Afghanistan by PGC**

3092. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation proposes to set up a power transmission project in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the total outlay involved therein; and

(c) how far would this help to light up the Capital City Kabul and other areas of Afghanistan?

#### **Private investment in power sector**

3093. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to encourage private investment in power sector by announcing further relaxation to the mega and tiny power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of Maharashtra has made some suggestions for power projects in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

#### **Evaluation and monitoring of power projects**

†3094. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power projects are evaluated and monitored by Government;

(b) if so, the project-wise outcome of such actions during last three years; and

(c) the efforts made by Government on the basis of the said outcomes?

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**Ranga Nadi Power Project in  
Arunachal Pradesh**

3095. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of Ranga Nadi Power Project which is being executed by Hindustan Power Corporation Ltd. in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) by when this project is likely to be completed?

**Financial assistance to Sagardighi  
and Durgapur Power Projects**

3096. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry is extending any financial assistance to the new power projects, namely, Sagardighi Power Project and Durgapur Power Project in West Bengal;

(b) whether it is a fact that these projects are being awarded to a Chinese firm ignoring the claim of BHEL; and

(c) if so, what is the foreign exchange component involved in these projects?

**Unbundling of SEBs**

3097. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided to extend the deadline by six months for unbundling of 11 State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has asked the State Governments to deal sternly with cases of power theft; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Potential of Hydel Power in  
Kerala**

3098. PROF. P. J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Hydel Power potential in the State of Kerala;

(b) what percentage of it has been tapped;

(c) whether Government have plans to tap the remaining potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Underpayment under SGRY**

†3099. DR. MURLI MANOHAR  
JOSHI:  
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR  
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana, it has been decided to pay per day Rs. 84 and Rs. 60.23 to skilled and unskilled labourers respectively;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only Rs. 60 to Rs. 31 respectively is being given as wages by heavily stashing the above said payment;

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the names of States where such practice is going in the country; and

(e) the steps that have been taken by Government against above said irregularity?

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### **Scheme to provide drinking water**

†3100. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS  
BAL APTE:  
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN  
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have fixed a target to provide drinking water to all by the year 2007;

(b) whether Government have formulated a scheme to provide drinking water to all the schools in rural areas by 31st March, 2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(d) whether Government have asked the States to propose an action plan in this regard; and

(e) if so, the names of the States which have submitted their action plans to the Central Government?

### **Assistance under PMGSY and SGSY to projects of Karnataka**

3101. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of projects in respect of which assistance has been sought by Government of Karnataka under PMGSY and SGSY are pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects and the probable date by which assistance would be released by the Central Government?

### **Construction of houses under IAY**

†3102. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed a target to build 15 lakh "Indira Awas" every year and to provide them to the poor people;

(b) if so, the total number of rural and urban areas where these 'Awas' have been provided during the last three years alongwith the State-wise figures thereof;

(c) the construction made by Government and beneficiaries; and

(d) whether Government are considering to waive the contribution made by a beneficiary?

### **Watershed Management Programme**

3103. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Watershed Management Programme;

(b) the areas and extent of coverage of this programme in Rajasthan;

(c) whether any survey has been done to ascertain the success of this programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Rural sanitation campaign in Rajasthan**

3104. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of villages in India and out of them, how many have been

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covered under the Total Sanitation Campaign in the rural areas of the country till date;

(b) the total number of villages in Rajasthan, and out of them, how many have been covered under this scheme, till date;

(c) whether looking to the backwardness of rural areas in the desert State of Rajasthan, some special grant by the Centre in the context, is under contemplated; and

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

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

3105. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid any emphasis on the computerisation of land records in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of efforts made in this behalf and their results?

#### **Consideration of Assam as a special category State**

3106. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether the Government of India will consider Assam as a special category State in the matter of economic development without asking the State to contribute its share as it cannot do so due to annual natural calamity with heavy floods damaging the existing structures of roads, bridges every year?

#### **Income gap between rural and urban population**

3107. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a gradual rise in the income gap between the rural and urban population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what plan of action Government have in mind to reduce this gap; and

(d) what steps Government have so far taken to reduce this gap?

#### **Scam in implementation of Employment Guarantee Scheme in Maharashtra**

†3108. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scam of Rs. 9.1 crore has come to surface in the Solapur district of Maharashtra in the implementation of the Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in regard to the irregularities being committed in other States of the country;

(c) the State-wise numbers thereof and details of the action taken; and

(d) whether there is any mechanism in place to monitor and prevent such scams and to take action thereon?

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**Corruption in Regional Office of  
CAPART in Lucknow**

‡3109. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology who have rendered financial work inspite of six months left in their retirement;

(b) the action taken by Government against said officers alongwith the names of these officers;

(c) whether Government are aware of the corruption prevalent in the Regional Office of CAPART, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; if so, action being taken by Government against the employees involved in corruption; and

(d) the reasons for not providing second instalment to the institutions under Regional Office of CAPART, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and not appointing a monitor on their proposal?

**Poverty eradication programmes**

‡3110. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any programme with a view to bring in transparency and accountability in poverty eradication programmes having regard to the fact that one-fourth of the population of the country is still living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when, the said programme is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the number of persons likely to be

benefited out of the implementation of the said programme?

**Non-completion of Badiyara-Nandla  
road under PMGSY**

‡3111. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the construction work for Badiyara-Nandla road in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh is still going and has not been completed yet;

(c) if so, by when it will be completed and the action being taken against the contractor responsible for delay in its construction; and

(d) by when construction work on Nandla-Mangara road would be started?

**Development of rural areas**

3112. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criterion fixed by Government to consider a rural area as a developed one;

(b) whether it is a fact that development of rural areas is still unachievable in several areas of the country even after implementation of plethora of schemes by Government since independence by spending several thousand crores of rupees;

(c) if so, the details thereof and corrective measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether any study is proposed to

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be conducted to find out the level of development of rural areas of the country; and

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

#### **Executing institutions of CAPART**

3113. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names and number of the institutions in each State which have been made executing institutions by CAPART during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount spent during the last three years in each State through those organizations, organization-wise;

(c) whether the works done with the help of the amount allocated by CAPART are physically verified;

(d) if so, the number of such works which have been physically verified during the last three years;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government has any plans to increase the amount allocated to CAPART; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Contribution to AARDO**

3114. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been contributing a large sum as membership to the Afro Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO);

(b) if so, the details of annual

contribution of AARDO for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) how the aforesaid contribution helped India in developing understanding among member countries and eradicating poverty among rural people in the country; and

(d) the name and number of activities of AARDO, in which India participated during the last three years?

#### **Proposals of potable water schemes from Uttaranchal**

†3115. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have received some proposals regarding potable water schemes from Uttaranchal for granting sanction/approval;

(b) whether Gangolihat and Manila Village group potable water schemes are also included in these proposals; and

(c) if so, when these proposals were received and the reasons for delay in approving them?

#### **BPL in U.P.**

†3116. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people living below the poverty line in Uttar Pradesh at present alongwith the number of such people in the whole country;

(b) whether Government have fixed any target in the last two years that this much people will be uplifted above the poverty line; and

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(c) the achievements made during last two years separately?

**Scarcity of drinking water in Gujarat**

3117. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is acute crisis in North and Central Gujarat and several districts of Saurashtra because of scarcity for drinking water; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to address the situation?

**Financial assistance for export of handicrafts**

3118. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government extend financial assistance to the State Governments for promotion of export of handicrafts;

(b) if so, the details of amount sanctioned during the last three years and proposed to be sanctioned during the next three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government of Karnataka has requested for sanction of financial assistance for promotion of export of handicrafts; and

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

**Environment friendly technology for textile industry**

3119. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any

proposal on adoption of environment friendly technology in textile industry including handloom, powerloom and handicraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount likely to be spent on this proposal including contribution of foreign exchange in it; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for adoption of such technology during the Tenth Plan?

**Earning through handloom products in Tamil Nadu**

3120. SHRI R. SHUNMUGA-SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total earning through sale of handloom products in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the schemes for promotion of handloom industry; and

(c) the number of the handloom weavers benefited from the new insurance scheme?

**Subsidy to carpet sector**

3121. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released in 2004-05 under technology upgradation fund by Government;

(b) whether similar funding and incentives will be given to the carpet sector to upgrade its facilities; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Textile Parks in Karnataka**

3122. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of

Karnataka has submitted a proposal for setting up Textile Parks in the various locations in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan to consider such requests?

**Quality problem of Indian garments**

3123. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of Indian garments has always been a problem for the importing countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when it came to the uniform quality of the apparel, China had an edge over Indian exports; and

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

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